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*1532 WILD GOAT RACES—Ms Clover Moore 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—

Noting recent media reports about cruelty to wild goats forced to take part in races, and that Police officers are often the only animal cruelty enforcement agents in some areas as the RSPCA in many rural areas cover a large area and cannot attend to all cruelty complaints:

- (1) Are rural police officers aware of POCTA and the need to act on animal cruelty?
- (2) How does NSW Police monitor cruelty at goat races?
- (3) What information and advice does NSW Police provide to people planning or organising goat races?
- (4) What directions or guidelines does NSW Police provide to officers attending wild goat races?
- (5) What plans does NSW Police have to provide support and direction to Police officers required to prevent cruelty at wild goat races?
- (6) What directions or guidelines did NSW Police provide to the officer who attended the Woolbrook goat racing event on 2 October 2011?
- (7) Is the police officer who attended part of this event aware that cruelty allegations have been made?
- (8) What actions or follow up investigations did this police officer take about animal cruelty or POCTA breaches at the Woolbrook goat race event?
- (9) Are police in Woolbrook and other outback towns aware that these events have the potential to breach POCTA?
- (10) Given goat race organisers say goats need to be frightened to run and POCTA makes it an offence to unnecessarily or unjustifiably terrify an animal, what assessment has NSW Police made on the legality of goat races?
- (11) What consideration has NSW Police given to stopping goat racing events before POCTA breaches can occur?
- (12) What cruelty prosecutions have Police initiated for wild goat races across NSW?
- (13) What action will NSW Police take to investigate cruelty at wild goat racing events if members of the community report that investigations by other authorities were not thorough?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) and (3) The NSW Police Force does not generally provide advice to people planning goat races. Police will take action if breaches of the Crimes Act 1900 or Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 are detected.
- (4) and (5) Police training courses and the Police Handbook both include material on the prevention of cruelty to animals. Additionally, Rural Crime Investigators have a specialised knowledge of animal cruelty issues through their close working relationship with the RSPCA.
- (6) and (7) An officer attended the annual Woolbrook Spring Festival on 2 October 2011. No reports of animal cruelty were made to the officer at this event. A short time after the event, the officer was advised of animal welfare allegations and a related investigation by the RSPCA. This officer allowed the appropriate authority to conduct its investigation and deal with the matter.
- (8) On 21 November 2011 an officer at the Oxley Local Area Command Rural Crime Unit was contacted about allegations of animal cruelty at the goat races. This officer liaised with an RSPCA officer who indicated that agency would work with the organising committee to resolve any issues and ensure the welfare of animals at any future community events. Police advised the complainant of the outcome and that no prosecution would be commenced.
- (9) to (13) Police will continue to liaise with the RSPCA and community organisations to ensure an adequate response to any allegations of animal cruelty and will respond as appropriate where offences are detected.

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*1601 MEDIAN STRIP AND CORRIDOR MAINTENANCE IN BLACKTOWN—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many contractors are employed to maintain grass median strips and corridors under the control of the State's roads authorities in the Blacktown Local Government Area?
- (2) What is the budget allocation for this maintenance work in the Blacktown Local Government Area?
- (3) How does this allocation compare to previous years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Budget allocations are not distributed by local government areas but are allocated to the maintenance of the Sydney West Zone, which covers numerous local government areas within the zone.

(3) The 2011-12 allocation is about 8.2% greater than in 2010-11.

*1604 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE CALLS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many calls for Housing NSW maintenance were made to the call centre from the electorate of Macquarie Fields in:
 - (a) January 2012;
 - (b) December 2011;
 - (c) November 2011;
 - (d) October 2011;
 - (e) September 2011;
 - (f) August 2011;
 - (g) July 2011;
 - (h) June 2011?
- (2) How many of these calls were acted on?
- (3) How many of these calls have outstanding maintenance issues?
- (4) How many of these calls have been resolved?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Maintenance falls under the Minister for Finance and Services portfolio.

*1605 CHILDCARE SERVICES IN KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the increasing demand for childcare services in the electorate of Keira, particularly for children aged 0 to 24 months, and the lengthy waiting lists for current services?
- (2) Does the Government currently have any plans to extend childcare services in the electorate of Keira?

Answer—

- (1) Information about vacancies at child care services in the Illawarra area can be obtained from the Commonwealth Government's "MyChild" website.

I am pleased to advise that a new 49 place service, which has indicated an intention to provide 16 places for children aged 0 to 24 months, will soon be opening for business in the region. The new service, Grandma Rosie's Childcare Centre, will be located in Baan Baan Street, Dapto.

This is in addition to another new service, Ferntree Place Kindergarten, which commenced operating in the area earlier this year.

- (2) The Commonwealth Government is responsible for planning and funding of childcare services.

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1609 REPORTS BY CONSULTANTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1610 OUTSTANDING CREDITORS OF NSW HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 1611 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1612 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1613 INNER CITY POLICING—Ms Clover Moore 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—
- *1614 BALCONY SAFETY—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Given every week on average one child is taken to hospital in Australia from falling from a window, 80 per cent of whom, according to the Westmead Children's Hospital have significant injuries, and that high rise apartments will house more and more families:
- (1) What action will the Government take to remove barriers for households in strata apartments that want to child-proof windows and balconies?
 - (2) What action is the Government taking to make windows and balconies in all existing strata apartments safer for children?
 - (3) To what extent does the Government intend to introduce legislation to address this issue?
- Answer—
- (1) to (3) The NSW Government is currently considering its response to the recommendations of the report from The Children's Hospital at Westmead Working Party for the Prevention of Children Falling from Buildings.
The Government has also decided to carry out a fundamental review of the strata and community title laws commencing in 2012. The review will consider the issues raised in the working party's report in relation to child safety in strata buildings.
- 1615 INFORMATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1616 DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1618 SKILLS TRAINING IN THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1619 SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1620 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1621 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1622 CESSNOCK GAOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1623 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—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—
- 1624 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION—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—
- 1626 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1627 CLEANING STAFFING HOURS IN NULKABA PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1628 SEAFORTH TAFE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1629 MONTHLY AVERAGE HOSPITAL OCCUPANCY RATES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 1630 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR WASTE CLEANUP—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1631 WASTE SEPARATION AND STORAGE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1632 REMOVAL OF WASTE FROM NELSON PARADE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1633 SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AT PUBLIC FACILITIES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1634 FACS NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPERVISION—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1635 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1636 BANKSTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—
- *1637 MANDATORY WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

I refer to the decision by the Australian Building Codes Board to introduce mandatory window safety devices from May 2013 in new homes and apartments with windows more than two metres above the ground:

- (1) Will the Minister now amend the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 and the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 to keep children and families in older buildings safe by making window safety devices mandatory?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to Written Question 1562.

- *1638 VOLUNTEERING IN 2012—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the Minister's number one priority in the area of Volunteering in 2012?

Answer—

The NSW Government recognises the value of volunteering, as detailed in NSW 2021: A Plan to Make NSW Number One. Under Goal 24, "Make it easier for people to be involved in their communities", the NSW Government is committed to increasing the proportion of the NSW population involved in volunteering.

The NSW Volunteering Strategy, which will be released in 2012, reflects the Government's commitment to achieving this Goal.

- 1639 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE WORKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1641 PARRAMATTA CONSUMER TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1642 SMOKING PROHIBITION IN PUBLIC PLACES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1643 HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PRIORITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- *1644 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL OFFICE CLOSURES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) Will you rule out any further closures of Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal offices at the

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following locations:

- (a) Hurstville;
- (b) Newcastle;
- (c) Penrith;
- (d) Sydney (CBD);
- (e) Tamworth;
- (f) Wollongong?

- (2) Does the Government have plans to close the Liverpool office of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal at any stage in 2012?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is committed to providing Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal services at these locations.
- (2) No.

- 1645 SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AT PUBLIC FACILITIES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 1646 MOUNT DRUITT COMMAND—AUTHORISED STRENGTH—Mr Richard Amery 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—

- 1647 RESURFACING OF CONCRETE ROADS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- 1648 WALLSEND DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

- 1649 STAFFING AT TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

- 1650 HUNTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT OUTCOMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

- *1651 REMOVAL OF SPEED CAMERAS IN HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) At which locations in the Hunter have fixed speed cameras been removed?
- (2) Have there been more accidents at these sites since the cameras were removed?
- (3) At which locations were there more accidents?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that one fixed speed camera was removed in the Hunter region on the New England Highway at Quirindi in October 2011.
- (2) and (3) Accident data is not available as the Centre for Road Safety crash data base for this period is incomplete, owing to the general 6 to 9 months required to finalise information from police investigations.

- 1652 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

- 1653 SCHOOL CANTEEN SUPERVISORS IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

- 1654 CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- 1657 FULL TIME CUSTODY PRISONERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- 1658 ESCAPES AND INCORRECT RELEASES FROM JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1659 DETENTION IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1660 BAIL ACT REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1661 BUSINESS LINK VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1662 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GARARD PTY LTD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer—
- 1663 GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO GARARD PTY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1664 AUSTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL FENCING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1665 POLICE FORCE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES—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—
- 1666 WAGGA WAGGA HOSPITAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1667 SICK RELIEF AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1668 NOISE ABATEMENT IN CASULA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1669 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1670 DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1671 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANTS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1672 WARATAH BONDS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Treasurer—
- 1673 RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL GRANT—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Treasurer—
- 1674 NEW LIFE NSW CAMPAIGN—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Treasurer—
- 1675 MAROUBRA BEACH DROWNING—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1676 MALABAR POLICE STATION SITE—Mr Michael Daley 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—
- *1677 PORT BOTANY STEVEDORES—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

When will the leases for each of the two stevedores expire for the Brotherson Dock terminals at Port Botany?

Answer—

I am advised the lease with DP World will expire on 27 September 2024. The Patrick lease ends in 2023 with the ability to extend the term subject to capital investment by the stevedore.

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- 1678 GOSFORD HOSPITAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1679 SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1680 MANNING BASE HOSPITAL (TAREE)—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1681 NSW PAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1682 SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1683 MOORE PARK PEDESTRIAN ROUTES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1684 LAND CLEARING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1685 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE ORDER CANCELLATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1686 SUN PROTECTION IN NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- *1687 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Given the difficult economic environment faced by the Illawarra community, why has the Minister ceased funding to the Illawarra Regional Information Service (IRIS)?
 - (2) What assistance will the Government provide in relation to the provision of information services in the Illawarra?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) The Government recognises the expertise of the Illawarra Regional Information Service (IRIS) in the area of applied economic and social research and will commission work on a fee-for-service basis as required.
- Currently the NSW Government is expanding and improving its ability to provide sound statistical and economic advice through the important work of the NSW Chief Economist.
- The NSW Government is committed to supporting local businesses and promoting economic growth in the Illawarra through our Regional Industries Investment Fund, the State Investment Attraction Scheme and the \$30 million Illawarra Regional Innovation and Investment Fund.
- 1688 APPOINTMENTS TO ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1689 KANWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1690 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1691 ASSISTED STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1692 NATIONAL ART SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1693 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL CORRIDOR SOIL TESTING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1694 HEART SURGERY IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1695 PRISONER WORK CREWS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1696 POLICE STATION OPERATING CRITERIA—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—
- 1697 SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1698 COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS AND ASSETS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1699 FUNDING FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1700 VISIONCARE NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1701 GREEN SLIP PRICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1702 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—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—
- 1703 HYDRO ALUMINIUM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1704 SPORTING FACILITIES GRANTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1705 RYDE CITY COUNCIL LEP—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1706 BELMONT HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1707 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1708 KEMPSEY HOSPITAL BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1709 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1710 BANKSTOWN AND CAMPSIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—
- 1711 POLICE RESOURCES IN BANKSTOWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—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—
- 1712 NSW VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- *1713 M5 ROAD TOLLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the Minister rule out increasing road tolls on the M5?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M5 Corridor is divided into two sections, the M5 South-West Motorway and the M5 East Freeway.

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There is currently a toll on the M5 South-West Motorway. The contract limits toll increases up to but by no more than the Consumer Price Index.

In regards to the M5 East, there are no tolls on the M5 East Freeway between King Georges Road and General Holmes Drive.

1714 PARSON'S REVIEW—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—

1715 BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

*1716 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO QUICKSTEP—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

What role did the Federal Government have in assisting Quickstep in securing the Lockheed Martin Contract earlier this week?

Answer—

Quickstep is an advanced composites manufacturing business that has significant capabilities in the production of high-end carbon fibre components for the aerospace, defence and automotive industries. The company is in the process of relocating all of its operations from Perth to Sydney.

I was pleased to announce recently that Quickstep has been selected by Lockheed Martin as the future sole source supplier for the C-130J composite wing flaps. The NSW and Commonwealth Governments have both provided significant support to assist Quickstep establish a world class manufacturing facility at Bankstown Airport.

This support was required to prevent major advanced manufacturing opportunities going offshore.

Questions regarding Federal Government support for Quickstep should be directed to the Federal Government.

The NSW Government is continuing to work closely with the Quickstep team as they transition into the new facility.

1717 THE PORTRAIT PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

1718 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

1719 ILUKA GLADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

1720 COAL SEAM GAS FRACKING IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

1721 GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES AND REVIEWS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

1722 FIREARM AMENDMENT (AMMUNITION CONTROL) BILL—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—

1723 GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT VACANCIES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1724 NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

1725 PRIORITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS AT FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

1726 FAIRFIELD SPORT AND RECREATION FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

1727 OPERATION SPARTAN—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

- 1728 POLICE GRADUATES IN 2011—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 1729 POLICE GRADUATES IN 2012—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 1730 CANLEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1731 NSW HEALTH MINISTRY DIRECTIVE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 1732 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL DENTAL CT SCANNER—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1733 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—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—
- 1734 CARERS IN THE ELECTORATE OF WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1735 DAVID GONSKI REVIEW OF SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1736 PATIENT LIAISON OFFICERS AT CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1737 HUNTER STADIUM TRANSPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- *1738 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- Given the invaluable work of the Hunter Valley Research Foundation (HVRF), will the Government reconsider its withdrawal of \$150,000 in annual funding to the organisation for the benefit of the Hunter community?
- Answer—
- The NSW Government has had a long relationship with the Hunter Valley Research Foundation and will continue to do so.
- The Government recognises the expertise of the HVRF in the area of applied economic and social research and will commission work, in accordance with best practice, on a fee-for-service basis as required.
- Currently the NSW Government is expanding and improving its ability to provide sound statistical and economic advice through the important work of the NSW Chief Economist.
- The NSW Government is committed to supporting local businesses and promoting economic growth in the Hunter through our \$350 million Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund, our Regional Industries Investment Fund and the State Investment Attraction Scheme.
- 1739 HUNTER RAIL STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1740 REGULATION NO. 596—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1741 NSW DENTAL TASKFORCE REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 1743 ABOLITION OF STRIKWERDA PRINCIPLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1744 LICENSING OF SEX WORKERS AND BROTHELS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1745 LEGAL AID—CIVIL LITIGATION SECTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1746 SPENDING ON LEGAL SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1747 JAMES HARDIE FUNDING AGREEMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1748 EMAIL FROM SAM EKERMAWI—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1749 NEW BEDS OPENED—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1750 SECURITY OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY NSW HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1751 EMERGENCY WAITING TIMES WEBSITE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1752 ASSURANCES TO SUBCONTRACTORS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1753 JOBS CREATED—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1754 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER AND TEAM LEADER TRAINING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1755 CONFUCIUS CLASSROOMS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1756 GLOVER STREET PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT FUNDING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1757 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME PERMITS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 1758 IMAGING SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1759 COOKS RIVER RAW SEWAGE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1760 PREMIER'S EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP ON WOMEN—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1761 GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT VACANCIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1762 JOB CREATION IN NEWCASTLE AND LAKE MACQUARIE—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—

- 1763 BEDS AND TREATMENT SPACES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1764 AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1765 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 1766 MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING MACHINE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1767 FIREARMS REGISTRY—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—
- 1768 PRISONER AND WEEKEND DETENTION WORK CREWS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1769 BELLBIRD PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY FENCING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1770 ATTENDANCES AT TAFE COLLEGES—TIGHES HILL AND GLENDALE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1771 PATIENTS AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1772 PLANNING DECISIONS BY LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- *1773 FUNDING FOR HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- What funding options are available to Hunter Valley Research Foundation now that their annual grants totalling \$150,000 have been stopped?
- Answer—
- The Hunter Valley Research Foundation already has a number of strategies for obtaining funding. In addition to providing user pays research services, it offers a range of sponsorship packages and corporate memberships.
- I am advised that in 2010-2011, HVRF had 149 sponsors who contributed \$578,000 of its \$3.6 million income for 2010-2011. This was in addition to the \$150,000 contribution from NSW Trade & Investment.
- In 2011 HVRF received \$698,000 from the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia (RDA) Fund to extend its building. It may apply to RDA for funding for future projects.
- The Department may engage the expertise of the HVRF on a fee-for-service basis in future.
- 1774 2011-12 BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 1775 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARDS—Ms Kristina Keneally to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1776 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING OFFICES—STAFFING LEVELS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1777 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING—FAIRFIELD—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 1779 FAIRFIELD DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING—BUDGET ALLOCATION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1780 ROLE OF PHARMACISTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1781 ROLE OF PHARMACISTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1782 LICENSING OF SUBCONTRACTORS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1783 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT 2010—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1784 M5 EAST WIDENING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1785 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE ISSUES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1786 CAP ON PUBLIC SECTOR PAY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1787 MANAGING EXCESS EMPLOYEES POLICY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1788 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT—DUAL ROLES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1789 FOODBANK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1790 174 DOWLING STREET WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1791 GRAZING IN NATIONAL PARKS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1792 INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOLS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1793 UNPAID STRATA LEVIES FROM OVERSEAS INVESTORS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1794 HOUSING PROVIDERS ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1795 ULTIMO AND PYRMONT BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1796 PROBLEM GAMBLING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 1797 OVER ESTABLISHMENT TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1798 SCHOOLS PLACED ON RECESS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1799 LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL DECISIONS POLICY—FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1800 LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL DECISIONS POLICY—CLASS SIZES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1801 CLOSURE OR AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1802 SCHOOL CLOSURES OR PENDING CLOSURES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1803 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1804 CARRAMAR RAILWAY STATION STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1805 VILLAWOOD RAILWAY STATION STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1806 YENNORA RAILWAY STATION STAFF—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1807 RAILCORP TRANSIT OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1808 COMMUTER CRIME UNIT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1809 PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS ON CITYRAIL NETWORK—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1810 POLICE COMMUTER TRANSIT UNIT—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 1811 PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH DECLINING ENROLMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1812 VISIONCARE PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

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- 1813 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—BUDGET ALLOCATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1814 HURSTVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING WORKS—Ms Cherie Burton to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1815 KOGARAH INTERCHANGE PROJECT—Ms Cherie Burton to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1816 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Cherie Burton to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1817 WARRELL CREEK TO URUNGA PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1818 FAIR GO FOR SAFE DRIVERS STRATEGY—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1819 IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY FOR YOUNG DRIVERS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1820 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROVISIONAL YOUNG DRIVERS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1821 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEARNER DRIVERS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 1822 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1823 NSW TAFE SYSTEM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1824 PUBLIC FUNDING OF NAVITAS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1825 FOSTER CARERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 1826 SPORT AND RECREATION FUNDING IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1827 SILVERWATER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY VISITATION BOOKINGS SYSTEM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1828 RESTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1829 AMENDMENT TO MOTOR ACCIDENTS (LIFELINE CARE AND SUPPORT) ACT 2006—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 1830 JOHN MORONEY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1831 YOUTH ON TRACK PLANNING PROJECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 1832 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASKFORCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1833 RETAIL LEASES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1834 DRAFT ENERGY WHITE PAPER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1835 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL PLANNING COURT APPEALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 1836 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CLINICAL DIRECTOR—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1837 NSW ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1838 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1839 RENTAL BOND BOARD—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 1840 LEAF BLOWERS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1841 STRATEGIC REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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- 1842 DESTRUCTION OF ROOTY HILL POST BOX—Mr Richard Amery 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) (a) Have the Police received a report that the post box in Evens Road, Rooty Hill was destroyed by an explosive device?
- (b) If so, has it been determined what type of device destroyed this post box?
- (2) Has any person or persons been charged for this incident?
- (3) How many similar events have occurred in the past twelve months involving the destruction of post

- boxes?
- (4) (a) Has there been any arrest for these offences?
(b) If so, how many persons have been charged and for what incidents have they been charged?
- 1843 CAMPSIE AND BANKSTOWN POLICE COMMANDS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
Following the release of the Parsons report which recommends the restructure of police commands in NSW, does the Government have any future plans to merge Campsie and Bankstown Police commands?
- 1844 CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
Noting that a great number of drink bottles were recovered from the Cooks River at the recent Clean Up Australia Day, does the Government have any plans to introduce container deposit legislation?
- 1845 METRO M41 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
Given that the Metro M41 bus service (Hurstville to Macquarie and Macquarie to Hurstville) passes through Campsie and that there are no bus stops from Campsie Railway Station to just north of the intersection of Burwood Road and Georges River Road, does the Government plan to include any extra stops along this route?
- 1846 REJUVENATION OF CARDIFF CBD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
When will the Government commence the \$2.5 million rejuvenation of Cardiff CBD, a March 2011 election commitment?
- 1847 VISIONCARE PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
(1) Why has the Government cut the VisionCare program?
(2) How will the elderly in the Hunter afford new spectacles?
- 1848 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
What Hunter and Wallsend electorate projects, financed by the Hunter Infrastructure fund, have been funded and commenced during the 2011-12 budget period?
- 1849 INTERIM AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) Has the Government given approval to the Interim Audit Commission Report, banning staffing ratios from awards?
(2) If so, what impact will that have on Hunter nursing staff numbers at the John Hunter Hospital and the Calvary Mater Hospital?
- 1850 DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND TRAINING POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) How many diagnostic ultrasound training positions exist in the NSW public hospital system?
(2) Are there any plans to expand this number?
- 1851 COCHLEAR IMPLANTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
As of 31 January 2012:
(1) How many cochlear implants were performed by NSW Health in 2011 on:
(a) adults;
(b) children?
(2) Is there a waiting list for cochlear implants?
(3) If yes;
(a) how many adults are on the list;
(b) how many children are on the list?

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- (4) What is the median waiting time for surgery for:
(a) adults;
(b) children?
- (5) What was the total cost of these implants in 2010-11?
- (6) What funding has been allocated for 2011-2012?
- (7) What long-term plans does the Government have to meet increasing demand for cochlear implants over the next two financial year?
- 1852 GROMMET SURGERY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- As of 29 February 2012:
- (1) How many children are on the waiting list for grommet surgery in NSW?
- (2) How many of these are for:
(a) Category 1;
(b) Category 2;
(c) Category 3?
- (3) How many grommet tube insertions were performed by NSW Health in 2011?
- (4) What percentage were treated within recommended treatment times for:
(a) Category 1;
(b) Category 2;
(c) Category 3?
- (5) Did any children wait longer than 12 months for grommet surgery in 2011?
- 1853 OPERATING THEATRES AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many operating theatres are in use at Westmead Hospital:
(a) during working hours;
(b) after hours?
- (2) Which staff for these theatres are rostered to be "on duty" and "on call" after hours?
- (3) Are any of these theatres specifically designated for trauma cases, either during working hours or after hours?
- (4) What plans are there to enhance emergency theatre capacity at Westmead Hospital:
(a) during working hours;
(b) after hours?
- 1854 MEMORIAL DRIVE NOISE LEVELS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of residents in Thompson Street, Woonona about noise levels from Memorial Drive?
- (2) (a) Does the Minister have any short or long-term plans to try and reduce this noise level?
(b) If so what are these plans?
(c) If not, why?
- 1855 ILLAWARRA ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What are the current levels of orthopaedic services in the Illawarra?
- (2) What waiting times are there for these services in the Illawarra?
- (3) Are there any plans to improve the level of orthopaedic services in the Illawarra?
- 1856 MINISTERIAL ADVISORY GROUP ON LITERACY AND NUMERACY REPORT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- In relation to the allocation of teachers in the Illawarra (Written Question 1504), can the Minister outline when the review of the Ministerial Advisory Group On Literacy and Numeracy report will be completed?
- 1857 FAIRY MEADOW DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students were enrolled at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Pre-school at the start of

2011?

- (2) How many students were enrolled at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Pre-school at the start of 2012?

1858 PARK AND TRAVEL SAFETY FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to the \$40 million Park and Travel Safety Fund:

- (1) How are projects seeking funding from this program assessed?
- (2) Are there any projects in the electorate of Keira that have been funded under this program?
 - (a) If so, what are they?
 - (b) If not, why?

1859 WHIPPING OF RACE HORSES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) (a) Is Racing NSW required to follow all NSW laws relating to animal cruelty?
 - (b) What processes exist to ensure accountability and compliance?
- (2) (a) Is the international agreement limiting the whipping of race horses being followed in NSW?
 - (b) What processes exist to ensure accountability and compliance?
- (3) (a) Does current legislation prevent the striking of horses with the unpadded section of a whip?
 - (b) If so, how is it enforced?
- (4) (a) Does current legislation prevent the striking of horses with a backhand whip stroke?
 - (b) If so, how is it enforced?
- (5) (a) Does current legislation prevent raising the arm above shoulder height when striking a horse with a whip?
 - (b) If so, how is it enforced?