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*4353 VICTIMS SERVICES RECRUITMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has Victims Services recruited all the new staff identified to manage the new victims support scheme?
- (2) How many new staff were recruited and in what positions?
- (3) Is this an adequate number of staff to manage the scheme?
- (4) Have frontline staff at Victims Services had training in working with:
 - (a) People with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
 - (b) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons;
 - (c) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexed and questioning communities;
 - (d) Disability communities;
 - (e) Trauma survivors?
- (5) Have any government agencies, other than Victims Services, had to recruit new staff to manage the new victims support scheme?
- (6) If so, which departments?
 - (a) For each department:
 - (i) How many new staff were recruited and in what positions?
 - (ii) Is this an adequate number of new staff?
 - (iii) When will there be an assessment of the adequacy of new staffing levels?
- (7) How many police officers and staff from the NSW Police Force are working at Victims Services to assist with Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 requests relating to acts of violence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. As the Victims Services Scheme (VSS) commenced on 3 June 2013, Victims Services is still in the process of finalising staffing requirements and this may involve future recruitment.
- (2) Victims Services has recruited a number of staff to ensure that an adequate level of client service is maintained in implementing the new VSS. As at 13 September 2013, nine new assessor positions have been filled and three new staff have been appointed as client officers. Additional recruitment for the VSS has involved filling some positions internally on a temporary basis until final staffing levels are determined and permanent recruitment is finalised.
- (3) Refer to question 1. Victims Services will monitor and evaluate staffing requirements to ensure an adequate number of staff to manage the scheme.
- (4) Yes.
 - (a) Yes.
 - (b) No specific training has been undertaken. However, Victims Services is investigating training opportunities.
 - (c) Yes.
 - (d) Yes. Additionally, many staff within Victims Services possess the clinical skills to enable them to provide support to any clients suffering trauma.
- (5) The Department of Attorney General and Justice has not recruited additional staff to manage the VSS (apart from Victims Services).
- (6) See answer to 5.
- (7) Nil.

*4354 VICTIMS SUPPORT SCHEME BUDGET SAVINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What are the expected budget savings for the Government following the abolition of the victims compensation scheme and the introduction of the new victims support scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

None. The budget for the Victims Support Scheme is maintained at \$72 million per financial year.

*4355 VICTIMS SUPPORT SCHEME RESEARCH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Was research conducted by Price Waterhouse Coopers on the expected number of claims in the new victims support scheme?
- (2) Will this research be released publicly?

Answer—

I am advised:

Research conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) is outlined in the report that I tabled in Parliament on 7 May 2013.

*4356 VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

In relation to Victims Compensation Claims:

- (1) How many claims have been made to the new victims support scheme?
- (2) How many claims under the old victims compensation scheme were made in the last 2 years?
- (3) How many special grants have been made to date?
 - (a) What percentage is this of all claims made to date?
- (4) For those who have not received a special grant, what percentage were victims of:
 - (a) Domestic violence;
 - (b) Sexual assault;
 - (c) Other categories?
- (5) How many recognition payments under the new legislation have been made in each of the categories A, B, C and D?
 - (a) What percentage is this of all claims made to date?
- (6) What percentage of each recognition payment category relates to domestic violence?
- (7) How many claims have been made where a recognition payment was not made after it was claimed?
 - (a) What percentage is this of all claims made to date?
 - (b) What was the reason for not providing a recognition payment?
- (8) What is the expenditure on "immediate needs" under the victims support scheme to date?
 - (a) How many claims have been made for this type of support?
 - (b) How many claims have been successful in receiving this type of support?
- (9) What types of "immediate needs" are being awarded and for what amounts?
- (10) What is the expenditure on "Financial assistance" under the victims support scheme to date?
 - (a) How many claims have been made for this type of support?
 - (b) How many claims have been successful in receiving this type of support?
- (11) What types of "Financial assistance" have been awarded and for what amounts?
- (12) Have there been any claims for loss of actual earnings awarded to date?
 - (a) If so, were these for loss of actual earnings by the victim or for loss of actual earnings by someone the victim was dependent upon?
 - (b) If so, for what amounts?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 29 August 2013, 1,817 applications have been received under the Victims Support Scheme
- (2) A total of 13,893 claims were received under the old scheme in the past two years.
- (3) 555
 - (a) Not all claims made 'to date' are eligible for special grants.
- (4) Of the claimants who did not receive a special grant, 26 per cent were victims of domestic violence, 58 per cent were victims of sexual assault and 16 per cent were victims of other types of violent acts.
- (5) The number of recognition payments made in each category are:
 - (a) Category A 7
 - (b) Category B 176
 - (c) Category C 290
 - (d) Category D 313

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- (i) Recognition payments are available under the new Victims Support Scheme which came into effect on 3 June 2013. It was not possible to make a claim for a recognition payment prior to this date.
- (6) Category A recognition payments relate to homicide victims only and are not relevant to domestic violence. Domestic violence represents 4.5 per cent of category B payments, 26.2 per cent of category C payments and 46 per cent of category D payments.
- (7) 271 claims (as at 29 August 2013). The most frequently cited reasons for refusing recognition payments include that there had not been a relevant act of violence or that the victim was not an eligible victim under the terms of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013. It is not possible to calculate a percentage.
- (8) As at 29 August 2013, a total of \$103,055.49 has been awarded for immediate needs including funeral costs. For the same time period:
- It is not possible to calculate the number of claims lodged for immediate needs only.
 - 61 claims were granted for immediate needs and funeral expenses.
- (9) As at 29 August 2013, the total amount awarded for immediate needs in the following categories are:
- Relocation \$18,339.
 - Medical \$ 18,071.10
 - Dental \$10,936.64
 - Crime scene clean up \$1,802.50
 - Security upgrade \$843.00
 - Other \$60.00
 - Funeral expenses \$53,002.95.
- (10) As at 29 August 2013, a total of \$27,176.97 was awarded in financial assistance for economic loss.
- It is not possible to calculate the number of claims lodged for financial assistance only.
 - 17 claims were granted for economic loss.
- (11) As at 29 August 2013, the total amount awarded for economic loss in the following categories was:
- Medical \$9,814.33
 - Loss of earnings \$7,007.34
 - Dental \$5,229.40
 - Justice related expenses \$5,000.00
 - Clothing and personal effects \$125.90.
- (12) As at 29 August 2013, two grants totalling \$7,007.34 were made for loss of earnings by a victim of crime.

*4357 VICTIMS COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- Why is there a reduction in the budget papers for Victims Compensation Tribunal applications from 7,200 in 2012-13 to 5,000 in 2013-14?
- Is it anticipated that less people will qualify for the new victims support scheme?
- Why is there an expected reduction in Victims Compensation Tribunal (VCT) applications when over the past few years the annual VCT Chairperson's report has noted an increase in applications relating to domestic violence and sexual assault?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Since the 2009-10 financial year, the number of claims lodged for victims compensation has declined each financial year. Based on these trends, it is projected that the number of applications for compensation claims in 2013-14 will be 5000.
- The Victims Support Scheme (VSS) focuses on providing immediate practical assistance to victims, including financial assistance. The VSS provides faster and more effective support to victims of crime. However, considering that the VSS only commenced on 3 June 2013, the Department of Attorney General and Justice is unable to provide a comparative overview of compensation and financial assistance awarded between the two schemes at this time.
- The projection provided in the 2013-14 budget papers for a reduction in the number of applications applies across all areas for which compensation is available, not only domestic violence and sexual assault. The total number of claims continues to decline despite an increase in the number of claims arising out of instances of domestic violence and sexual assault.

*4358 REVIEW OF COURT SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) At what stage is the Price Waterhouse Coopers review of NSW Court Support Services?
- (2) When will the report regarding this review be publicly released?
- (3) How much has been spent on the review of NSW Court Support Services?
- (4) What is the total anticipated cost of the review?

Answer—

1-2. PricewaterhouseCoopers have completed the review of court support services and provided their report. I will be making an announcement regarding the report shortly.

3-4. Information relating to departmental expenditure is available in the annual report.

*4359 LEGAL AUSTRALIA-WIDE SURVEY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How is the Government going to resolve the inequities of multiple legal problems faced by disadvantaged communities, including people with a disability, single parents, the unemployed, people living in disadvantaged housing and Aboriginal people as revealed in the Legal Australia Wide (LAW) survey?
- (2) The most common legal problems reported in the LAW survey were consumer (21% of respondents), crime (14%), housing (12%) and government (11%). How is the Government going to:
 - (a) Reduce the legal problems people experience in these areas;
 - (b) Ensure that the legal needs of New South Wales residents are met in these areas?

Answer—

I have asked my Department to analyse the findings of the Legal Needs in New South Wales report, which was issued as part of the Legal Australia-Wide (LAW) Survey, to inform policy and program development in this area. I am also establishing a Steering Committee to consider both the gaps in legal service delivery and opportunities for further reform, identified in this report.

I am advised that Legal Aid NSW has an evidence-based approach to planning and delivering services and will use the findings of the LAW Survey to plan and review the delivery of services.

Legal Aid NSW already provides various forms of legal assistance to ensure that the legal needs of New South Wales residents are met. In the 2012-13 financial year, Legal Aid NSW provided advice, minor assistance, duty and representation services regarding crime (208,011); consumer (10,706); housing (3,784); and government (22,636).

In addition, Legal Aid NSW has specialist legal services with a focus on consumer, crime, government and housing matters. These services include the criminal law practice, the Social Security Service, the Immigration Service, the Work and Development Order Service and the Mortgage Hardship Service.

Both LawAccess NSW, a free government telephone service, and Community Legal Centres are able to provide advice and assistance in these areas. Through its funding of Legal Aid NSW, LawAccess NSW and Community Legal Centres, the Government is doing a great deal to resolve the multiple legal problems faced by disadvantaged communities.

*4360 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the current vacancy rate for Community Corrections Officers within Corrective Services NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 19 September 2013, 93.7% of Community Corrections Officer positions within Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) were substantively filled. The remaining 6.3% of positions were vacant; however some of these positions were filled on a temporary basis. CSNSW is in the process of filling the vacant positions.

Community Corrections Officers are employed on the condition that they successfully complete a 12 month training course to acquire their Certificate IV in Correctional Practice. This is undertaken through a combination of classroom and on the job training. Training courses are scheduled to commence on 26 September 2013, 30 September 2013, 8 October 2013 and in February 2014.

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*4361 COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When will negotiations for the Community Legal Services Program three year funding agreement begin?
- (2) Are there any proposed changes to the agreement?
- (3) Will the agreement still be a three year agreement?

Answer—

I am advised:

The vast majority of the current Community Legal Services Program (CLSP) Service Agreements are between the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, Legal Aid NSW (for the State Government), and each Community Legal Centre (CLC) funded under the program. There are some exceptions for CLCs that receive funding from only the State and/or Public Purpose Fund.

All CLSP Service Agreements have been extended to 30 June 2014. However, negotiations for CLSP Service Agreements beyond 30 June 2014 will recommence with the appointment of a new Commonwealth Attorney-General.

The duration of any future CLSP Service Agreements has not yet been determined and will depend on negotiations with the Commonwealth Government.

*4362 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How does the Government plan to combat high rates of domestic violence in the Hunter?

Answer—

Details about the Domestic and Family Violence Reforms are available on the Family and Community Services website.

*4363 PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many residents of public housing in the Wallsend area have requested a transfer to smaller accommodation in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2013?

- (a) How does this figure compare with each of the past three years?
- (b) How many of the requests over the past three years were approved and accommodated?

Answer—

Since 2009-10, one tenant had applied for a transfer in Wallsend. This request was approved and the tenant was relocated.

*4364 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) Will the Government re-instate sponsorship to the Hunter Valley Research Foundation?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Hunter Water has recently revised its community funding programs. As a result, funds previously allocated to corporate sponsorship have now being redirected to a community infrastructure program and a sustainability grants program. No change has been made to the existing tertiary scholarships program.

Under the new community infrastructure program, Hunter Water will provide not for profit organisations, schools and another community-based organisations with funds to build infrastructure such as bubblers and drinking stations in schools, public toilets in parks and outdoor showers at surf clubs. Hunter Water has encouraged the Hunter Valley Research Foundation to apply for a sustainability grant. Criteria for consideration of a sustainability grant is that the nominated project be education focused and promote the conservation of water and or wastewater.

*4365 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CONTRACTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) Does the Government have guidelines to ensure that manufacturers in New South Wales obtain a

- guaranteed proportion of Government contracts?
- (2) Has the Government committed any of the \$6 billion allocated to major infrastructure projects in the budget to companies in New South Wales?
- (a) If so, which projects and:
- (i) When was the commitment made;
- (ii) When will the projects commence?
- (b) If not, does the Government intend to make such a commitment?

Answer—

- (1) The Government promotes an open market environment that encourages competition by removing certain barriers to entry, and which ultimately results in the best value for money. The New South Wales Procurement Board, which is responsible for setting Government policy, has made it clear that value for money is the overarching objective of procurement arrangements in New South Wales. The rationale being that the New South Wales public ultimately benefits from better goods and services when the best value for money is achieved.

Therefore, due to the existing Government's procurement policy objectives, New South Wales manufacturers are not guaranteed a proportion of Government contracts.

- (2) This question would be more appropriately directed to the Premier.

*4366 SCHOOL UPGRADES IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

What school upgrades will take place in the electorate of Wallsend over the 2013-2014 financial year?

Answer—

In 2013-14 funding has been provided for upgrade works to provide a replacement canteen facility at Lambton Public School and for work to rectify rising damp and moisture issues in Block A and Block B at Wallsend Public School.

*4367 MACQUARIE GENERATION POWER STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Will the Government guarantee to protect the jobs, conditions and negotiated entitlements of workers under its proposed privatisation of Macquarie Generation's Liddell and Bayswater power stations?

- (a) If so, how?
- (b) Will this protection cover the current calculations for the incentive payment that rewards service of more than six years?

Answer—

I am advised that the sale arrangements will be such that the purchaser, and any subsequent purchaser, would be required to abide by the commitments made to employees as part of the transactions, including the four year employment guarantee for all enterprise agreement employees.

*4368 GAME COUNCIL ABOLITION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What processes were involved in making the decision to abolish the Game Council on 5 July 2013?

Answer—

In February 2013, the Government commissioned a review into the governance of the Game Council, to be undertaken by Mr Steve Dunn. A copy of the review maybe found at:

www.gamecouncil.nsw.gov.au/docs/report-dunnreview.pdf

The Government accepted the review's recommendations and announced this on 4 July, 2013.

*4369 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—

Has the Minister made a submission to Infrastructure Australia that Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass should be considered as a priority project?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when was the submission made?

Answer—

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The project is identified in the Hunter Strategic Infrastructure Plan (HSIP) due for submission to the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport by end of September 2013.

The Government has worked with the Commonwealth on the HSIP to develop a comprehensive overview of the strategic, long term infrastructure needs for the Lower Hunter region, and a platform for negotiations with the Commonwealth on the future infrastructure funding priorities.

The HSIP identifies the Newcastle Inner City Bypass Rankin Park link as a priority infrastructure project for consideration by the Commonwealth. The HSIP notes that completion of the project is dependent on further planning and funding.

*4370 TRAIN DELAY INFORMATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Is information regarding the cause of delays on the Sydney rail network, and identifying the Sydney Trains manager responsible for the delays, publicly available?

- (a) If so, where can this information be accessed by members of the public?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the factors affecting on-time running is available on the Sydney Trains website.

*4371 PRIMARY EMERGENCY CENTRE PATIENTS—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) For each Primary Emergency Centre (PEC) in New South Wales, in the last financial year how many people have been in the PEC for:
 - (a) over two days;
 - (b) over three days;
 - (c) over four days;
 - (d) over one week;
 - (e) over two weeks?
- (2) What is the longest time a patient has spent in a PEC in the last financial year?
 - (a) In which PEC did this occur and when?
- (3) How many people have been in a mental health inpatient facility and then transferred to a PEC in the last financial year?
 - (a) How many days did each transferred person stay at the PEC?
- (4) How many people received day leave from PECs in the last financial year?
 - (a) At which PECs did this occur?

Answer—

There are no New South Wales services known by this name. The question is presumed to relate to Psychiatric Emergency Care Centres (PECCs), which were established in 2005 as extensions to the mental health triage and assessment service in Emergency Departments.

The information required to answer these questions is not immediately available. It would require significant development of and testing of new analyses of NSW Health Information Exchange data.

*4372 WINDSOR BRIDGE PROJECT CONTRACT—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Regarding Contract 12.2615.3184 under the name "Windsor Bridge Alliance - Construction" that appears in the "Disclosure of Tenders under Premier's Memorandum No. 2007-01":

- (1) What are the details of this contract?
- (2) Was Ministerial approval made public at the time this contract was signed?
 - (a) If so, where and when?
- (3) Did the Minister approve the project prior to the Environmental Impact Statement being released?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (4) How many other contractual agreements have been entered into in relation to this project?
- (5) What is the total contractual liability should the Minister not approve this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Baulderstone Pty Limited is the selected tenderer for this project.
- (2) The Alliance agreement was approved via the delegated authority within Roads and Maritime Services.
- (3) An Environmental Impact Statement was on public exhibition until 17 December 2012.
- (4) Consistent with a project of this nature and complexity, several contracts have been entered into to provide design and management support services. Eight contracts are currently in place.
- (5) Should the project not receive planning approval, the contract contains provision allowing it to be terminated with reimbursement only of costs incurred to date.

*4373 EASY ACCESS UPGRADE FOR REDFERN STATION—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Easy Access Upgrade of Redfern train station an outcome of the planning and design process referred to in the answer to question 3459?
- (2) What other stations have been identified for an Easy Access Upgrade as a result of the planning and design work referred to in the answer to question 3459?

Answer—

I am advised:

The improvements at Redfern Station are part of the Transport Access Program, which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years.

On 5 August 2013, I announced upgrades at 36 key transport interchanges across the state worth almost \$40 million to make public transport safer and easier to use. These latest upgrades include better drop off and pick up areas - called kiss and ride zones, improved lighting, signs, infrastructure, bike facilities and shelters.

The list of all 36 stations and the upgrades is available at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/transport-interchange-upgrades-36-key-locations

*4374 REGIONAL INDUSTRY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) How many applications to the New South Wales Regional Industry Investment Fund have been received from companies in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
- (2) How many of these companies have received funding?
- (3) What is the total amount of funding provided to companies in the Wollongong Local Government Area from the New South Wales Regional Industry Investment Fund?

Answer—

- (1) In September 2011, in response to the announcement of the downsizing of Bluescope Steel, the Federal and NSW Government established the \$30 million Illawarra Regional Innovation and Investment Fund (IRIIF), a specific fund for the Illawarra Region which includes Wollongong. The IRIIF provides assistance to eligible businesses to undertake investment projects that would create jobs across a range of sectors to reduce the impact of the BlueScope job losses.

IRIIF was funded by Federal Government (\$20 million), NSW Government (\$5 million) and BlueScope Steel (\$5 million). The NSW Government's \$5 million contribution was from the RIIF budget. During the period for which IRIIF accepted applications, Illawarra businesses were directed to IRIIF rather than RIIF for assistance with business investment projects.

64 Wollongong based companies applied for funding under IRIIF.

Applications for assistance under IRIIF has now closed and NSW Trade & Investment is currently working with several business investment projects that will be eligible for assistance under the RIIF program.

- (2) As explained in question (1), no Wollongong companies have received funding through the RIIF. However, 26 Wollongong based companies received funding under the IRIIF during 2011/12 and 2012/3.
- (3) As explained in question (1), no funding was provided to Wollongong based companies through the RIIF. However, the 26 Wollongong based companies which were successful in securing funding under IRIIF received a total of \$20,390,163 in assistance. These companies will create 611 new jobs.

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*4375 ELECTIVE SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many elective surgery operations were performed at Mount Druitt Hospital during 2012?
- (2) How do these figures compare to 2011?
- (3) How many of the operations referred to above were performed on patients residing in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2770;
 - (b) 2766;
 - (c) 2761;
 - (d) Other postcode areas?

Answer—

1-3. Information on elective surgery performance at Blacktown Mount Druitt Hospital is available at the Bureau of Health Information website at: www.bhi.nsw.gov.au

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*4376 OVERSIZED VEHICLE PENALTIES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the new deterrents for oversized vehicles announced on 1 May 2013:

- (1) How many vehicles have had their registration suspended for failing to comply with warning device requirements?
- (2) How many vehicles have been identified as failing to comply with warning device requirements?
- (3) What penalty or sanction was given to each vehicle or driver identified?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. None.

2-3. From 1 August 2013 to 27 August 2013, Roads and Maritime Services issued eleven warning letters for over-length offences in Galston Gorge and two Penalty Notices for over-length offences in Galston Gorge.

*4377 VEHICLE MATCHING FEE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many eTag account holders have been charged the vehicle matching fee of 55 cents since 1 June 2013?
- (2) How much revenue has been generated by this fee since 1 June 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) From 1 June 2013 until 25 August 2013 over 8.5 million trips were made on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel. Of these, 64,474 eTag account holders have been charged a vehicle matching fee.
- (2) Total fees charged since 1 June 2013 are \$115,221.15.

*4378 CORRIMAL POLICE STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has there been any requests for additional Police Officers at Corrimal Police Station from the Wollongong Local Area Command?
- (2) What is the Government doing to address concerns from the community that the Corrimal Police Station is often unstaffed due to a shortage of officers?
- (3) Will the Government allocate a permanent officer to the Corrimal Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staffing arrangements within a Local Government Command vary according to operational requirements. The Wollongong Local Command provides a 24 hour mobile policing response to areas within the Command including Corrimal.

Current rostering practices at the Wollongong Local Area Command aim to ensure that there are sufficient staff rostered to meet operational requirements. Intelligence-based rostering at the Wollongong Local Area Command ensures first response requirements are met and policing resources are best allocated to prioritise public safety.

*4379 REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) When will the review of the Arts Funding Program be completed?
- (2) What impact will the review have on current funding for regional conservatoriums?
- (3) Will the Government continue to support a dedicated fund for regional conservatoriums?

Answer—

- (1) The review of the Arts Funding Program (AFP) will be completed in late 2013.
- (2) Since 2010, the AFP has included a regional conservatorium project funding category. This funding category is being reviewed together with all other project funding categories as part of the AFP review.

Regional conservatoriums continue to receive their core support through the Department of Education and Communities.

- (3) Government will make its decisions public following the completion of the AFP review.

*4380 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

The discussion paper released by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, on the future of the Illawarra defines the Illawarra region as the three Local Government Areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, and Kiama.

- (1) Why has the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund defined the region as the five Local Government areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven?
- (2) What evidence was used to support the inclusion of these Local Government Areas as areas able to access funding from the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's definition for the Minister for the Illawarra has historically and still covers the five Local Government Areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven.

*4381 CHALLONER HOUSE MITTAGONG—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How much revenue does the Government estimate will be generated from the redevelopment of the former Renwick Children's Home properties currently owned by the Department of Family and Community Services and managed by Urban Growth?
- (2) What are the costs of retention and adaptive reuse of Challoner House at Mittagong?
- (3) What are the costs of demolishing, subdividing and redeveloping the land where Challoner House currently sits?
- (4) How much profit was made from the sale of land that was formerly part of Renwick Children's Home?
 - (a) What has the profit been used for?
- (5) Has the Minister signed any documentation or given concurrence for the demolition or sale of Challoner House?
- (6) Does the Minister plan to sell Challoner House if demolition is not possible?
- (7) Has the Minister met with the Renwick Association regarding heritage issues and the social history of Challoner House?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I have written to the Member for Auburn regarding this matter.

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*4382 RICHMOND LOWLANDS QUARRY—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Has Kerry Chikarovski lobbied the Government in relation to opening up Richmond Lowlands as a sand and gravel quarry?
 - (a) If so, when and where?
 - (b) If so, who was present?
- (2) Has Industry and Development undertaken any feasibility studies or reports on the potential of opening up Richmond Lowlands as a quarry?
- (3) Has Kerry Chikarovski lobbied the Government on behalf of Rocla Quarries in relation to their quarry at Windsor?

Answer—

- (1) I have not had any contact with Ms Kerry Chikarovski in relation to the opening up of Richmond Lowlands as a sand and gravel quarry.
- (2) No.
- (3) I have not had any contact with Ms Kerry Chikarovski in relation to Rocla's quarry at Windsor.

*4383 ROOTY HILL ROAD SOUTH ROADWORK—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When was the last time Rooty Hill Road South, between the Great Western Highway and the railway line resealed?
- (2) When will this section of road be resealed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Rooty Hill Road South between Eastern Road and the railway line is a local road and is managed by Blacktown Council.

Rooty Hill Road South between the Great Western Highway and Eastern Road is maintained by Roads and Maritime Services. This section was last treated during the 2002-03 financial year. All State roads are regularly monitored and inspected against maintenance criteria.

- (2) Pavement strengthening and resurfacing of Rooty Hill Road South between the Great Western Highway and Eastern Road is scheduled to be carried out in the 2014-15 financial year at an estimated cost of \$1.15 million. The work is subject to available maintenance program funding as well as the relative priority of other projects within the Transport cluster.

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*4384 MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING MACHINE FOR MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When did the management of Mount Drutt Hospital first apply for the provision of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine at the hospital?
- (2) Now that the application has been approved by the Federal Government, when will the MRI machine be installed?
- (3) Following the approval for the licence, what actions does the Government have to take to have the MRI machine installed?

Answer—

Blacktown Mount Drutt Hospital submitted an application to the Commonwealth Government Department of Health and Ageing in response to an Invitation to Apply for an MRI licence for the Mount Drutt Campus on 21 May 2012. The Medical Benefits Division of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing contacted Blacktown Mount Drutt Hospital in September 2012 to advise that the application for the MRI licence was unsuccessful on that occasion.

*4385 WAITING TIMES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

What is the average waiting time for the resolution of maintenance issues in public housing properties in the Cabramatta Electorate?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*4386 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

How much funding has been allocated to maintenance for public housing properties in the Cabramatta electorate for 2013-2014?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*4387 PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER REQUESTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many residents of public housing in the Cabramatta area have requested a transfer to smaller accommodation in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2013?

(a) How does this figure compare with each of the past three years?

(b) How many of the requests over the past three years were approved and accommodated?

Answer—

Since 2009-10, a number of tenants have applied for a transfer in Cabramatta. These requests have been approved and a small number have been relocated.

*4388 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How does the Government plan to combat high rates of domestic violence in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

Details about the Domestic and Family Violence Reforms are available on the Family and Community Services website.

*4389 SPEED AND RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) When was the last time the speed and red light cameras in the Cabramatta Electorate were checked and maintained?

(2) How often are the speed and red light cameras in the Cabramatta Electorate checked and maintained?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) Speed measuring device (s46/s137 certificates) 6 August 2013.

(b) Camera recording device (s138 certificate) 21 August 2013.

(2) (a) Speed measuring device (s46/s137 certificates) every 12 months.

(b) Camera recording device (s138 certificate) every 30 days.

*4390 NON-CLINICAL DUTIES OF NURSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Are nurses required to undertake non-clinical duties if the position that usually completes those duties is temporarily not filled?

Answer—

Historically, nurses have always undertaken a range of duties associated with patient care which may not be considered to be directly clinical, recognising the 24 hour nature of acute health care.

*4391 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL STAFFING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What loss of non-clinical staff in the wards at the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital has occurred as a result of a reduction in the health budget?

Answer—

The indicative budget for South Western Sydney Local Health District for 2013-14 is \$1.43 billion,

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which is \$66 million, or 4.9%, more than in 2012-13.

There are no proposed reductions to non-clinical staff at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital. Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital operates within its allocated budget profile and this will be maintained throughout the 2013-14 financial year.

*4392 WAITING TIMES FOR AMBULANCE CREWS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

The Auditor General reports that the percentage of ambulance patients offloaded at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital within 30 minutes has decreased from 71.7 per cent in 2005 to 64.9 per cent in 2012:

- (1) What initiatives has NSW Health put in place to reduce waiting times for ambulance crews at hospitals?
- (2) What initiatives has NSW Health put in place to reduce waiting times for ambulance crews at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Health Districts are working hard to help get ambulances back on the road quicker.

Despite increased activity, New South Wales hospitals are progressing well in their National Emergency Access Target performance, with an increase from 59% to 65% in the April-June quarter year-to-year. New South Wales is well on its way to meeting the 71% benchmark by the end of the year.

24 hours a day seven days a week, a Local Health District Executive is responsible for patient access - making sure that on the ground, local hospital and ambulance staff work closely together in the interests of better patient care.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital has implemented a Navigator Nurse role to monitor and improve patient flow through the Emergency Department.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is part of the State's Whole of Hospital program which supports Local Health Districts in driving the strategic change needed to improve access to care and patient flow throughout New South Wales.

*4393 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT YAGOONA TRAIN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government commit to providing an easy access lift at Yagoona Train Station in 2013-14?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 April 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years, which will see improvements at more than 60 locations.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next and Yagoona Station will be considered as a part of this process.

*4394 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT PUNCHBOWL TRAIN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government commit to providing an easy access lift at Punchbowl Train Station in 2013-14?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 April 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years, which will

see improvements at more than 60 locations.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next and Punchbowl Station will be considered as a part of this process.

*4395 RECALL OF INFINITY CABLES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many households have had the recalled batches of Infinity cabling installed since 1 April 2012?
- (2) How are people who have had these cables installed been notified of the recall?
- (3) How is NSW Fair Trading monitoring the removal of the faulty Infinity cabling from all affected houses?

Answer—

- (1) Infinity Cable Co Pty initiated a voluntary recall on the faulty cables. At this stage, neither NSW Fair Trading nor the company can determine how many households or commercial sites have had the recalled cable installed as part of electrical wiring work.
- (2) Infinity Cable Co Pty Ltd published recall notices in major daily newspapers, and has written to suppliers as well as industry stakeholders about the recall. The recall is listed on the national product safety recalls website. Fair Trading also issued a media release on the recall, which can be found on its website together with a fact sheet on the cabling and the recall.
- (3) Fair Trading is monitoring the recall through agreed monthly reporting by Infinity Cable Co Pty Ltd on the return and disposal of affected cables.

*4396 UNLICENCED REAL ESTATE AGENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

What action does NSW Fair Trading take against real estate agents who operate without a licence?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading legislation provides a range of administrative, as well as civil and criminal enforcement actions that Fair Trading can take to address unlicensed trading by real estate agents. These actions include trader education "warning" letters, penalty infringement notices and, in more serious cases, prosecution.

The type of enforcement action taken is dependent on the degree of, or potential for, consumer detriment and the level of disregard for the law.

*4397 WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Why was \$400,000 in funding cut from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service?

Answer—

I refer the Member to LA Question 4305 on this subject.

*4398 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Does the Government plan to make more affordable housing available in the City of Bankstown?

- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

It is anticipated that over 100 new National Rental Affordability Scheme dwellings will be delivered in the Bankstown local government area over the next several years.

*4399 RENT ARREARS OF HOUSING NEW SOUTH WALES TENANTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many Housing NSW tenants in the Fairfield zone have been taken to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal for rent arrears in the last 12 months?
- (2) How many of these tenants were on a disability or age pension?

Answer—

Details about the number of matters determined by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal are listed in its Annual Report.

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*4400 UNAUTHORISED OCCUPANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to the amnesty on "unauthorised occupants" of public housing properties announced by the Minister for Family and Community Services in February 2013:

- (1) How many departmental properties in the Fairfield zone had "unauthorised occupants" residing in them?
- (2) Of these "unauthorised occupants":
 - (a) How many were carers of the head tenant?
 - (b) How many were adult children of the head tenant?

Answer—

Over 2,800 public housing tenants across New South Wales declared over 3,600 additional occupants during the amnesty period.

Public housing tenants declaring additional occupants, and third parties submitting allegations about other public housing tenants, were not required to identify a relationship status to the tenant.

*4401 PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many Housing NSW properties in the Fairfield zone with three bedrooms have only one person registered as residing in them?
- (2) How many Housing NSW properties in the Fairfield zone with four bedrooms have no more than two persons registered as residing in them?

Answer—

There are over 17,000 public housing homes in New South Wales with two or more vacant bedrooms. This means there are over 35,000 vacant bedrooms that could be used to house needy families on the waiting list.

*4402 RAILWAY TRACKWORK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have a timetable for planned trackworks on the Sydney Trains Western or South Lines for the 2013 October long weekend?
- (2) If so, which stretches of track on the Western and/or South Line are scheduled to receive track works during this period?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

*4403 NETWORK WIDE OPAL CARD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

When will the Government begin the network wide introduction of the Opal card?

Answer—

The Government is delivering a modern and efficient smartcard ticketing system called 'Opal'. This system will cover public transport services across all modes.

The Opal ticketing system began in December 2012 for customers on select routes on Sydney Ferries and from 14 June 2013 on train services on the City Circle and the Eastern Suburbs Line. It has now been extended ahead of schedule to cover all Sydney Ferries services and for rail customers travelling between Milsons Point and Chatswood.

The benefits of Opal include a weekly travel reward of free travel after eight paid journeys, a Sunday travel cap of \$2.50 for all customers and a Monday to Saturday daily travel cap of \$15. Further details about Opal fares will be announced later this year.

By 2015, 40 ferry wharves, more than 300 train stations and more than 5,000 buses and light rail will have Opal equipment operating in Sydney, the Hunter, Central Coast, the Illawarra, Southern Highlands and the Blue Mountains.

Further information is available on www.opal.com.au

*4404 SYDNEY DENTAL HOSPITAL WAITING LIST—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many people are currently on the waiting list for dental procedures at the Sydney Dental Hospital?
 (2) How many people have been on the waiting list for 12 months or more?

Answer—

Maintenance of Government funded public dental services and implementation of the National Partnership Agreement on Treating More Public Dental Patients has supported a reduction in waiting lists for public oral health services.

Data on patients waiting for dental assessment and treatment is published on the NSW Health web site at www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/public-dental-care-waiting.aspx

- *4405 IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICE FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How much funding has the Immigrant Women's Health Service, located in the Fairfield City area, received from the Government in the following financial periods:

- (a) 2012-2013;
- (b) 2011-2012;
- (c) 2010-2011;
- (d) 2009-2010;
- (e) 2008-2009?

Answer—

I am advised:

The funding received by the Immigrant Women's Health Service in the Fairfield area under the Ministerially approved NGO program is as follows:

- (a) 2012-13: \$328,800;
- (b) 2011-12: \$319,600;
- (c) 2010-11: \$311,800;
- (d) 2009-10: \$304,200;
- (e) 2008-09: \$297,000.

- *4406 FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the Fairfield electorate have applied for capital works funding for the 2014-15 period?

Answer—

The process of Government schools identifying and nominating their priority capital works projects is ongoing. Each year, local Asset Reference Groups including local schools and Assets representatives meet to assess the major and minor capital works priorities for all Government schools and recommend projects for inclusion in the annual capital works program.

Proposals for new capital works funding are considered through the Budget process and are announced as part of the annual State Budget.

- *4407 DISTANCE BASED TOLLS ON THE M4—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will there be distance based tolls on the M4 as part of the proposed WestConnex project?

Answer—

I am advised:

A distance-based tolling system, similar to the M7, will be used with motorists paying a capped toll according to the distance travelled. Details of the WestConnex project are available online at www.westconnex.com.au

- *4408 TAFE NSW HUNTER INSTITUTE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY FACULTY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the TAFE NSW Hunter Institute Tourism and Hospitality Faculty:

- (1) Has there been a directive titled "Agency Change Management Guidelines" issued to management directing that the permanent TAFE NSW workforce is now to be employed on a casual basis?

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- (a) If so:
- (i) How many positions are to be changed from permanent to casual?
 - (ii) How many full time equivalent positions will be lost?
 - (iii) Has this directive been issued to other TAFEs in New South Wales?
 - (iv) If so, which TAFEs?
- (b) If not, have there been any directives to management to change their staffing from permanent employees to casual employees?
- (i) If yes, how many other TAFEs received this directive?
 - (ii) If yes, which TAFEs?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) No.

*4409 TAFE NSW HOSPITALITY COURSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to TAFE NSW teachers and TAFE NSW courses which train staff for careers in the hospitality industry:

- (1) Has a study been conducted to forecast the effect of reduced teaching hours and reduced course availability on the hospitality industry?
 - (a) If so, what were the findings?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the shortfall of trained personnel be covered by employing staff from overseas?

Answer—

- (1) No, TAFE NSW has not conducted a study to forecast the effect of reduced teaching hours or reduced course availability on the hospitality industry.

Training in New South Wales is driven by industry demand. TAFE NSW relies on data from a range of sources when determining the provision of training in the hospitality industry, including the annual environmental scan developed by Service Skills Australia.

- (2) N/A

*4410 NEW SOUTH WALES BUILDING APPROVALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the private sector total annualised New South Wales Building Approvals:

What was the five year average of building approvals between:

- (a) 2006-2011;
- (b) 2001-2006;
- (c) 1996-2001?

Answer—

These figures are publically available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

*4411 NEWCASTLE HEAVY RAIL LINE CLOSURE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Budget Paper 2, under the heading of Infrastructure, notes that the Government has adopted an "improved prioritisation process" and a "carefully considered infrastructure investment program" (paper 2, page 3-3):

- (1) Under the improved prioritisation process, why was the cutting of the Newcastle rail line prioritised above:
 - (a) The Newcastle City Bypass road;
 - (b) Construction of the new Lower Hunter Hospital;
 - (c) The Singleton, Muswellbrook or Scone Highway Bypass;
 - (d) The proposed new water storage dam?
- (2) Did the Government make decisions and announcements regarding the Newcastle rail line without conducting modelling, planning, costings or community consultation?
 - (a) If so, did these decisions comply with the Government's process for a carefully considered infrastructure investment program?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is committed to the revitalisation of Newcastle's CBD and driving economic growth of the Hunter. \$340 million from the 99 year lease of the Newcastle Port will be directed towards the new vision for Newcastle, in addition to the \$120 million already committed to the city centre's revitalisation.
- (2) More than 20 studies have examined transport issues in the Newcastle city centre over the past two decades, and all were considered by government in making a decision about the rail line.

*4412 2013-14 GOODS AND SERVICES TAX—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Budget Paper 2 lists the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Redistribution Payments in Table 7.5 (page 7-11):

- (1) Has there been an increasing return of GST to New South Wales from the Federal Government since Labor were elected at the last Federal election?
- (2) What factors would account for this improved position for New South Wales?
- (3) Has a change to mining and mineral export demand been factored into the forward estimates?

Answer—

- (1) In its 2013-14 Budget the Australian Government reduced its GST pool forecasts by \$2.8 billion over the 4 years to 2015-16 compared to its 2012-13 MYEFO forecasts. This reduced New South Wales GST revenue payments by around \$850 million over the four years to 2015-16, compared to forecasts in the 2012-13 Half-Yearly Review.

This is on top of the \$5.2 billion GST revenue downgrade for New South Wales following the Australian Government's 2012-13 Budget.

- (2) NA.
- (3) Tables 7.1 (page 7-2) and 7.3 present forward estimates of Australian Government GST revenue payments to New South Wales. One of the many factors taken into account in producing those estimates is anticipated changes in the value of NSW mining production relative to that of other States.

In the 2013-14 Budget, New South Wales mineral royalty revenue in the four years to 2015-16 was estimated to be almost \$2.3 billion less than expected in the 2012-13 Budget.

*4413 MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PLAN - ENVIRONMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Budget Paper 2 lists the Major National Partnerships Plan and Projects in Table 7.9 (page 7-23):

- (1) Why does Table 7.9 contain a list of environment projects valued at just \$4 million when \$146 million is available?
- (2) What are the other projects that make up the further \$142 million of the National Partnership funding?

Answer—

Distribution of the National Partnerships Plan and Project funding is a matter for the Australian Government.

*4414 MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PLAN - HEALTH—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Budget Paper 2 lists the Major National Partnerships Plan and Projects in Table 7.9 (pages 7-20):

Why is there a list of National Partnership Health Projects valued at \$536 million when Table 7.8 (page 7-17) indicates that only \$447 million is available in funding?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer for response.

*4415 2013-14 GAMBLING TAX REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

The Budget Paper 2 (page 6-16) notes the future of gambling taxes and the falling revenue from racing over the forward estimates:

- (1) Is this fall in revenue a sign of successful Government strategies designed to reduce gambling in our

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community?

- (2) Is this fall in revenue being addressed by the Government?
- (3) Does the Government have any capacity or intent to address the lost opportunity for revenue through online betting?

Answer—

- (1) Questions relating to budget forward estimates should be directed to the Treasurer.
- (2) Questions relating to Government revenues should be directed to the Treasurer.
- (3) See answer to (2) above.

*4416 NEW SCHOOL BANKING SYSTEM INTEREST—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will Treasury retain the interest earned from government funding for schools when the Department of Education and Communities moves to a new single banking system for schools?
- (2) If so, how much interest will this be?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education.

*4417 NEW SCHOOL BANKING SYSTEM—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How much funding will be lost from the schools portfolio as a result of the move to a single banking system, given that schools will no longer earn interest on government funding and the Department of Education and Communities will also not receive this interest?

Answer—

No funding to the schools portfolio is lost as a result of the move to a single banking system.

*4418 LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What avenues of appeal or further investigation are available for members of the public who wish to pursue a complaint against a legal practitioner after that complaint has been dismissed by the Legal Services Commissioner?
- (2) What oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure the independence of the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Complainants can commence proceedings in the Supreme Court on administrative law grounds if they are dissatisfied with the Commissioner's determination.

If a person becomes aware of new and material information related to a consumer dispute, they may request that the Commissioner consider reopening the complaint. Depending on the issues involved, other regulatory bodies may have an interest in the subject matter of investigations by the Commissioner, including the police, Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. The Commissioner has the power to disclose information to other regulatory agencies.

- (2) The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner is an independent statutory body. As provided by the Legal Profession Act 2004, the rules of procedural fairness apply in relation to the investigation of complaints and the procedures of the Commissioner. Under section 541 of the Act, the Commissioner is required to produce a record of his or her decision with respect to a complaint. Additionally, the Commissioner is required under section 691(1) of the Act to submit an annual report to me on his or her activities each financial year. I am required to table these reports in both Houses of Parliament.

The Supreme Court also retains its inherent jurisdiction to discipline lawyers.

*4419 CREATE FOUNDATION FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What funding and support is the Government providing to the 2013 conference "From Strength to Strength" organised by the Create Foundation?
- (2) Will the Government provide funding to enable children and young people in care from New South Wales to participate in this important conference?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services provided funding to the CREATE Foundation for the 2013 Strength to Strength conference and will assess any further requests for funding in accordance with relevant policies and procedures.

*4420 BARANGAROO BUILDING AREA—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government intend to increase the total building area of Barangaroo south?
 - (a) If so, will this allow Lend Lease to build a hotel of double the size of the initial proposal for a hotel in the harbour?
 - (b) If not, will Lend Lease be obliged to reduce the size of some of its other buildings in the area?
- (2) What was the outcome of the court case disputing the method of computing the final balloon payment for Barangaroo South?
- (3) What is the Government's current estimate of the balloon payment for Barangaroo South?
- (4) Is Lend Lease being granted extra floor space and extra height at Barangaroo?
 - (a) If so, will Lend Lease be required to pay extra for the additional development rights?
 - (i) If so, how much will the extra payment be?

Answer—

- (1) Changes to the Barangaroo Concept Plan for Barangaroo South would be proposed by Lend Lease. If Lend Lease could obtain land owner's support from the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, the proposal would then be determined through the assessment processes under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- (2) The matter is still before the court (as at 9 September 2013).
- (3) See response to (1).
- (4) See response to (1). (1) The Project Development Agreement provides the mechanism for determining any share to Government.

*4421 SKATE PARK FOR BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of community calls for a skater-designed skate park to be included in recreation facilities at Barangaroo?
- (2) What areas of Barangaroo could be used for a skate park that is safe for skaters and does not impact on adjacent residents?
- (3) Has any consultation been conducted with skaters regarding recreational facilities at Barangaroo?
 - (a) If not, when does the Government plan such a consultation?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to provide skate facilities in the Barangaroo development?

Answer—

All recreational and cultural proposals for Barangaroo are considered in the broad context of facilities sought by the community, and taking into account existing facilities that are available.

During a number of the community consultation events undertaken for Barangaroo, interest in skateboarding facilities at Barangaroo, including from skaters, has been discussed.

Barangaroo is the venue for the "Vans Warped Tour" concert on 1 December 2013, which will include skateboarding demonstrations by professional skateboarders.

*4422 SOCIAL HOUSING IN MILLERS POINT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Given the 2012 Government review of social housing in Millers Point, the Social Impact Assessment carried out earlier this year and the increasing anxiety of tenants in this area about the future of their homes:

- (1) How will the Government keep the local community informed about progress of the Millers Point social housing review?
- (2) What are the next steps in the review of Millers Point social housing?
- (3) When will the Government make the Social Impact Assessment public?
- (4) What opportunity will the Government provide for community comment and input on the Social

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- (5) How will the Government ensure that community input and the Social Impact Assessment are taken into account when deciding the future of social housing in this area?
- (6) When does the Government expect the Millers Point social housing review to be completed?
- (7) How will the Government make the review findings public?
- (8) Will the Government provide opportunity for community comment and input on the review findings?
 - (a) If so, how will the community be able to provide comment and input?
- (9) Is further community engagement planned as part of the review of social housing in this area?
 - (a) If so, what kind of engagement?

Answer—

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation continues to work with the local community through information sessions and neighbourhood forums including the Millers Point Resident Action Group and tenant participation meetings.

*4423 PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE SYDNEY ELECTORATE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to inner city public primary schools in the Sydney electorate:

- (1) How many public primary schools service the Sydney electorate?
- (2) Are any of these schools currently at capacity?
 - (a) If so, which schools?
- (3) Have any of these schools had boundary changes or eligibility criteria changed in order to address their capacity levels?
 - (a) If so, which schools?
- (4) Which of these schools have had new classrooms or demountable buildings added to increase capacity?
- (5) Which of these schools are expected to reach capacity within the next three years?
- (6) How does the Government plan to increase primary school capacity for the Sydney electorate?
- (7) What planning has been carried out to increase future primary school capacity in the Sydney electorate?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to increase places for primary school students in the Sydney electorate?

Answer—

1-5. There are 14 public schools servicing the Sydney electorate, nine of which are located within the Sydney electorate. These schools are able to accommodate enrolments. Glebe Public School has had its boundaries changed to allow for additional enrolments as there is spare capacity in this school. Demountables are used to provide additional accommodation to meet fluctuations in enrolments at schools across the state, including the inner city.

6. The Department of Education and Communities monitors enrolment demand annually and develops appropriate strategies to meet projected enrolment demand. These strategies are developed in consultation with school communities, the City of Sydney Council and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. They include upgrades to existing schools to provide additional demountable and permanent teaching spaces, revisions to school catchment boundaries to distribute enrolments more evenly and construction of new schools, if required. Once the strategies are confirmed, appropriate projects are included in the Department's Total Asset Management Plan.

7. The Department is continuing to work with school communities, the City of Sydney Council and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to develop an asset strategy with options to meet enrolment demand to 2018 and beyond in the Sydney electorate. The focus of consultation includes the impact of planning strategies, such as the draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney to 2031; Local Environment Plans; and residential developments, on the need for and provision of public schools in the Sydney electorate.

8. The Department is working with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and City of Sydney Council to identify urban planning issues and provide adequate facilities for education needs across the Sydney region.

*4424 WESTCONNEX PROJECT AND PARRAMATTA ROAD CONGESTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) On what days and at what times does traffic congestion on Parramatta Road prevent traffic from functioning adequately?
 - (a) For each of these time periods, how many cars would need to be removed from Parramatta Road to allow it to function adequately and render the WestConnex project unnecessary?
- (2) What other solutions have been investigated to reduce congestion on Parramatta Road?
- (3) What public transport solutions have been investigated to reduce congestion on Parramatta Road?
 - (a) Why were they not adopted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about travel speeds on Parramatta Road is contained in the Key Roads Performance Report available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (2) The WestConnex project will address congestion on Parramatta Road and will allow motorists to avoid up to 52 sets of traffic lights, creating a saving of 40 minutes on a trip from Parramatta to Sydney Airport. It will remove up to 3,000 trucks a day from Parramatta Road and put them in underground tunnels, returning the surface roads and land uses to local communities.

Investigations along the Parramatta corridor revealed that an increase in the capacity of the turning movements at five intersections is needed to reduce congestion along this corridor between Concord and Ashfield.

These five intersections are Wentworth Road, Shaftesbury Road, Great North Road, Wattle Street and Liverpool Road, and they have been identified as part of the Pinch Point Program. Roads and Maritime Services is currently working on designs for the intersections.

- (3) The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan includes public transport solutions for the Parramatta Road corridor. WestConnex is one of more than 80 projects outlined in the Long Term Transport Master Plan to address the State's complex transport needs.

Further details of the Government's WestConnex project are available online at www.westconnex.com.au

*4425 ACHIEVING INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Budget Paper 2, table 1.7 (pages 1-31) shows General Government Sector Net Debt will grow from \$13.032 billion to \$15.720 billion and Total State Sector Net Debt will grow from \$44.437 billion to \$49.066 billion:

- (1) How will the Government meet its intergenerational equity goal of "lowering total state net debt, as delivered in this budget" (Budget Paper 2, page 1-33)?
- (2) Will the Government reduce the General Government Sector Debt and the Total State Sector Net Debt this year?
 - (a) If so, why are the budget estimates (table 1.7) contradictory?
 - (b) If not, is the statement "as delivered in the budget" accurate?

Answer—

- (1) The actions taken by this Government in the 2013-14 Budget have reduced the estimate of General Government net debt to \$15.7 billion for 2013-14, a reduction of \$4.8 billion compared to the 2012-13 Budget.

By 2014-15 total Non-financial Public Sector net debt is now forecast to be \$8.9 billion dollars less than forecast when we came to Government.

- (2) Yes. Refer to answer 1.
 - (a) Refer to answer 1.
 - (b) N/A.

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*4426 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- (1) Is the review into the Community Offender Support Program Centre referred to in the public announcement of 9 August 2013 publicly available?
- (2) If so, where is the review available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The internal review of the Community Offender Support Program centres is not publicly available.

*4427 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many employee positions are affected by the announcement on 9 August 2013 of the discontinuation of six Community Offender Support Program Centres and the privatisation of one?
- (2) How many redundancies will be offered in relation to these positions?
- (3) How many redundancies have been accepted to date in relation to these positions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 65 permanent employees.
- (2) 29, as at 24 September 2013.
- (3) 22, as at 24 September 2013.

*4428 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRE REPLACEMENT COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What assessments have been done of the cost of non-government organisations in running the programs that will replace Community Offender Support Program Centres?
- (2) Where are these assessments available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) To assess potential costs, Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) reviewed and analysed costs associated with a number of existing funded services including: services provided to offenders under the transitional services stream of the CSNSW Community Funding Program; services provided to young offenders under the Juvenile Justice Joint Support Program; and employee Awards and costing benchmarks such as those related to the Australian Government's Supported Accommodation and Assistance Program (SAAP).
- (2) The assessments have not been consolidated into a single report.

*4429 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM STAFF RE-EMPLOYMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Will any arrangements be made for Corrective Services staff employed in discontinued Community Offender Support Program Centres to be employed by the non-government organisations which will provide replacement programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

Arrangements have been made for a number of Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) staff employed in discontinued Community Offender Support Program (COSP) centres to be redeployed within CSNSW.

While no specific arrangements will be made for CSNSW staff employed at COSPs to be employed by the non-government organisations who tender to provide accommodation and support services, staff are able to apply for employment with these organisations.

*4430 CORRECTIVE SERVICES VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many vacancies are there in positions in Corrective Services NSW as at 1 August 2013?
- (2) How many vacancies are there in Community Corrections Officer positions as at 1 August 2013?
- (3) Which positions in question (2) are vacant and in which offices?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following figures are provided as at 1 August 2013, however, since that date there has been significant recruitment activity to fill these positions:

- (1) 462.7 full time equivalent positions were fully vacant.
- (2) 49 full time equivalent positions were fully vacant.
- (3) The positions in question 2 were distributed across all Community Corrections Offices in New South Wales.

Recruitment activity is ongoing.

*4431 CORRECTIVE SERVICES VEHICLE REGISTRATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Were any vehicles owned by Corrective Services NSW unavailable for use in October 2012 due to delays in their registration?
- (2) Were any Corrective Services NSW employees directed at any time in October 2012 not to use Corrective Services vehicles because of delays in the process of the vehicles' registration?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.

*4432 CORRECTIVE SERVICES SUPERVISION OF PAROLEES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Which key performance indicators, if any, have been met by Corrective Services NSW staff in supervising Tier 3 parolees?

Answer—

I am advised:

Offenders supervised in the community by Corrective Services NSW are grouped into tiers denoting the seriousness of their offending behaviour. Tier 3 offenders are those offenders with the most serious offending behaviour.

New service delivery standards were established for offenders across the tiers in May 2013. These standards provide a quantitative measure of service delivery at each Community Corrections Office. These standards are measured over time. Insufficient time has elapsed to make robust comparisons of performance against these standards.

*4433 YOUTH AND SPORT CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What payments, if any, have been made by the Government to:

- (a) Global Islamic Youth Centre Incorporated;
- (b) Global Islamic Youth Centre;
- (c) Global Sports and Function Centre;
- (d) Global Sports and Function Centre Ltd?

Answer—

Global Sports and Function Centre Limited received a total of \$33,000 from the former Labor Government under the 2009 Community Building Partnership program.

*4434 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT COMPANY FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What payments, if any, have been made by the Government to:

- (a) Precision Training Australia Pty Ltd;
- (b) Precision Employment Pty Ltd;
- (c) Precision Industries Australia Pty Limited;
- (d) Insight Training Group Australia Pty Ltd?

Answer—

I am advised no payments have been made by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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*4435 GAME COUNCIL ABOLITION CONSULTATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Was there any consultation with other affected parties after the Government received the Governance Review of the Game Council of NSW and prior to the abolition of the Game Council of NSW on 5 July 2013?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

The governance review of the Game Council NSW was commissioned by the NSW Government and was a thorough and comprehensive evaluation involving consultation with all major stakeholders. A copy of the review may be found at <http://www.gamecouncil.nsw.gov.au/docs/report-DunnReview.pdf>

*4436 GRAHAMSTOWN WATER TREATMENT PLANT TENDER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has there been a call for expressions of interest to tender for the complete operation and maintenance of the Grahamstown Water Treatment Plant?
- (2) If so, what measures will be put in place to ensure that safe standards of maintenance will continue at the plant when it is under the control of a private operator?

Answer—

The question raised by Ms Hornery falls under the administration of the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Finance and Services, and should be directed accordingly.

*4437 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure New South Wales hospitals meet national targets when assessing waiting times in emergency departments?
- (2) How is the Minister working towards the goal of treating and transferring or discharging 71 per cent of patients within four hours of arrival at emergency departments?
- (3) How successful have these actions been in achieving this goal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) NSW Health is committed to achieving the National Emergency Access Target (NEAT). Achievement of NEAT requires whole of system strategies to improve access to the right care in the right place at the right time for patients.

Despite increased activity, NSW hospitals are progressing well in their National Emergency Access Target performance, with an increase from 59% to 65% in the April-June quarter year-to-year. NSW is well on its way to meeting the 71% benchmark by the end of the year.

The 'Whole of Hospital Program' was commenced in 2013, which is designed to support Local Health Districts in driving the strategic change needed to improve access to care and patient flow across NSW Health. The fundamental feature of this Program is local leadership, where the NSW Ministry of Health and the other health agencies work together to support and facilitate local Program teams to deliver results.

Local Health Districts tailor improvement strategies to the needs of individual hospitals, and include capacity building, smarter staffing, patient flow improvements and boosting clinical leadership.

*4438 HUNTER INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDIC UNITS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why are there only two six-person intensive care paramedic units in the Hunter (which has a population of more than 500,000) when the Central Coast (which has a population of 300,000) has three units?
- (2) Will the Hunter be allocated more specialist paramedic units?
 - (a) If so, when;
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There are no six-person Intensive Care Paramedic units in the Hunter or elsewhere in NSW,

including the Central Coast.

The Hunter New England Sector continues to increase the number of Intensive Care Paramedics across the Sector by providing an upgrade of the clinical skills of all paramedics to provide all patients with greater access to advanced clinical care and treatments.

*4439 INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA GLENDALE INTERCHANGE SUBMISSION—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—

Have you made a submission to Infrastructure Australia that the Glendale Interchange be considered as a priority project?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when was the submission made?

Answer—

I am advised:

Lake Macquarie City Council is leading the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange project and therefore discussions between the NSW Government and Commonwealth on its funding needs are ongoing.

The project's Stage 1 – Glendale Road Bridge has previously attracted \$7 million from the Commonwealth through Round 2 of the Regional Development Australia Fund (a stream of Infrastructure Australia's Regional Infrastructure Fund). The NSW Government has also allocated \$15 million to Stage 1 - Glendale Road Bridge through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund.

The project has been identified in the Hunter Strategic Infrastructure Plan (HSIP) due for submission to the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport by end of September 2013.

The HSIP provides an overview of the strategic, long term infrastructure needs for the Lower Hunter region, and a platform for negotiations with the Commonwealth on the future infrastructure funding priorities. The HSIP identifies the Stage 1 project as a priority infrastructure project for consideration by the Commonwealth. However, Lake Macquarie Council is the owner of the project and onus is with Council to seek further Commonwealth funding for this initiative.

I am advised by Transport for NSW that the Stage 2 project including potential train station and related interchange facilities is not yet funded or planned. Transport for NSW continues to work with Lake Macquarie City Council to monitor transport patronage and demand for a train station in the long term.

*4440 COMMUNITY OFFENDER SUPPORT PROGRAM CENTRE COST—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How much will it cost a non-government organisation to run a Community Offender Support Program Centre in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Specifications are currently being developed for a tender process open to non-government organisations to provide accommodation and support services for homeless offenders at Corrective Services NSW's Campbelltown residential facility. As this will be a competitive tender process, the costs are not currently known.

*4441 HUNTER WATER COMPLAINTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) How many complaints were made to Hunter Water from the Wallsend electorate in the 2012-13 financial year?
- (2) Of these complaints, how many were in relation to bill estimations?

Answer—

One hundred and sixty complaints were received during 2012-13.

Only one complaint was made during 2012-13 relating to a bill estimation. Hunter Water was unable to read the property's meter due to a locked gate. Hunter Water then wrote to the customer requesting they provide the meter reading. When no reply was received, Hunter Water took an estimated meter reading.

*4442 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

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- (1) When will the Government release the new early childhood education funding schedule?
- (2) How much money was the State Government allocated by the Federal Government under the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education?
- (3) How much of this allocation has the Government spent?
- (4) Where has the Government spent this allocation?

Answer—

- (1) The final detail of the new funding model for community preschools will be released later this year.
- (2) NSW was allocated \$278.6 million under the National Partnership on Early Childhood Education which ran over five years.
- (3) and (4) Commonwealth funding over the course of the National Partnership on Early Childhood Education has been used to support universal access to preschool for children in the year before they start formal schooling.

In the first three years of the National Partnership, Commonwealth funding was used to support the State's universal access goals through increasing the renewable funding provided to community preschools and providing a one-off contribution to the cost of employing early childhood teachers.

Funding from the fourth year of the Agreement has been divided between a range of strategic initiatives that support the early childhood sector and the Government's proposed reform of the community preschool funding system. Initiatives include \$20 million for community preschools to reduce fees; \$5 million in capital funding for eligible preschools to expand and offer more preschool places; and a range of projects such as scholarships for early childhood teaching and trials of cluster management approaches.

As payment of National Partnership funding in 2012/13 was delayed by the Commonwealth, unspent funding has been rolled over. Unspent Commonwealth funding will be directed to the new community preschool funding model and related National Partnership projects.

*4443 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

What evidence regarding the feasibility of light rail was used to justify the Government's decision to commit to light rail in Newcastle?

Answer—

The Newcastle Light Rail project is a coordinated, whole-of-government decision to support the renewal of the Newcastle City Centre.

The NSW Government will direct \$340 million from the 99 year lease of Newcastle Port to the revitalisation of Newcastle in addition to \$120 million already committed by the government. A further \$10 million has also been allocated as part of a broader light rail plan to investigate expanding light rail to surrounding suburbs and beaches in Newcastle.

*4444 BULLI MEMORIAL DRIVE EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What planning works are currently underway for the extension of Memorial Drive at Bulli?
- (2) Do any of these planning works involve the purchase of private property?
 - (a) If so, how many properties still need to be purchased?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated to these planning works?
- (4) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services is currently reviewing technical investigations.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services has previously purchased properties affected by road corridors between Memorial Drive and Bulli Pass. No further property acquisitions are currently planned.
- (3) and (4) A budget of \$500,000 is available for planning works in 2013–14.

*4445 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL CAR PARK REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the current ratio of hospital beds to car park spaces at Wollongong Hospital?
- (2) What will this ratio be following the redevelopment of the car park and the upgrade of the hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Following completion of the Wollongong Hospital car park redevelopment, car parking spaces will increase by almost 50% to 1474 spaces.

*4446 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING ACCOMODATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many public or social housing dwellings were built or had building commence in the financial year ending 30 June 2013?
 (2) How many of these dwellings were situated in the following postcodes:
 (a) 2770;
 (b) 2766;
 (c) 2761?
 (3) How do the figures in (1) and (2) compare to the two previous financial years?
 (4) How do the figures in (1), (2) and (3) compare to the figures put forward in the budget for each financial year?

Answer—

Information about the number of social housing dwellings is available on the Housing NSW website.

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*4447 SOUTH COAST TRAIN LINE TIMETABLE CONSULTATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What were the findings of the consultation conducted in the review of the new South Coast Line train timetable?
 (2) Does the draft timetable align with the findings of this consultation?
 (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Throughout 2012, Transport for NSW undertook unprecedented levels of stakeholder and community consultation, which resulted in the development of the Long Term Transport Master Plan and Sydney's Rail Future.

These consultation channels provided Transport for NSW with clear messages about what the community wants from public transport and were central in drafting the new train timetable.

The new timetable focuses on reducing timetable complexity, revising stopping patterns to better reflect customer demand, improving distribution of passenger loads across services, introducing new services and reducing overall journey times, particularly for longer distance customers.

Information about the new timetable is available at www.newtimetables.com.au.

*4448 IMPACT OF ROZELLE VILLAGE ON SYDNEY METRO—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Minister uphold the consent letter issued by Sydney Metro dated 11 November 2010 which is currently being used in the assessment of the Part 3A application by Rozelle Village Pty Ltd?
 (2) Why has a new consent letter not been issued?
 (3) Has Transport NSW considered how the use of the site at 170 Victoria Road Rozelle will impact the constructibility and use of the future Metro station, as required by the various briefing notes and the current consent letter?
 (4) What is the future intention for the site at 170 Victoria Road Rozelle?
 (5) What arrangements, financial or otherwise, have been made with Rozelle Village Pty Ltd to use and or acquire the site at 170 Victoria Road Rozelle?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 'Owner's Consent' letter was provided by the then Sydney Metro entity, for which Transport for NSW is now responsible.

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- (2) The 'Owner's Consent' letter was not time-limited.
- (3) The potential impacts of the Rozelle Village development on a possible future Metro Station and rail infrastructure at this location is required to be addressed in Rozelle Village's Development Application process.
- (4) The subject land has been strategically assessed and reviewed by Transport for NSW.
- (5) No discussions have been held with Rozelle Village since the 'Owner's Consent' letter.

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*4449 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 INTEREST EXPENSE AS A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to interest expense as a percentage of revenue as shown in Chart 8.1 of Budget Paper 2:

What was the interest expense as a percentage of revenue in :

- (a) 1997;
- (b) 1996;
- (c) 1995;
- (d) 1994;
- (e) 1993?

Answer—

The interest expense as a percentage of revenue for the years requested is not available on the same basis because Budget data was cash based and is now accrual based. Also, in the years for which data has been requested, the Budget was presented on a Budget Dependant rather than General Government basis and therefore is not comparable.

*4450 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will any of the funds from the sale of electricity generators be allocated to the construction of alternative energy sources?
- (2) If so, what percentage of funds will be allocated?
- (3) If so, what alternative energy sources will be constructed?
- (4) If not, where will the funds be allocated?

Answer—

The allocation of electricity generator sale proceeds is governed by the Electricity Generator Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2012 and are to be paid into the Restart NSW Fund. Payments out of the Restart NSW Fund are governed by the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011.

*4451 ENCLOSURE OF CROWN ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) How many Crown roads presently exist in New South Wales?
- (2) How many Crown roads are under enclosure permits?
- (3) How many Crown roads are illegally enclosed and not under any tender?
- (4) How much income is estimated to be lost by the Government as a result of no tenders?

Answer—

- (1) Crown roads are identified by area and location, not number. The Crown road network covers an area of nearly 620,000 hectares.
- (2) As of September 1, 2013 there were 29,009 enclosure permits across the state.
- (3) Approximately 345,000 hectares of Crown road are not under tenure.
- (4) Information has not been collected on income foregone as a result of confirmed illegal enclosures.

*4452 RECREATIONAL ANGLERS ACCESS TO CROWN ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

What is the process for handling complaints from recreational anglers about denial of public access to Crown roads?

Answer—

Following a complaint about physical denial of access to a particular Crown road the Department would investigate the complaint, undertake an inspection where appropriate and prepare a report.

If the road is confirmed to be a Crown road where access has been denied the Department will pursue removal of impediments with relevant landholders.

*4453 EASY ACCESS STATION UPGRADES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many easy access station upgrades were completed prior to the March 2011 election?
- (2) How many easy access upgrades were completed under the 16 years of the previous Government?
- (3) What is the average number of easy access upgrades completed each year of the previous Government?
- (4) How many of the easy access upgrades completed since you became Minister were announced and funded under the previous Government's Budgets?
- (5) How many of the easy access upgrades completed since you became Minister were announced and funded under the current Government's Budgets?
- (6) Is the \$40 million allocated for easy access upgrades to be spent over a four year period?
- (7) How many easy access upgrades will this \$40 million fund?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (3) Only 124 out of 307 stations were considered wheelchair accessible when we came to Government.
- (4) (5) Since March 2011, 49 accessibility projects have been completed or announced for delivery under the Transport Access Program.
- (6) (7) Easy access upgrades are part of the new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years, which will see improvements at more than 60 locations.

*4454 IDLE TRAIN CARRIGES ON THE HUNTER LINE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to 2 carriage sets which run on the Hunter line and are to be coupled together for morning peak hour services:

- (1) Will additional services be added to the Hunter line timetable to ensure the carriages do not sit idle once uncoupled?
- (2) If so, what are the proposed additional services?
- (3) If not, what other line will they be utilized on?
- (4) If not, how many hours per day will the carriages stand idle?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Hunter Line timetable has been amended to provide a more efficient, regular patterned service for Hunter customers.
- (2) See answer to 1.
- (3) There are currently no plans to operate Hunter rollingstock on other lines.
- (4) During the day, a number of two-carriage sets are taken out of service for regular or periodic maintenance, to refuel, or for other operational reasons.

*4455 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to Budget Paper No 2, Non-Commercial Public Trading Enterprising Capital Expenditure (pages 9-15 to 9-20):

- (1) How do you explain the disparity between the figure of \$320 million for capital expenditure in Table 9.4 and the figure of \$280 million on page 9-20?
- (2) What portion of the capital expenditure in 2013-14 will come from rental income?
- (3) What portion of the capital expenditure in 2013-14 will come from asset sales?

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(4) Are the asset sites to be sold currently known and listed?

(5) When will the asset sites be sold?

Answer—

1. Non-commercial PTE capital expenditure of \$320 million includes expenditure of Land and Housing Corporation and several other organisations. 2-3. Financial Statements are available in Land and Housing Corporation Annual Reports. 4. & 5. The Government is continually considering the make-up of the public housing portfolio to make sure it is fit for purpose and meeting tenant needs.

*4456 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many outstanding Housing NSW maintenance issues have there been in the Cessnock Electorate over the past six months?

Answer—

Timeframes for responsive repairs vary depending on the urgency of the matter.

Approximately 90% of works orders issued are completed within agreed timeframes, with the balance being resolved shortly after. Delays may be a result of property access issues and unforeseen site conditions.

*4457 IPART REPORT AND TAFE NSW FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

Regarding TAFE NSW funding and the IPART report on Pricing Vocational Education and Training (VET) under Smart and Skilled:

(1) Is the funding for TAFE NSW in 2013-14 \$1.8 billion?

(2) Was IPART provided with a figure of total cost to government, such as \$1.8 billion, on which to base its VET pricing?

(3) What would be the total cost of VET Education in New South Wales if actual TAFE enrolments in 2013, by student numbers and subject, were applied to the IPART VET pricing in the Draft Report?

Answer—

(1) The TAFE NSW 2013-14 expenditure budget is \$1,842.9 million as specified in the State Budget Papers.

(2) IPART was provided with information including Budget papers.

(3) The 2013 TAFE enrolments have not been finalised.

*4458 EASY ACCESS LIFTS AT CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Has the Government completed a feasibility study on the need to upgrade Chester Hill Railway Station to include Easy Access lifts?

(2) If so, when was the feasibility study completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 April 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years.

Since the beginning of the Program, 115 projects have either been delivered or are underway, including a commitment to build nine new commuter car parks, providing more than 1,200 additional car spaces at train stations across the rail network.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next, centred on evidence based criteria including: current and future patronage, the needs and demographics of customers who use the location, whether important services such as hospitals or educational facilities are nearby and the accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities. Chester Hill Station will be considered as a part of this work.

*4459 CRIMINAL OFFENCES AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

How many criminal offences have been reported at the following Sydney Trains stations during the January to June 2013 period:

- (a) Fairfield;
- (b) Canley Vale;
- (c) Villawood;
- (d) Yennora;
- (e) Guildford;
- (f) Chester Hill;
- (g) Carramar;
- (h) Leighton Field?

Answer—

I am advised:

Crime statistics are provided by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) when measuring trends in recorded offences on the rail network, and are publicly available.

*4460 FAIRFIELD ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER ALLOCATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to the answer to Question 4126 which quotes a figure of 80.8 full time equivalent English as a Second Language teachers allocated to schools and Intensive English Centres in 2013:

How many of these teachers were allocated to schools in the Fairfield Electorate?

Answer—

The response to Question 4126 referred to schools and Intensive English Centres in the Fairfield Electorate.

*4461 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many teachers were allocated to schools in the Fairfield Electorate under the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan?
- (2) What schools were allocated teachers under the Plan?

Answer—

One full time Instructional Leader has been appointed to Villawood East Public School in the Fairfield electorate under the Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan.

*4462 WESTMEAD DENTAL HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the annual capacity of the Westmead Dental Hospital to provide dental work for low income members of the community?
- (2) How many procedures were performed at the Westmead Dental Hospital during the 2012-13 period?

Answer—

I am advised:

Treatment is provided to patients eligible for public dental care, in accordance with NSW Health policy. Public dental services in New South Wales target adults who are low income earners through the provision of free dental care to holders of Pension Concession Cards and Health Care Cards. The Government also provides targeted services for homeless youth and adults, in collaboration with non-government organisations, dental professional groups and volunteers.

The information on the volume of activity of public dental services at a state level is reported in the Budget Papers

*4463 X-RAY MACHINE AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the new X-ray machine at Fairfield Hospital operational?
- (2) If so, when did it come online?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new X-ray machine at Fairfield Hospital is operational. The machine was installed in June-July 2013 and commenced service on 16 July 2013.

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*4464 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the timeline for the appointment of the new Chairperson and new Chief Executive Officer to the Community Relations Commission?

Answer—

Applications for the roles of part time Chairperson and full time Chief Executive Officer of the Community Relations Commission closed on 22 September 2013. It is anticipated that appointments to the roles will be made before the retirement of the current Chairperson/Chief Executive Officer at the end of November 2013.

*4465 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) What process will be put in place for the appointment of Commissioners to the Community Relations Commission?

(2) What selection criteria will be used?

Answer—

(1) The current process incorporates the requirements of the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000 and instructions of the Premier and the Department of Premier and Cabinet relating to appointments to government boards and committees.

Part-time Commissioners are appointed by the Governor of New South Wales on the recommendation of the Minister through Cabinet.

(2) The selection criteria used for appointment is as follows:

The appointment is on the basis of qualifications, experience and sensitivity to multicultural issues.

*4466 VACANT HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many Housing NSW properties are vacant in the following suburbs:

- (a) Villawood;
- (b) Smithfield;
- (c) Fairfield;
- (d) Heckenberg?

Answer—

The number of Land and Housing Corporation properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis.

*4467 WHEAT BAGS FIRE DANGER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Are manufacturers required to warn consumers of the fire danger of wheat bags?

(2) What regulations are being enforced in relation to labelling the fire danger on imported wheat bags?

Answer—

Neither manufacturers nor importers are currently required to warn consumers of the possible fire danger of wheat bags.

Fair Trading can, if it has reasonable cause to believe that any representations made in connection with the sale of wheat bags are false or misleading, issue the manufacturer or supplier with a notice under section 219 of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), requiring the trader to substantiate those claims. If the claims cannot be substantiated, then action can be taken under section 29 of the (ACL) for making false or misleading representations.

Fair Trading referred wheat bags to the Product Safety Consultative Committee, chaired by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commissioner, for review in May 2013. It has been proposed that a voluntary Australian Standard be progressed based on the British Standard BS 8433:2004 Microwavable personal warmers specification. The assessment process for introducing an Australian Standard has commenced, with action underway to convene the relevant technical committee.

Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Fair Trading are working on a joint public education campaign to highlight the fire risks associated with the use of wheat bags, particularly for the elderly and children. In

June 2013, Fair Trading issued a public warning about the risks associated with the use of wheat bags and continues to work actively to raise public awareness through media releases and social media platforms.

*4468 REFUND AND EXCHANGE WARRANTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Is the Minister or Fair Trading monitoring compliance to the Australian Consumer Law in relation to implied warranties with respect to refunds and exchange given the higher level of consumer activity in Father's Day sales?

Answer—

Since the inception of the Australian Consumer Law in January 2011, NSW Fair Trading has been actively assisting consumers and businesses understand their rights and obligations.

Fair Trading conducts proactive inspection programs to determine the level of compliance with the Australian Consumer Law in relation to consumer guarantees. These activities continue throughout the year. Recently, Fair Trading conducted "Operation Consumer Detriment" on 12-13 August 2013, shortly before the commencement of the Fathers' Day sales. Over 175 retailers were inspected across New South Wales concerning refund signs, mandatory wording in warranties and documentation required for lay-bys.

*4469 GIFT CARD CORPORATION NON COMPLIANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Further to Fair Trading's inspections last year of 28 gift cards which found that only 43 per cent showed critical information:

- (1) Has Fair Trading investigated the specific instances where those corporations responsible for the gift cards did not comply with the Australian Consumer Law?
- (2) If not, does the Government intend to follow up on those breaches?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading conducted 'Operation Gift Card' in September 2012, which inspected 28 gift cards from various retailers. The operation identified two retailers which did not comply with section 151 of the Australian Consumer Law. The breaches related to false or misleading representations by the sales representatives in comparison to what was stated on the card or packaging, and resulted in formal warnings being issued to both retailers.

*4470 STACEY STREET UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the 2013-14 budget provide funding to upgrade Stacey Street, Bankstown?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 2013-14 Government budget is available on the Government website.
- (2) All proposals for road infrastructure improvements in New South Wales are assessed in accordance with statewide priorities, taking account of available funding.

*4471 CONGESTION AT INTERSECTION OF HUME HIGHWAY AND STACEY STREET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How will the Government alleviate traffic congestion in the Bankstown Electorate during peak hour, particularly at the intersection of the Hume Highway and Stacey Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

The traffic control signals at the intersection of the Hume Highway and Stacey Street are controlled by the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System, which automatically allocates time on a need basis to the prevailing traffic flow and pedestrian demand.

This system can be altered remotely to address individual issues, such as accidents or spillages that may affect traffic flow. The site is monitored by the Transport Management Centre via Closed Circuit Television.

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*4472 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Will the Government commit to upgrading Henry Lawson Drive in 2013-14?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 2013-14 Government budget is available on the Government website.
- (2) Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services will continue to monitor the performance and condition of Henry Lawson Drive and periodically reassess its priority.

*4473 CLEANING OF TRAIN INTERIORS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Of the \$3.5 million spent on cleaning the interior of trains:

- (1) How many carriages, if any, were cleaned on the Bankstown line?
- (2) How many carriages on the entire network were cleaned?
 - (a) How many of these carriages were suburban carriages?
 - (b) How many of these carriages were Countrylink carriages?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 1166 carriages were cleaned on the Bankstown Line.
- (2)
 - (a) A total of 1356 suburban carriages were cleaned.
 - (b) CountryLink trains were not included in the cleaning blitz.

*4474 BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

The Transport NSW document "Review of Environmental Factors for the Bankstown Station Upgrade" dated 1 February 2013 states "Construction would commence in 2013 and it is anticipated to take approximately 15 months to complete" (page 1):

- (1) Is construction of the Bankstown station upgrade going to commence in 2013?
- (2) Is the Bankstown station upgrade going to be completed by mid 2015?
- (3) Has there been a delay in the construction of the Bankstown station upgrade?
- (4) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Design and planning works for the Bankstown Station upgrade have been ongoing throughout 2013 in order to refine the project scope and produce the best value for money outcome for transport customers.

Early works for the project, such as service relocations, are likely to commence in late 2013. Major construction activities are scheduled to commence in 2014, following completion of detailed design, and be completed by 2015.

*4475 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

When will the Minister appoint a Commissioner to the Commission for Children and Young People?

Answer—

Ms Kerryn Boland was appointed acting Commissioner for Children and Young People on 23 March 2013.

Following the transfer of the Working With Children Check functions of the Commission for Children and Young People, the Government facilitated a series of public consultations on how to strengthen child and youth advocacy in New South Wales. A new advocacy model is currently being considered and it would be inappropriate to fill the Commissioner role while the outcomes of the consultations are still being discussed.

*4476 CONSUMER RUN MENTAL HEALTH ORGANISATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the Government's policy on consumer run mental health organisations?
- (2) What consumer run mental health organisations does the Government fund?
- (3) How does the Government support or promote consumer run mental health organisations?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to support consumer run mental health organisations?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health works with a wide range of organisations which have strong consumer representation. These include Local Health Districts, peak organisations such as the Consumer Advisory Group (NSW CAG) and the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) as well as numerous Community Managed Mental Health Organisations.

The NSW CAG receives funding for their annual core functions from the NSW Mental Health Commission. NSW CAG is an independent, state-wide peak organisation of people with a lived experience of mental illness.

New South Wales has two representatives on the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum (NMHCCF): one consumer representative and one carer representative. This representation acts as a bridge between the State and Commonwealth initiatives and activities. The NMHCCF is supported by the Mental Health Council of Australia and is funded by Australian, and State and Territory Governments.

Each Local Health District employs Consumer Support Workers with a lived experience of mental illness, and receives training to support and advise consumers receiving treatment, their families and carers. The Consumer Workers are supported through an annual Consumer Worker Forum, funded by the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office in the Ministry of Health.

The Mental Health Commission Act 2012 established not only the NSW Commission, but stipulates that the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner must have, or have had, a lived experience of mental illness. The Commission has also been tasked with developing a NSW Mental Health Strategy which involves extensive consultations and involvement of mental health consumers, carers and families. The NSW Mental Health Strategy will engage mental health consumers, carers and families to promote improvements to the mental health service system and outcomes.

*4477 RECOVERY ORIENTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the Government's policy on recovery oriented mental health services?
- (2) What mental health services in New South Wales operate using a recovery oriented framework?
 - (a) How does the Government assess this?
- (3) How does the Government support or promote recovery oriented mental health services?
- (4) What training or professional development does the Government provide or fund for these services?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to expand the use of the recovery oriented framework?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support recovery oriented mental health?

Answer—

I am advised:

Responsibility for mental health services falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western NSW, and the Member's question should be redirected accordingly.

*4478 DRUG RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to concern about drug resistant Tuberculosis:

- (1) What data does the Government have about numbers and trends in Tuberculosis notifications?
- (2) What data does the Government have about numbers and trends in drug resistant Tuberculosis in New South Wales?
- (3) What data does the Government have about numbers and trends in Tuberculosis in the Sydney electorate?
- (4) What initiatives are in place to address early assessment and treatment of Tuberculosis, particularly in at-risk groups?
- (5) What Tuberculosis services are provided in the Sydney electorate?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to further address drug resistant Tuberculosis in New South Wales?

Answer—

Under the NSW Public Health Act 2010 doctors, hospitals and laboratories must notify NSW Health of all cases of tuberculosis (TB). The data is reported routinely in Communicable Disease Reports and on the NSW Health website. NSW Health reports on tuberculosis notifications by Local Health District, not electoral division boundaries. NSW Health also monitors the number of drug resistant cases.

The NSW Health TB Program aims to ensure that comprehensive services are accessible and available to reduce the burden of disease and prevent the transmission of tuberculosis within the community. In New South Wales, tuberculosis treatment is free and confidential. The key strategies to achieve the goals of the New South Wales TB Program include:

- Case finding that promotes early and accurate diagnosis of people with tuberculosis. Prompt and effective treatment in people with active tuberculosis in supervised programs. Screening amongst high-risk groups to identify people with tuberculosis infection who can be given tuberculosis preventive treatment and to identify people with active tuberculosis who require treatment.
- Timely surveillance and reporting of program data.

New South Wales has a network of Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Service/Chest Clinics located across the state, of which there are two in the Sydney electorate: one at Sydney Hospital and one at St. Vincent's Hospital. The network provides free and confidential screening, testing, treatment and management services for persons identified with tuberculosis and the general community. The New South Wales TB Program also works to prevent the development of drug resistant TB in NSW by ensuring all TB patients receive appropriate curative regimens, with Directly Observed Therapy implemented by all Chest Clinics.

To effectively contain and to promote best practice management, NSW Health convenes an expert panel to review all new cases of drug resistant tuberculosis in New South Wales and their contacts. People infected with drug resistant tuberculosis are closely monitored to ensure they adhere to and complete their treatment regimen. Where required, NSW Health can use powers under the Public Health Act 2010 to control the risk of spread of tuberculosis.

*4479 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to requests for broadening eligibility for Year 7 at Sydney Boys High School and the promised statewide review of Selective High Schools:

- (1) When will this review commence and how long will it take?
- (2) What Terms of Reference will apply to the review?
- (3) How will the Government inform the community and other stakeholders about the review process and timeframes?
- (4) How will the Government consult with school communities and Parents and Citizens Associations as part of this review?
- (5) How will the Government keep the community informed about review recommendations and reports?
- (6) When will any changes be implemented as a result of the review?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure widespread understanding of and participation in the review?

Answer—

- (1) Preparation for the Department of Education and Communities' review is underway and it is expected it will be completed by the end of October 2013.
- (2) The Terms of Reference are:
 - An examination of and advice on the criteria, policies and procedures used to determine student placement in Year 7 selective classes.
 - The provision of advice on technology solutions, including websites used to support applicants and their families seeking placement in Year 7 selective classes.
 - An examination of the resources required to complete the Year 7 selective class placement process.
- (3) The Department of Education and Communities will contact appropriate groups directly.
- (4) As above.
- (5) The community will be informed through the Department of Education and Communities' website, newsletters and the information provided directly to parents/caregivers of students applying for placement in a Year 7 selective class.

- (6) Decisions regarding any changes to criteria, policies and procedures used to determine student placement in Year 7 selective classes will be made when the review is complete.
- (7) The NSW Department of Education and Communities will use appropriate communication strategies to communicate with relevant stakeholders.

*4480 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES IN THE INNER CITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

Regarding proposed changes to high school catchment boundaries in response to Sydney Secondary College being at capacity:

- (1) What feedback about transport changes did inner city schools and parents provide as part of the consultation on this proposal?
- (2) What changes will be made to inner city school bus services in 2014 to ensure students can get to school?
- (3) What school bus services will be provided for students travelling to Alexandria Park from Potts Point, Woolloomooloo, Darlinghurst and Surry Hills?
- (4) What other action does the Government propose to improve school transport in the inner city?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. Questions regarding catchment boundaries for high schools should be directed to the Minister for Education.

2-4. State Transit will review the existing bus service arrangements for inner city schools when these schools provide information on their student transport requirements for 2014.

*4481 BARANGAROO CASINO CONSULTATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How will the Government consult with the local community and the City of Sydney Council before a final decision is made on a second casino at Barangaroo to ensure that the casino's location will be socially and environmentally sustainable, that it would make the best use of the site and that the building will achieve design excellence?
 - (a) If so, what will this consultation consist of?
- (2) Will the Government commit to an independent planning process including the exhibition of a full environmental impact assessment before any development goes ahead at Barangaroo?
- (3) What consultation will the Government undertake with community groups and social welfare advocates regarding potential problem gambling impacts before any approval is given to a second casino in Sydney?
 - (a) If so, what will this consultation consist of?

Answer—

Any proposed changes to the Barangaroo Concept Plan for Barangaroo South to relocate the hotel would need to be proposed by Lend Lease by submitting an application to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for approval. The proposal would then be determined through the assessment processes, including public consultation, under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

*4482 CENTRAL SYDNEY ACCESS STRATEGY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Does the Government remain committed to its NSW 2021 goal to more than double the mode share of bicycle trips in the greater Sydney region by 2016?
- (2) Are new cycling routes needed to reach this goal given the 2010-11 baseline is 2.2 per cent of trips and last financial year it only reached 2.8 per cent?
- (3) Does the Government remain committed to the Sydney CBD Cycleway Network?
- (4) When will the Government deliver the Central Sydney Access Strategy?
- (5) Why is there a delay in the delivery of the Central Sydney Access Strategy given the City of Sydney Council is ready to deliver these routes and has approval from Roads and Maritime Services?
- (6) What work does the Government need to do before approving the Central Sydney Access Strategy?
- (7) How will the Government ensure there are safe east-west and north-south crossings in the Sydney CBD for cyclists?
- (8) What work has the Government undertaken on the City West Cycle Link and other cycling provisions within the Sydney Harbour Bridge's southern precinct?

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- (9) Does the Government plan to improve the operations of the Sydney Traffic and Transport Committee given it failed to approve a Central Sydney Access Strategy despite it being a key prerequisite at its 25 June 2013 meeting and that the Committee has hardly met?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Government is committed to completing the bicycle networks. The Government has seen a statistically significant increase in the mode share of bicycle trips in the Greater Sydney Region since the 2010 baseline measurement. The 2012 Sydney Cycling Survey report is now available on the Transport for NSW Bureau of Transport Statistics website.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The Sydney City Centre Access Strategy was released on 11 September 2013 for public consultation.
- (5) See answer to 4.
- (6) See answer to 4.
- (7) Key north-south and east-west links are contained in the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy.
- (8) The Government is considering alignment and corridor options to provide suitable separated bicycle path links to the inner west. The Government is currently examining route and alignment options to link the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway to Woolloomooloo.
- (9) The Central Sydney Traffic and Transport Committee met on 11 September 2013.

*4483 COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many complaints have been made against police in the last five years?
 - (a) What is the trend in the number of these complaints?
- (2) How many serious complaints have been made against police in the last five years?
 - (a) What is the trend in the number of these complaints?
- (3) How many complaints against police related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex people?
 - (a) How many of these were serious complaints?
- (4) What proportion of complaints against police relate to vulnerable community members such as victims of crime, young, Indigenous, homeless, and the mentally ill?
- (5) How many of these complaints were investigated internally by NSW Police?
 - (a) How many complaints were upheld?
- (6) How many of these complaints were investigated by the Police Integrity Commission?
 - (a) How many complaints were upheld?
- (7) How many of these complaints were investigated by the NSW Ombudsman?
 - (a) How many complaints were upheld?
- (8) When was the police complaints system last reviewed?
- (9) What reviews of the police complaints system are currently underway?
- (10) What further action will the Government take to review the police complaints system to ensure independence and community confidence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on the number of complaints made against the NSW Police Force are reported publicly in the NSW Ombudsman's and NSW Police Force's Annual Reports. The NSW Police Force complaints management system does not provide for the data to be readily broken down by categories of complainant as requested.

Questions regarding complaints investigated by the Police Integrity Commission and the Ombudsman should be directed to the Premier.

A review of the Police Act 1990 which provides the legislative framework for the complaints system is currently underway. As part of this review the former Federal Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland, has been appointed to examine the current arrangements for the oversight of police critical incidents to ensure community confidence in the system and to investigate whether improvements can be made to the system.

*4484 LICENSED PREMISES COMPLAINT PROCESSES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How does the Government inform the public about where noise and anti-social behaviour disturbance complaints against licensed premises can be submitted?
- (2) What obligations do operators of licensed premises have to report complaints made directly to them to relevant enforcement agencies?
- (3) How does the Government ensure the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, NSW Police Local Area Commands, the Office of Environment and Heritage, and local councils liaise and share information to ensure the appropriate follow up of complaints?
- (4) What programs does the Government have to coordinate responses by these agencies to disturbance complaints?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to improve responses to disturbance complaints by these agencies?

Answer—

- (1) The main mechanism is the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing's (OLGR) website. The website contains a number of factsheets targeted to different stakeholders.

In addition to the factsheets, OLGR presents on these matters at NSW Police training courses, local liquor accord meetings, Community Drug Action Team meetings and community forums.

OLGR has also contributed to the development of a "Who to Report to" resource by the City of Sydney which is intended for distribution to all residents within the local government area. This resource provides information on a variety of noise related issues.

- (2) There is no statutory requirement upon operators of licensed premises to report complaints made directly to them to enforcement agencies.
- (3) The OLGR has policies and procedures in place to ensure that complaints received are assessed and triaged to determine which matters are appropriate for investigation, referral to another regulatory agency, considered for intelligence purposes or subject to remedial action. If a complaint is investigated by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing inquiries include liaison with NSW Police Local Area Commands (NSW Police) and local councils as required. Where a matter is referred to NSW Police, local council or another regulatory agency a request for an investigation outcome is made and the matter is flagged for future review.
- (4) After receiving an application for a formal disturbance complaint under section 79 of the Liquor Act 2007, the Director General or a delegate is required to determine if it will be dealt with under the statutory provisions and the most appropriate mechanism to consider the issues raised by the complainant. A complaint may be dealt with by convening a conference to hear submissions or by inviting written submissions. OLGR's preferred approach in dealing with formal disturbance complaints is to actively engage with the complainant, the relevant licensee and other stakeholders including NSW Police and local councils to ascertain the underlying issues and identify the opportunity for an efficient resolution that is respectful to all parties' interests.

When a formal disturbance complaint is dealt with via written submissions OLGR requests advice from NSW Police and local council to support an informed view of the issues, understand previous engagement undertaken and understand all stakeholder viewpoints.

NSW Police are specifically requested to provide details of observations and visits to the subject licensed premise; disturbance issues which can reasonably be attributed to that premise or patrons of the premise; Police data base entries and any other matters that NSW Police deem relevant. Councils are asked to comment on any disturbance complaints received from residents concerning the licensed premises; pending Development Applications or building applications and any other matters the council consider relevant.

- (5) Senior staff from the OLGR have regular inter-agency meetings with NSW Police. These meetings are an important forum to discuss key issues and promote the exchange of information on regulatory matters including the handling of, and opportunity for improved outcomes in disturbance complaints.

OLGR will continue to work with all stakeholders including local councils, NSW Police, licensees, liquor accords and the local community in promoting early intervention and preventative measures and striving to achieve timely and effective resolution of complaints of undue disturbance.

*4485 OPERATING THEATRES AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many operating theatres are in use at Mount Druitt Hospital?

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- (2) Are there any plans to open additional operating theatres at Mount Druitt Hospital?
(3) If so, will these theatres be used for emergency surgery?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently three operating theatres in use at Mount Druitt Hospital and a fourth operating theatre is scheduled to open later this year. A fifth theatre is due to be opened in the first quarter of 2014.

Blacktown Mount Druitt Hospital is one health facility operating across two campuses. The "one service, two campuses" model provides a more efficient and effective health service by consolidating specialist services but continuing to provide general services at both campuses. Following extensive consultation with clinicians and the community, the BMDH Clinical Services Plan identifies that emergency surgery takes place on the Blacktown campus and planned surgery is managed across each of the campuses.

When patients present to the Mount Druitt campus, an appropriate assessment is conducted by Emergency Department clinicians. If required, any subsequent transfer of patients is based on the clinical assessment of their needs. All services are managed to ensure the highest levels of patient safety and care.

*4486 M2 MOTORWAY ACCIDENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many road accidents were reported on the M2 motorway over the past 12 months?
(2) What section of the M2 motorway has recorded the most accidents during this period?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of crashes on the M2 Motorway (North Ryde to Baulkham Hills) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2012 was 87.

The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes in which at least one person was killed or injured or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away. These are recorded in the Centre for Road Safety crash database. Figures are provided for the calendar year 2012 as data for June quarter 2013 is unfinalised and subject to change.

- (2) The eastbound carriageway from 400 metres west to 600 metres east of the Windsor Road overpass had the highest number of crashes per kilometre during this period.

*4487 PROGRESS OF ELECTRONIC WORK DIARY PILOT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the current progress of the Electronic Work Diary Pilot announced in 2011?
(2) Is the Electronic Work Diary Pilot complete?
(a) If not, when will the Electronic Work Diary Pilot be completed?
(b) If so, what have been the results of this initiative?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Operational Pilot of Electronic Work Diaries and Speed Monitoring Systems has been completed.
(2) The Pilot found that electronic work diaries are feasible from technical, operational and regulatory perspectives, and have the potential to generate safety and productivity benefits.

*4488 COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Was additional funding provided to the Community Road Safety Fund in the last financial year?
(a) If so, how much additional funding was provided?
(2) What amount will be in the Community Road Safety Fund by the end of the current financial year?
(3) What amount needs to be in the Community Road Safety Fund by the end of this financial year to deliver road safety initiatives?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community Road Safety Fund commenced from 1 May 2013. During May and June 2013 approximately \$19 million in revenue was collected.

The forecast revenue for 2013-14 is \$128 million, with an overall state road safety budget for 2013-14 of \$238 million.

*4489 WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TENDER—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

As provided for in the Government policy on tendering (December 2011):

- (1) Did the Windsor Bridge replacement project have an approved scope of work before going to tender?
 - (a) If so, where can this information be accessed?
- (2) Did the Windsor Bridge replacement project have an approved budget and approved contract price estimate before receipt of tenders?
 - (a) If so, where can this information be accessed?
- (3) Did the Windsor Bridge replacement project have a documented tender evaluation, recommendation and approval process?
 - (a) If so, where can this information be accessed?
- (4) Does the Windsor Bridge replacement project have a governance structure that establishes independent approval through the procurement process?
 - (a) If so, what is the approval process.
- (5) Why was the construction tender for the Windsor Bridge replacement project awarded when the Government had only made a formal Budget allocation of \$8.7 million for pre-construction activities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) The Minister for Roads and Ports announced the scope of work in August 2012, and the scope of work is also outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement, which is available online at the following address: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.
- (2) Yes. The project had an approved budget before the alliance selection process. The project is being delivered under an alliance form of contract, where a contractor is engaged to provide input into the development of the design and the project budget is refined as greater certainty develops around the project parameters.
 - (a) A project allocation of \$32 million for the current financial year is included in the Government Budget Papers.
- (3) Yes.
 - (a) This information is held by Roads and Maritime Services and some of it is commercial-in-confidence.
- (4) Yes.
 - (a) Procurement is carried out in accordance with Roads and Maritime Services processes and procedures and consistent with Government procurement processes. These require oversight and sign-off from Roads and Maritime Services senior management.
- (5) Roads and Maritime Services carried out a procurement process to allow for early contractor involvement in the design development of the project.

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*4490 CORRECTIVE SERVICES SEXUAL OFFENDERS PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What programs are conducted by or on behalf of Corrective Services for offenders who have been convicted of sexual offences?
- (2) What are the participation rates in such programs as at:
 - (a) 1 July 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2012;
 - (c) 1 July 2013?
- (3) What programs of the type referred to in question 1 have been discontinued since 31 March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Corrective Services NSW offers various programs for offenders convicted of sexual offences with varying levels of intensity and duration.
 - The Custody Based Intensive Treatment Program (CUBIT)
 - CUBIT Outreach (CORE) (Moderate);
 - The Categorical Deniers Program;
 - The Self-regulation program: Sexual Offenders;
 - The Custody-based Maintenance Program;
 - The PREP – Pre-treatment Program;
 - Community Maintenance programs; and
 - Community-based Sex Offender programs
- (2) The resources required to determine the participation rate for these programs cannot be justified. However, participation and completion figures are available in the annual report.
- (3) Since March 2011, the only program to have been discontinued is the CUBIT Outreach (CORE) (Low) Program.

*4491 CUSTODY BASED INTENSIVE TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What are the numbers of participants in the Custody Based Intensive Treatment Program (CUBIT) as at:

- (a) 1 July 2012;
- (b) 1 January 2013;
- (c) 1 July 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) 39
- (b) 29
- (c) 23

Inmate's suitability and their willingness to participate in programmes will influence the numbers participating in those programmes.

*4492 APPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUING DETENTION AND EXTENDED SUPERVISION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many applications have been made for Continuing Detention Orders in the periods:
 - (a) 28 March 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (b) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (c) 1 January 2013 to date?
- (2) How many applications have been made for Extended Supervision Orders in the periods:
 - (a) 28 March 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (b) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (c) 1 January 2013 to date?
- (3) What was the result of these applications?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) 0
 - (b) 0
 - (c) As at 1 October 2013: 0.

The decision to apply for a CDO is based on counsel's advice as to the probability of success based on the circumstances of the application Counsel may at times suggest an application for a CDO is unlikely to succeed.

- (2)
 - (a) 8
 - (b) 3

(c) As at 1 October 2013: 4.

- (3) From 28 March 2011 to 1 October 2013, of the 15 applications made for Extended Supervision Orders, 13 Orders were made by the Supreme Court. In one case the application was discontinued because the offender was convicted and sentenced to a further term of imprisonment for an historical offence prior to the end of his current sentence. The remaining application is still before the Court.

I repeat my response as given to the upper house estimates committee of this year: In one circumstance I had approved an application to be made involving an application for either an extended supervision order or a continuing detention order based on counsel's advice. It was determined that the application would be for an extended supervision order based on counsel's advice.

- *4493 KEMPSEY LOCAL COURT SITTINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What changes do you propose for the sittings of the Local Court at Kempsey?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Chief Magistrate has the responsibility for determining sitting arrangements at each courthouse. The Chief Magistrate has determined that, as from January 2014, sitting days at Kempsey will be reduced from 12 to 9 days per month.

A magistrate will still preside at Kempsey Local Court and registry services will continue to be provided at the courthouse.

- *4494 AT RISK CHILDREN IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many children in the Liverpool electorate were reported to your department as being at serious risk in the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
(2) How many of those children reported to your department were seen by caseworkers?

Answer—

Information on children and young people involved in risk of significant harm reports is contained in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Statistical Report. Performance data is also available on the online Community Services Dashboard.

- *4495 PUBLIC HOUSING IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many dwellings have been added to the public housing stock in the Liverpool electorate since the election of the Government in 2011?
(2) What are the projections in the coming year concerning an increase in public housing stock in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Information on the number of social housing dwellings is available on the Housing NSW website.
(2) Information about the new supply of social housing is included in the Budget Papers.

- *4496 RELOCATION OF HOUSING NSW TENANTS IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many tenants of Housing NSW within the electorate of Liverpool have requested relocation to smaller premises since 1 July 2012 to date?
(2) How many of these tenants have been relocated?

Answer—

A small number of tenants applied for a transfer to smaller premises in the Liverpool electorate. These requests were approved and the tenants were relocated.

- *4497 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION REFURBISHMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When will the refurbishment of Liverpool Police Station be completed?

Answer—

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I am advised that the refurbishment of Liverpool police station is currently in the planning phase.

*4498 WORKERS COMPENSATION REDUCTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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

- (a) 2170;
- (b) 2168;
- (c) 2171?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance and Services.

*4499 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How much funding has been allocated to maintenance in public housing properties in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

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

*4500 SYNTHETIC DRUGS BAN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has drug crime fallen as a consequence of the New South Wales ban on synthetic drugs?
- (2) If so, what are the relevant figures?

Answer—

The Drugs and Poisons Legislation Amendment (New Psychoactive and Other Substances) Bill which has now been passed by the New South Wales Parliament bans all synthetic cannabinoids and numerous other psychoactive substances previously sold as "legal highs". This new legislation will be vigorously enforced.

Official crimes statistics are reported by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).

*4501 EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

How much did the Government spend on early education in the periods:

- (a) 2012-13;
- (b) 2011-12?

Answer—

- (1) \$252.8 million.
- (2) \$240 million.

*4502 DISABILITY TRAIN CARRIAGES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many disability train carriages are available on the Sydney Trains network?
- (2) What is the process for booking these carriages?
- (3) What facilities are available on these carriages?
- (4) What assistance is available from staff at stations where these carriages are in service?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

*4503 LENNOX BRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What meetings has the Minister or his department had with the proponents of the redevelopment of the former David Jones site at or near Church Street Parramatta?

- (2) Who was present at those meetings and what was discussed?
- (3) Will the proponent for the redevelopment of this site pay for and construct portals in Lennox Bridge?
- (4) Will the proponent make a contribution to the proposed convention centre to be built on the Lennox car park site?
- (5) Has the proponent been asked to provide alternate access and a cycleway which will not impact upon the heritage value of Lennox Bridge as part of the redevelopment?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) What consultation was undertaken with the community over the decision to drill portals into Lennox Bridge?
- (7) Why has the heritage branch submission to the Heritage Council been dismissed and no other alternatives assessed?

Answer—

- (1) Since May 2011, the department has held a number of meetings with Meriton Apartments Pty Limited in relation to its project application at 330 Church Street, Parramatta.
- (2) A range of staff from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure attended meetings and various topics were canvassed.
- (3) This question should be directed to council as it was the consent authority for the application.
- (4) Refer to the answer provided to question 3.
- (5) Refer to the answer provided to question 3.
- (6) Refer to the answer provided to question 3.
- (7) This question should be directed to the Minister for Heritage.

*4504 PLANNING WHITE PAPER—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) How many submissions were received on the Planning white paper?
- (2) How many submissions were solely on heritage issues?
- (3) When will information about these submissions be made available?
- (4) Will the Minister or his department respond in writing to the concerns raised in these submissions?
 - (a) If so, when will this response be made available to the public?

Answer—

1 - 2. Nearly 5,000 were received with many raising heritage issues.

3. A copy of all submissions to the White Paper is now available on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's website.

4. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is currently preparing a feedback report which will address the submissions and respond to the key issues raised. The report will be released shortly.

*4505 RENWICK CHILDREN'S HOME SALE OF LAND—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much revenue has been raised from the sale of land or development at the former Renwick Children's Home site at Mittagong?
- (2) Has that revenue gone into consolidated revenue or been used for specific purposes?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*4506 HOME CARE REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE WAITING TIMES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What was the average waiting time for an assessment from the first referral to the Referral and Assessment Centre for the period:
 - (a) June 2010 to June 2011;
 - (b) June 2011 to June 2012;
 - (c) June 2012 to the present?
- (2) In answer to question 3244 the Minister stated that there has been an "overall reduction in workload deriving from new referrals or assessments than previous years". Why is this the case given the amount of unmet need for home care services?

Answer—

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- (1) Average working days from referral to assessment have reduced from over 9 days in 2010-11 to around 7 days this financial year.
- (2) Requests for service by Home Care are received and processed at a centralised Referral and Assessment Centre. Where a request for service is unable to be processed to assessment due to a lack of capacity at the local branch, the caller is advised to contact Commonwealth Carelink for information about other community care providers in their area that may be able to assist.

Home Care does not maintain a public waiting list for service. While Home Care is the largest provider of community care services in New South Wales, there are many non-government organisations also funded to provide these services. Therefore, people with support needs may contact these other organisations rather than Home Care.

*4507 VINTAGE HERITAGE VEHICLES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many motor vehicles have Vintage Heritage registration in New South Wales?
- (2) How have the numbers in this category changed over the past three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of motor vehicles with historic (veteran and vintage) registration are:

- As at 30 June 2013: 18,634
- As at 30 June 2012: 18,370
- As at 30 June 2011: 16,790

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- 4508 UNIVERSITY INTERNS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4509 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE WAITING TIME IN WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4510 HUNTER TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- *4511 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Where are operational speed cameras located in the Wallsend electorate?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- This information is available on the Safer Roads NSW website at www.saferroadsnsw.com.au.
- 4512 WORKCOVER INDEPENDENT REVIEW OFFICE BUDGET—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4513 BALMAIN HOSPITAL HOMEOPATHY CLINIC COST—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4514 BALMAIN HOSPITAL HOMEOPATHY CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4515 SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS STAFFING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4516 CENTRAL SYDNEY AND SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS STAFFING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4517 SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 4518 OUT OF HOME CARE PROVIDERS REPORTING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4519 OUT OF HOME CARE PROVIDERS ACCOUNTABILITY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4520 LIQUOR LICENCING IN CHIPPENDALE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4521 FREE RANGE EGG LABELLING AUDITS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4522 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION TAFE NSW REQUIREMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4523 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN OXFORD STREET PADDINGTON—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- *4524 LOBBYIST CODE OF CONDUCT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) To what extent has the Government assessed changes in Queensland earlier this year that strengthen transparency of contact between government decision makers and lobbyists?
 - (2) What consideration will the Government give to extending the Lobbyist Code of Conduct to the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and their staff?
 - (3) What consideration will the Government give to requiring all government representatives subject to the Lobbyist Code of Conduct to provide periodic reports to the Information Commissioner with details of all meetings with lobbyists?
 - (4) What consideration will the Government give to mandatory publication of details on meetings between government representatives and lobbyists either on the agency's website, as is currently the requirement for the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, or on a central website?

Answer—

Please refer to my response to a question without notice of 19 September 2013, 'Integrity in Government'.

- 4525 PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES SAFETY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 4526 POLICE STATION OPEN HOURS LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—
- 4527 POLICE STATION OPEN HOURS HUNTER VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—
- 4528 NEW SOUTH WALES CRIMINAL APPEALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- *4529 LOCAL COUNCIL PREVENTING PETITION SIGNING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

Do local councils in New South Wales have the authority to prevent residents from using public streets to obtain signatures for petitions?

- (a) If so, what legislation gives this authority?
- (b) If not, what avenues are available to residents to hold local councils accountable?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

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- Street stalls that are used to obtain signatures for petitions would be subject to the Council's standard policies.
- Councils are ultimately accountable to their residents. The electoral process allows the residents to elect their representatives for their local Council.
- 4530 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4531 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4532 REGIONAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4533 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 4534 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 SALARY INCREASES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4535 TATTOO PARLOUR LICENSING APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4536 PHONE AND CARD SKIMMING SCAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- *4537 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Will the Community Building Partnership Program allocation for the Bankstown electorate be increased to \$400,000 in 2013-14?
- (2) If not, will the Bankstown electorate receive \$300,000 in 2013-14??
- Answer—
- Information regarding Community Building Partnership is available at:
www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au
- 4538 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE HERITAGE LISTED SITES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4539 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4540 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL SPEED CAMERA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4541 TATTOO PARLOURS ACT CLOSE ASSOCIATES—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—
- 4542 BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL FENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4543 STACEY STREET SPEED CAMERA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4544 FAIRFIELD TAXI RANKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4545 BUS MANUFACTURING CONTRACTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4546 THE HORSLEY DRIVE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4547 NUMBER OF SENIOR PROSECUTORS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 4548 TEMPORARY SHUT DOWNS OF FIRE STATIONS—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—
- 4549 STREET TEAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4550 FAIRFIELD EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4551 ORIENT STREET GRETA ROAD SURFACE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4552 INTELLIGENT ACCESS PROGRAM INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4553 TWO MINUTE TAXI DROP OFF ZONE PROPOSAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4554 LICENCE TEST PASS RATES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4555 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB CROWN LAND DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4556 SURRY HILLS SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4557 OWNER AND OCCUPIER RIGHTS AGAINST OWNERS CORPORATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4558 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL TRANSFERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4559 PUBLIC HOUSING CONCESSION RENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4560 WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING SECURITY SERVICES TRIAL—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4561 BUILT ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN PHASE TWO—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- 4562 EXTENDED SUPERVISION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4563 GRAFFITI CONTROL ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4564 JOHN PAGET—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4565 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL OPERATING THEATRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4566 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL ELECTIVE SURGERY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4567 FINIAN EGAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4568 LIVERPOOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS VANDALISM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4569 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON THE M5 MOTORWAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 4570 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4571 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEVIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4572 AT RISK CHILDREN IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4573 UNAUTHORISED OCCUPANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4574 THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4575 COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING GROUP MERGER WITH PROBATION AND PAROLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4576 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAR PARK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4577 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4578 WALLSEND CAPITAL WORKS SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4579 WOONONA TO CENTRAL TRAIN TRIP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4580 M5 EAST TUNNEL CLOSURES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
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4628 COMMUNITY CORRECTION OFFICER VACANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What was the number of vacancies in Community Correction Officer positions in Corrective Services NSW as at:

- (a) 1 February 2013;
- (b) 1 March 2013;
- (c) 1 April 2013;
- (d) 1 May 2013;
- (e) 1 June 2013;
- (f) 1 July 2013?

4629 DRUG COURT OPERATING COSTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What was the cost of operating the following courts in 2012-13:

- (a) Parramatta Drug Court;
- (b) Toronto Drug Court;
- (c) Sydney Drug Court at the Downing Centre?

4630 SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS ON COMMUNITY BASED ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) How many full-time equivalent positions were involved in direct supervision of offenders on community based orders before the merger of the Community Compliance and Monitoring Group with Community Offender Services in these areas:

- (a) Albury;
- (b) Wagga;
- (c) Tamworth;
- (d) Grafton;
- (e) Kempsey;
- (f) Broken Hill?

(2) How many full-time equivalent positions are now involved in direct supervision of offenders on community based orders in these areas:

- (a) Albury;
- (b) Wagga;
- (c) Tamworth;
- (d) Grafton;
- (e) Kempsey;
- (f) Broken Hill?

4631 JUVENILE JUSTICE FIGURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) For each period, how many detainees have:

- (a) Escaped or absconded; or
- (b) Been erroneously released from Juvenile Justice Detention:
 - (i) 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011;
 - (ii) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - (iii) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
 - (iv) 1 July 2013 to date?

(2) For each period, what was the:

- (a) Highest number of Juvenile Justice detainees;
- (b) Lowest number of Juvenile Justice detainees;
- (c) Average number of Juvenile Justice detainees:
 - (i) 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011;
 - (ii) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - (iii) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
 - (iv) 1 July 2013 to date?

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- (3) What was the average number of Juvenile Justice employees in these periods:
- 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011;
 - 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
 - 1 July 2013 to date?
- 4632 NUMBER OF ESCAPES FROM POLICE CUSTODY—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—
- How many escapes from NSW Police custody occurred in the periods:
- 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
- 4633 ESCAPES FROM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- How many escapes from Family and Community Services and its Agencies occurred in the periods:
- 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
 - 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
- 4634 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- Was the site of the Mount Druitt swimming pool previously Crown Lands before it was transferred to the Blacktown City Council?
 - When was the site transferred to Blacktown City Council?
 - At the time of transfer, was the land for use as a public swimming pool?
 - Was there any condition imposed that the land must be used for a public swimming pool?
 - If so, is the Minister aware that the Blacktown City Council proposes to close the swimming pool, and sell the land for residential development?
- 4635 EYE SURGERIES AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- How many eye surgeries have been performed at John Hunter Hospital over the past twelve months?
 - How many eye surgeries were performed at John Hunter Hospital in the previous twelve months?
- 4636 EYE PATIENT CARE IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What alternative options for treatment are available to non-urgent eye patients in the Hunter region now that the public eye clinic at John Hunter Hospital has closed?
 - Will these alternative options for treatment cost non-urgent patients more?
- 4637 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- When will the 2013 comprehensive review of Newcastle buses occur?
- 4638 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT PASSENGER COUNTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Regarding passenger counts on Newcastle bus, train and ferry services currently being undertaken by the Government in preparation for the introduction of light rail in Newcastle:
- How will these passenger counts inform the light rail planning process?
 - Will the data from these passenger counts be made public?
 - If so, from where will this information be available?
- 4639 COASTAL WETLAND PROTECTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- Will all council and privately owned coastal wetlands retain the same level of protection under the new planning laws?
- 4640 GAME COUNCIL OF NSW FUNDING RECOMMENDATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

In section "6.5.4 Recommendations" of the Governance Review of the Game Council of NSW, Steve Dunn states "Consideration should be given to setting funding at a percentage of total license income":

- (1) Does the Government plan to follow this recommendation?
- (2) If so, what percentage of total license income will be given to funding of the Game Board?

4641 VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many vacant Public Housing properties are there in Sydney?
- (2) How many vacant Public Housing properties are there in the Hunter region?

4642 REDUCED WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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

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

4643 CHILD ABUSE SQUAD—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 desired average caseload of police officers in NSW Police child abuse squads?
- (2) Taking into account the two new constables assigned to Newcastle's child abuse squad, what is that squad's current average caseload?
- (3) Are the recent Newcastle child abuse squad appointments new positions or transferred positions?

4644 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CONTRACTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Has the Government committed any of the \$6 billion allocated to major infrastructure projects in the budget to companies in New South Wales?

- (a) If so, which projects and:
 - (i) When was the commitment made;
 - (ii) When will the projects commence?
- (b) If not, does the Government intend to make such a commitment?

4645 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Why was a toll for the Westconnex announced that is considerably less than what the toll will be when the project is completed?
- (2) Why has the location of pollution tunnels not been outlined?
- (3) Why have specific homes that will need to be acquired as part of the project not been identified?
- (4) Why are you unable to release the full business case for this project?

4646 RECOVERY ORIENTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the Government's policy on recovery oriented mental health services?
- (2) What mental health services in New South Wales operate using a recovery oriented framework?
 - (a) How does the Government assess this?
- (3) How does the Government support or promote recovery oriented mental health services?
- (4) What training or professional development does the Government provide or fund for these services?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to expand the use of the recovery oriented framework?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support recovery oriented mental health?

4647 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES IN THE INNER CITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—

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Regarding proposed changes to high school catchment boundaries in response to Sydney Secondary College being at capacity:

- (1) What feedback about transport changes did inner city schools and parents provide as part of the consultation on this proposal?

4648 MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN - HEALTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Budget Paper 2 lists the Major National Partnerships Plan and Projects in Table 7.9 (pages 7-20): Why is there a list of National Partnership Health Projects valued at \$536 million when Table 7.8 (page 7-17) indicates that only \$447 million is available in funding?

4649 GAMBLING TAX REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

The Budget Paper 2 (page 6-16) notes the future of gambling taxes and the falling revenue from racing over the forward estimates:

- (1) Is this fall in revenue a sign of successful Government strategies designed to reduce gambling in our community?
 (2) Is this fall in revenue being addressed by the Government?
 (3) Does the Government have any capacity or intent to address the lost opportunity for revenue through online betting?

4650 WAITING TIMES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What is the average waiting time for the resolution of maintenance issues in public housing properties in the Cabramatta Electorate?

4651 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE FUNDING—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How much funding has been allocated to maintenance for public housing properties in the Cabramatta electorate for 2013-14?

4652 NEW SCHOOL BANKING SYSTEM INTEREST—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will Treasury retain the interest earned from government funding for schools when the Department of Education and Communities moves to a new single banking system for schools?
 (2) If so, how much interest will this be?

4653 LENNOX BRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the redevelopment of the former David Jones site at or near Church Street, Parramatta:

Why has the Lennox Bridge heritage branch submission to the Heritage Council been dismissed and no other alternatives assessed?