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(Paper No. 1)

\*0001 COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the present position with the construction of a commuter car park at Mount Druitt?
- (2) Who was the successful tenderer for this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Works for the Mt Druitt Commuter Car Park commenced on site (corner of North Parade and Mount Street) in May 2011 with demolition of the existing derelict structure. Construction of the new commuter car park will start following the completion of demolition works.
- (2) Cardinal Project Services Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract for demolition of the existing structures on the site, and Brisland Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new commuter car park.

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(Paper No. 2)

\*0002 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RAIL STATIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently 127 stations on the CityRail network that are wheelchair accessible.
- (2) Please refer to [http://www.cityrail.info/stations/station details](http://www.cityrail.info/stations/station%20details)
- (3) There are 180 stations without independent wheelchair accessibility, however 52 are partially accessible with assistance. Of these 52 stations, 11 are currently being upgraded, with a twelfth station to begin construction at the end of May 2011.
- (4) RailCorp has an ongoing Easy Access Program to increase the number of stations accessible to people in a wheelchair. The criteria which is used for selecting stations to be upgraded includes: patronage, whether the station is an interchange or terminating station, equity of access, and other geographical data.

The Program typically includes installing lifts or ramps, CCTV coverage and improved lighting, tactile ground surface indicators, an accessible toilet and, in some cases, accessible car spaces.

The Government is updating its Easy Access Program strategy in line with its pre-election commitment to increase funding by \$60 million over four years, in order to boost the roll-out of Easy Access upgrades.

\*0003 SCHOOL FENCING PROGRAM—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Education—

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

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

Answer—

- (a) A project to provide a security fence at Albury West Public School is nominated for inclusion in a future Security Fencing Program at an estimated cost of \$120,000.
- (b) It is not possible to provide a timeframe for the inclusion of schools in future Security Fencing

Programs.

- (c) Springdale Heights Public School has been identified for inclusion in a future Security Fencing Program. Funding for this project will be considered in the context of future security fencing priorities. In order to reduce incidents of vandalism, Springdale Heights Public School recently had an eight metre section of security fence installed between Block A and B to prevent after hours access to an isolated part of the school.

\*0004 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—HOWLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

By the end of June 2011, flashing lights will be installed in a total of 689 school zones across the State, covering at least 800 schools. This is over a quarter of all the schools in NSW.

These school zones have been selected for flashing lights based on set criteria that assess the risk to pedestrians. The criteria include traffic and pedestrian volumes, approach speed limits, number of travel lanes, existing crossing facilities, sight distance requirements, road environment and geometry. All schools in NSW were considered against these criteria. Schools selected for flashing lights are those that best meet the criteria.

The Government has committed \$13 million to a four year program to roll out flashing lights to more schools in NSW. All schools, including Howlong Public School, will be reconsidered for flashing lights.

It is important to note that flashing lights are just one component in improving the safety and visibility of school zones.

To alert drivers that they are entering a school zone, triangular markings called "dragon's teeth" have been painted on the road pavement commencing at the school zone sign and extending up to 32 metres along the lane.

In addition, the RTA is currently replacing all existing school zone signs with fluorescent yellow/green signs. The sign replacement program is a component of the overall sign maintenance program with priority given to missing, old, faded and damaged signs.

Howlong Public School also has an RTA appointed School Crossing Supervisor at its Children's Crossing on Hawkins Street (the Riverina Highway).

All schools without flashing lights will be reconsidered under the Government's new funding agreement. The factors raised will certainly be part of that consideration.

\*0005 JACKSON'S BRIDGE—TUMBARUMBA SHIRE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Maintenance and repair works are currently being carried out on the bridge.

The RTA has included replacement of the bridge in proposals for the Statewide development program.

Given overall Statewide funding commitments, there are currently no funds available for construction.

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

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

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Answer—

The Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services' (DTIRIS) regional staff work with local councils, communities and business development organisations to create a positive business environment and facilitate business growth.

The Enterprising Regions Program provides funding to assist community/regional development organisations to undertake planning activities and implement projects which have broad based local support and the potential to increase business and economic activity. It aims to provide a positive business environment to encourage businesses to locate and invest in areas undertaking economic revitalisation projects. Further information can be found on the Department's website.

\*0007 SADLEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

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

Answer—

This project is estimated to cost \$200,000 and is nominated for inclusion in the 2011-12 Minor Capital Works Program.

\*0008 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Work on the renovation of Liverpool Courthouse is due to commence in January 2012.

\*0009 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

It is anticipated that the renovation of Liverpool Courthouse will be completed by the end of 2012.

\*0010 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY TURNBACK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport—

When will work on the Liverpool railway turnback be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction of the Liverpool Turnback Project has commenced and project updates are provided on the Transport Construction Authority website

[www.tca.nsw.gov.au/Our-Projects/Current-projects/default.aspx](http://www.tca.nsw.gov.au/Our-Projects/Current-projects/default.aspx)

and through community newsletters.

\*0011 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—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 work on the renovation of Liverpool Police Station be completed?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it is anticipated works will be completed by mid-2013.

\*0012 COST OF CHANGE OF NAME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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

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

(5) What are the associated costs with signage and displays?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As at 4 May 2011, a total of \$5650.50 has been spent.

(2) and (3) Nil. Staff have been directed to exhaust existing stocks before ordering new stock.

(4) \$412.50

(5) To date \$2763 has been spent on new banners displaying the current name of the Department.

It is estimated that between \$30,000 and \$40,000 will be spent on changing building signage from the Department of Justice and Attorney General to the Department of Attorney General and Justice.

The Department will also incur minor future expenses relating to banking, taxation and payroll. The cost for these items is estimated at between \$5000 and \$6000.

\*0013 BLUE MOUNTAINS DISTRICT ANZAC MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Will the Government commit to the reclassification of Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital as a facility covered by the Rural Doctors Settlement Package (RDSP)?

(2) If yes, when will this be done?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Rural Doctors Settlement Package was designed to recognise the challenges of practising in small rural and remote health facilities, and to appropriately compensate rural general practitioners in those settings. The Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital will receive an "area of need" classification to ensure appropriate number of clinicians are available to provide the local Blue Mountains community with timely access to quality care. This will be progressed by the Local Health District along with other workforce initiatives.

\*0015 VEHICULAR FLOW FROM ARCHBOLD ROAD TO PENSHURST STREET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Boundary Street is an identified Pinch Point Corridor and the RTA has completed investigations of Boundary Street as part of the Pinch Point Program planning process.

These investigations identified that there is insufficient right turn storage capacity on Boundary Street approaching Penshurst Street and on Boundary Street approaching Archbold Road. This situation often leads to traffic queuing out of the right turn bays and blocking the through lanes on Boundary Street. The problem is worsened by the short distance between these intersections.

A partial remedy for this situation is the widening of Boundary Street between Penshurst Street and Archbold Road to increase the right turn capacity. This would require extensive land acquisition affecting at least 12 properties.

The RTA is investigating funding options to progress the works. In the meantime, the operation of the traffic lights at both intersections will be monitored to ensure maximum efficiency of operation.

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

Regarding the M2-F3 link project:

(1) What is the status of the \$150 million the Federal Government allocated under the National Partnership Agreement for Major Infrastructure Projects 2009-2014, conditional on the State Government contributing \$37.5 million?

(2) How much has the State Government allocated for future construction costs, if anything?

(3) What is the current status for the provision of additional funds beyond June 2014 for the project as referred to in the National Partnership Agreement for Major Infrastructure Projects 2009-2014?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) The federal government earmarked \$150 million to the project for planning and future work as part of the Nation Building Program 2009-14. However, the 2011 federal budget has deferred the allocation until 2015-16.
- (2) The NSW Government has not allocated any funding for construction costs. However, it has committed to start construction of one of the key missing links in the Sydney motorway network by 2015. Infrastructure NSW will determine whether the first missing link for construction will be the M2-F3 Link, M5 East Duplication, M4 Extension or the F6.
- (3) See (1) above.

\*0017 WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOODING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA has a streamlined Transport Operations Room procedure that is undertaken should a flooding event require closure of the Wakehurst Parkway.

The RTA currently has no specific projects to address the drainage issues that occur along localised sections of the Wakehurst Parkway.

The RTA provided Warringah Council with a financial contribution in 2008-09 for the development of a flood modelling report for Middle Creek. The aim of the modelling was to assess a range of potential mitigation measures to reduce the existing flooding from Middle Creek onto Wakehurst Parkway. Five mitigation scenarios were analysed. Wakehurst Parkway was still liable to flooding under all scenarios.

To eliminate the flooding of the low lying sections of Wakehurst Parkway the road may have to be raised, at a very high cost, subject to design and feasibility studies.

The location will continue to be monitored.

\*0018 RAPID BUS TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government committed to undertaking a feasibility study into Bus Rapid Transit. Work has now commenced on the Bus Rapid Transit Pre-Feasibility Study. This work will assess the performance of existing bus corridors, analyse corridor constraints, and identify opportunities to improve travel speed and reliability, including infrastructure options. At this early stage in the study, routes are yet to be defined. However, investigation will include an assessment of links via Military Road and via Chatswood. The findings of the investigation will be documented in a draft report which is expected to be presented later in the year.

A range of issues will be examined as part of the Pre-Feasibility Study including, but not limited to:

- The strategic role of the Bus Rapid Transit System.
- Potential route alignments.
- Options to separate or integrate the Bus Rapid Transit System with vehicle traffic.
- Economic appraisal.
- Bus stop assessment.
- Patronage assessment.
- Service viability.
- Constructability.
- Public transport integration.
- Needs assessment on key centres and travel patterns.

The Bus Rapid Transit Pre-Feasibility Study is being managed by the Department of Transport and will include consultation with agencies and stakeholders.

\*0019 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Regarding the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO):

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

Answer—

- (1) As at 31 March 2011, total overdue fines debt was \$1.04 billion, comprising \$736.7 million in Crown fines and \$307.4 million in commercial fines. This includes enforcement costs.
- (2) The SDRO currently has 504.56 full time equivalent staff.

\*0020 PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education—

What was the cost of the State Government primary school Drug Prevention Program for the last two financial, or calendar years, as appropriate?

Answer—

Drug prevention in schools encompasses all policies, practices, teaching programs, initiatives or events connected with the prevention and reduction of drug and alcohol related harm.

Schools plan their drug prevention strategy to account for local circumstances and community needs. The time each school allocates to key issues related to drug prevention would vary, and therefore an estimate is unable to be made of the percentage of teacher salaries spent in this area.

The Department of Education and Communities employs a team of specialist staff to develop resources, provide professional learning and support for teachers and provide policy advice. These officers support state wide and local initiatives in primary and secondary schools and also respond to requests from individual schools for support.

The employee related cost for the specialist officers amounts to \$4.38 million for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years. However it is not possible to estimate the percentage of the officers' time specifically spent supporting primary schools.

\*0021 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the latest information about the \$9.4 million Community Health Centre located adjacent to Bulli Hospital?
- (2) What upgrades and service improvements if any are planned for Bulli Hospital over the next 12 months?
- (3) What upgrades and service improvements if any are planned for the Emergency Department of Bulli Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0022 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the latest information about the progress of the Mt Ousley Road rest stop upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Traffic Authority is currently in the concept design phase of this project. However, no additional funding has been allocated to progress the project at this stage.

This project will continue to be assessed for future funding in line with other Statewide priorities.

\*0023 PICTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What specific works will be completed as part of the Government's \$10 million commitment to improvements to Picton Road?



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- (2) Are these improvements the same or in addition to the upgrades already committed to under the previous Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Picton Road is on the list of the first five blackspots to be given funding in NSW from the Government's \$200 million blackspot funding package.

The NSW Government will allocate an additional \$12 million to safety upgrades on Picton Road. The NSW Government is calling on the federal government to match this funding.

The RTA will assess the next most meritorious sections on Picton Road to receive median separation.

- (2) This funding would be in addition to the current \$40.9 million program of safety improvements underway on Picton Road.

\*0024 FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the latest information on the commencement of the new library for Figtree High School?
- (2) When will the design be completed?
- (3) If required under the legislation, when will the Development Application be lodged?
- (4) When will construction commence?

Answer—

- (1) A project to upgrade and extend the library at Figtree High School is nominated for inclusion in a future capital works program. Funding for this project will be considered in the context of future capital works priorities.
- (2) Concept and design work for this project will be undertaken following the projects inclusion in the capital works program.
- (3) Development Application requirements will be determined as part of the concept and design process.
- (4) I am unable to provide a specific timeframe for the inclusion of this project in a future capital works program.

\*0025 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Piper 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—

What were the authorised and actual strengths of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command over the period 1995 to 2010?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me :

The Lake Macquarie Local Area Command (LAC) was created on 1 July 1997 with an authorised strength of 148 officers. An actual strength figure is not available for that date. Strength figures for Lake Macquarie LAC up to the end of 2010 are as follows :

	Authorised	Actual
16 April 1998	152	151
1 July 1999	158	159
1 December 2000	158	161
1 July 2001	161	165
30 June 2002	165	167
30 June 2003	180	190
30 June 2004	180	184
30 June 2005	180	181
30 June 2006	180	194
30 June 2007	186	207
30 June 2008	186	220
30 June 2009	189	219
30 June 2010	192	213
31 December 2010	192	213

\*0026 AIR-CONDITIONING POLICY FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Education—

As the school year does not commence until the end of January, why is the schools' air-conditioning policy criteria for "hot spots" based on the mean maximum temperature for January and not a subsequent summer month?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities uses data from the Bureau of Meteorology to determine which areas it will prioritise for air cooling classrooms. The data from the Bureau indicates that January, on average, is the hottest month.

\*0027 CASINO-MURWILLUMBAH RAIL LINE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Transport—

What is the annual maintenance cost, including the budgeted cost and the actual cost, for the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line over the following years:

- (a) 2007-08;
- (b) 2008-09;
- (c) 2009-10;
- (d) year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

As with other non-operational rail lines, the Casino-Murwillumbah line is inspected and maintained in accordance with Country Rail Infrastructure Authority Engineering Standards.

Maintenance works in excess of \$2.4 million have been delivered for years 2007-8 through to 31 March 2011 for the Casino-Murwillumbah line segment. The following table provides a year by year breakdown of the expenditure:

	Maintenance Expenditure	Maintenance Expenditure
Year	Budget	Actual
2007-08	\$839,000	\$739,000
2008-09	\$503,000	\$537,000
2009-10	\$753,000	\$836,000
2010-2011 YTD (as at 31-3-2011)	\$861,000	\$880,000
TOTAL	\$2,956,000	\$2,992,000

\*0028 TWEED HOSPITAL—HIP REPLACEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to Tweed Hospital:

- (1) How many people are currently on the waiting list for hip replacements?
- (2) How many people are on the previously undisclosed "waiting-to-wait" list for hip replacement surgery?
- (3) How many hip replacement procedures occurred at Tweed Hospital in the following years:
  - (a) 2008-09;
  - (b) 2009-10;
  - (c) 2010-to date?
- (4) What was the budgeted cost and the actual cost of these hip replacement surgeries in the years:
  - (a) 2008-09;
  - (b) 2009-10;
  - (c) 2010-to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) As at the end of April 2011 there were 50 people on the waiting list for hip replacements at The Tweed Hospital. This waiting list includes all requests for admission for patients requiring a hip replacement advised to The Tweed Hospital by surgeons.

Under the previous NSW Labor Government, hospitals were not allowed to put patients on the waiting list who had to wait longer than 12 months. This meant there was an unknown "waiting to wait" list.

We have abolished this policy that resulted in some patients "waiting for the waiting list."

(3) and (4)

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Financial Year	Total Hip replacement procedures (planned and emergency)	Estimated Cost
2008-09	98 (54 Planned)	1,542,752
2009-10	109 (71 Planned)	1,684,309
2010-11 (end of April 2011)	77 (53 Planned)	1,207,213

Note:

The Murwillumbah District Hospital undertakes hip replacement surgery as part of the Tweed/Byron Network and has undertaken more hip replacement procedures in 2010-11 which has impacted on the number of hip replacement procedures undertaken at The Tweed Hospital. The Tweed Hospital has undertaken more knee replacement orthopaedic surgery during this period.

\*0029 SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Richard Torbay asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) (a) Have all grid connections under the Solar Bonus Scheme been halted until after the Solar Summit?  
(b) If not, which connections can proceed?
- (2) What is the position for operators who have ordered solar panels, installed panels not yet connected to the grid or have panels ready to be installed for applications approved for connection to the grid?
- (3) Are consumers entitled to ask for a refund if they have paid for panels but have not yet had connection to the grid?
- (4) When is the Solar Summit expected to make its recommendations and what is on hold until after the Summit?
- (5) Given that on 8 April 251 MW has been connected to the grid and there are currently applications for 351 MW, 50 MW above the 300 MW limit set by the Government, how will the successful applications be determined and will it mean that 50% of the applications will be unsuccessful?
- (6) Would there be any compensation for operators if applications approved for connection to the grid get knocked back through the halt?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The proceedings of Solar Summit Stage One are available at

<http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/energy/sustainable/renewable/solar/solar-scheme/faq/solar-summit-stage1>

The panel arrived at the consensus that the Scheme be closed in a fair and equitable way.

Customers can connect to the grid whenever they choose, subject to meeting technical and safety requirements. They just cannot receive Solar Bonus Scheme tariff payments if they apply after 28 April 2011 subject to the passage of legislation.

I am advised that the network businesses are reporting that customers are still applying to join the grid even without Solar Bonus Scheme tariff payments. Ausgrid has informally reported that they have had over 1,000 customers apply to connect systems to the grid since 28 April. These customers have expressly noted they would like to connect to the grid without receiving the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme tariff payments.

**5 MAY 2011**

(Paper No. 3)

\*0030 METROBUS SERVICES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many Metrobus services are currently operating in the Sydney Metropolitan area?
- (2) Has the Metro 71 service been announced to provide a service from Mount Druitt to Castle Towers?
- (3) Will the Government proceed with the introduction of the Metro 71 service?

Answer—

I am advised:

13 Metrobus services are currently operating in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The Department of Transport is currently reviewing growth bus allocations for consideration by Government.

\*0031 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What funding will be provided in the 2011-2012 budget for the building of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB), Stage 5, from Jesmond to Rankin Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

A route study for Stage 5 (behind John Hunter Hospital) has been completed and the route has been identified in Newcastle City Council's local environmental plan.

There is currently no funding for Stage 5 and no further work is planned at this time. Current funding allocations are focused on Stage 4 - Shortland to Sandgate.

\*0032 PAMBULA HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the Minister's plans for maternity services at Pambula Hospital?

Answer—

The Government will establish an independent expert committee to work with local clinicians and the community to determine the future of maternity services at Pambula hospital.

\*0033 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MATERNITY SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the Minister's plans for maternity services at Mona Vale Hospital?

Answer—

Mona Vale Hospital maternity services will be reopened as per the Government's election commitment. The Government is in the process developing an appropriate model of care that ensures the ongoing success and viability of maternity services at Mona Vale Hospital.

\*0034 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY NOISE ABATEMENT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the RailCorp noise abatement program for areas acutely affected by rail noise:

- (1) What action has been taken to date on this project and what is the outcome of the Options Study referred to in Question 11288 (previous Session)?
- (2) What action has been taken to mitigate noise impacts around:
  - (a) The Domain portal and Woolloomooloo;
  - (b) Rushcutters Bay/Paddington to Glenmore Road;
  - (c) Edgecliff?
- (3) What other options are available to reduce noise in these areas?
- (4) What complaints have been received about train noise in these areas over the past 12 months and are these complaints increasing or decreasing?
- (5) What action is included in RailCorp's Rail Noise Abatement Program?
- (6) What other action can be taken to prevent train and railway noise impacts on adjacent residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (5) I am advised that the options study for noise abatement of the Eastern Suburbs Railway viaduct found that a number of nearby residential locations are affected by rail noise and identified some potential mitigation options. The practicality of these potential options is being considered by RailCorp. The ongoing priority and practicality of implementing noise abatement measures at the Eastern Suburbs Railway viaduct will be assessed in the future in the Rail Noise Abatement Program.

(2) I am advised that where the study also noted that parts of the viaduct generated higher than normal levels due to the presence of rail surface defects, RailCorp continues to carry out rail grinding at the viaduct to address this. RailCorp also continues to monitor the rail condition in this area as part of regular maintenance work.

(3) and (6) RailCorp is currently examining options for reducing the need for the use of the train horn in and around some particular tunnels including Edgecliff. However, in the meantime horn use will continue as the safety of workers and others who may be on the network is paramount.

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(4) In the 12 months from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011, 65 individual complaints about noise levels near the Eastern Suburbs line have been logged with RailCorp compared to 49 complaints lodged in the year prior (2009-10). A summary of individual causes of complaint is given below:

Transaction	Symptom	Total
Environment - Trains	Horns	33
Environment - Infrastructure	Noise	13
Environment - Trackwork	Noise	10
Environment - Trains	Noise	8
Environment - Yards and Depots	Noise	1
Grand Total		65

Train horns are the biggest single cause of complaint within the last 12 months, followed by noise from infrastructure (track noise) and trackwork (noise from workers, plant and equipment).

\*0035 FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS COMPENSATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the NSW Government action to redress the physical, psychological and social harm suffered by the "Forgotten Australians" while in institutional or out-of-home care as children:

- (1) What services have been provided to "Forgotten Australians" in NSW to help them deal with the long term impacts of this abuse?
- (2) What funds of the \$9 million previously committed over five years have been spent on these services?
- (3) What new services will be funded in the next four years?
- (4) How will the Government identify and promote specialised counselling and training services for "Forgotten Australians"?
- (5) What action will the Government take in response to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee 2010 Review of Government Compensation Payments recommendation that the NSW Government should establish an administrative scheme to provide redress to "Forgotten Australians"?
- (6) What other action does the Government plan to help "Forgotten Australians"?

Answer—

- (1) Wattle Place is the new statewide service to help Forgotten Australians deal with the impacts of growing up in institutional care. The service is operated by Relationships Australia and employs experienced caseworkers and counsellors to help Forgotten Australians address poor literacy and numeracy skills, long term physical and mental health issues and drug and alcohol addictions. Family information and tracing services are provided through the Salvation Army's Special Search Service and Link-Up Aboriginal Corporation. Annual funding is provided to the Care Leavers Australia Network as the peak advocacy organisation for Forgotten Australians.
- (2) Relationships Australia has received \$1.2 million in funding comprising \$382,000 in 2009-10 and \$834,000 in 2010-11 for the support service for Forgotten Australians, Wattle Place. Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) received \$35,875 in 2010-11.

In 2010-11, Community Services received \$810,559 for the establishment of the new Care Leaver Records Access Unit. Funding of \$775,000 has been allocated over two years to employ specialist staff to identify and prioritise surviving historic records for indexing, to commence indexing, and to update the "Connecting Kin Guide".

\$7,000 has been spent on researching and compiling summary historical information about the estimated 100 children's homes formerly run by the Department.

- (3) The services and supports referred to in question (2) will receive recurrent funding of \$1.68 million per annum.
- (4) Wattle Place employs experienced caseworkers and counsellors. The service is available to any person who grew up in institutional care in NSW, regardless of where they now live in Australia. It will also provide outreach to NSW regional areas.

Relationships Australia has commenced discussions in Northern NSW and the Central West NSW about the needs of Forgotten Australians in those areas. It is also working with existing networks and advocacy groups.

Relationships Australia is visiting regional NSW to promote its service and consult with support and stakeholder groups. Where necessary, Relationships Australia may facilitate access to training and education programs for Forgotten Australians.

- (5) In NSW, care leaver claims for compensation are dealt with on a case by case basis. Community Services makes a determination based on the available evidence. If a legal liability is considered to exist, the claim is settled. There is no cap or limit to the amount of compensation that can be awarded as a result of legal proceedings. Claimants also have the option of filing a legal suit against Community Services.
- (6) NSW, together with the other States and Territories, is currently working with the Australian Government on the scope of the new national Find and Connect service for Forgotten Australians. This initiative was announced by the Australian Government in May 2010.

\*0036 FLYING FOXES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With regard to the State Government's pre-election commitment of \$5 million in subsidies to net smaller farms in the Sydney basin to protect fruit crops from flying foxes:

- (1) (a) Will all farms on which flying fox shooting licences are held receive assistance?  
(b) If not, how many farms with shooting licences will not receive assistance?
- (2) When will farms commence getting assistance for netting?
- (3) (a) Once the netting is in place, will the NSW Government revoke shooting licences for netted properties?  
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

This Government is committed to its election commitment to provide up to \$5 million in subsidies for netting for smaller farms in the Sydney basin to protect crops.

The details regarding implementation of this policy are currently being finalised, in consultation with industry representatives.

No further shooting licenses will be issued to properties that have been offered funding and could feasibly install netting. Funding will be rolled out over a 3 year period.

\*0037 HOUSING NSW RENTS FOR SINGLE PENSIONERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the 2009 addition to Commonwealth Government single pensions, and noting that proposed Housing NSW rent increases have been twice deferred because of the impact on single pensioners:

- (1) What review has the Government carried out of these pension updates and the rationale for excluding this from calculation of rents?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of potential impacts of rent increases on single pensioners?
- (3) When does the Government plan to inform pensioners about any rent increases linked to these pension updates?
- (4) How will Community Housing Providers treat the 2009 single pension update in rent calculations?
- (5) How will the Government ensure that single pensioners retain the benefit of the 2009 pension update and are not worse off as a result of changes to Housing NSW rent calculation?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) The NSW Government is currently reviewing the exclusion of the 2009 single pension increase from social housing rents. When a decision is made, affected public and community housing tenants will be informed before any changes are made to rents.

\*0038 TOM UREN SQUARE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to longstanding anti-social behaviour problems in Housing NSW property at and around Tom Uren Square:

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- (1) What assessment has Housing NSW made to apply for an Alcohol Prohibited Zone for Tom Uren Square, following legislative changes that allow this measure to be applied to address serious alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour?
- (2) Will Housing NSW apply for an Alcohol Prohibited Zone at this location to enable police to act on these concerns?
- (3) What action will Housing NSW take to address residents' concerns about waste, litter, vomit and public urination in Tom Uren Square?
- (4) What action will the Government take to address anti-social behaviour on Housing NSW property at Tom Uren Square?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Housing NSW has met and continues to meet with Kings Cross Police to discuss issues pertaining to crime and anti-social behaviour in Tom Uren Square. Housing NSW has also obtained plans in relation to the City of Sydney's alcohol restricted streets.

(3) Housing NSW's contractors clean Tom Uren Square five times a week. Housing NSW has also recently engaged a new contractor to clean Housing NSW owned common areas, streets and laneways.

(4) The NSW Government will continue to act responsively in conjunction with the NSW Police to any antisocial behaviour reported on Housing NSW property and is working very closely with Sydney City Council on longer term solutions for rough sleepers in Woolloomooloo.

\*0039 WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL—NEW SCIENCE LABS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What is the latest information on the timeline to commence construction of the new science labs for Woonona High School?

Answer—

A project to upgrade the existing science laboratories at Woonona High School is nominated for inclusion in a future capital works program. Funding for this project will be considered in the context of future capital works priorities.

I am unable to provide a specific timeframe for the inclusion of this project in a future capital works program.

\*0040 BELLEVUE ROAD AND PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the latest information on the works being carried out at the intersection of Bellevue Road and Princes Highway, Figtree?
- (2) What month in 2012 is this expected to be open for traffic?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The \$15 million upgrade of the Princes Highway at Figtree will include improvements at the intersections of the Princes Highway and Bellevue Road, The Avenue and Figtree Oval. Localised road widening is also planned to improve traffic flow, reduce queuing at intersections and improve road safety.

In preparation for the start of major construction work, detailed design has been completed and the culverts on the Princes Highway south of The Avenue have been extended. Utilities are currently being relocated, which is scheduled to be completed mid this year.

- (2) Construction of the project will be carried out in stages allowing for each section of work to be opened to traffic as they are completed. The overall project is expected to be completed in late 2012.

\*0041 KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL—HALL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

Are there any plans to upgrade the hall at Keira High School to cope with the demands of the school going forward?

Answer—

As students from Keira High School have enhanced access to a large, shared multi-purpose hall facility, there are no plans to undertake an upgrade of the hall at Keira High School.

\*0042 SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many meetings have been held of the group reviewing school counselling services, established following the Deputy Coroner's report into the death of a student at Kadina High School?
- (2) Is the Minister committed to implementing the findings of the review?

Answer—

- (1) The taskforce reviewing school counselling services has met twice.
- (2) When the findings of the school counsellor review are formulated they will require government consideration. The recommendations will be considered along with the directions already set by this government. The government supports and values the work of school counsellors.

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\*0043 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—Mr Richard Amery 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 the construction of a new Mount Druitt Police Station been announced?
- (2) What is the present position with the planning, tendering and construction timeline for this project?

Answer—

The Government is currently conducting a comprehensive audit of Police resources. Announcements concerning the upgrading or construction of police stations will be made in due course and with reference to the outcomes of that audit.

\*0044 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—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—

When will the Government purchase the land, as provided in the 2009-2010 budget, for the Glendale Police Station, housing the Local Area Command?

Answer—

Work is currently underway on the implementation of the funding commitment in the 2009-2010 budget to improve policing infrastructure in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command.

\*0045 WORKCOVER DIRECTIVE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to complaints by the owners of premises at 1/71 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool:

- (1) Did WorkCover direct the owners of an adjacent service station to construct a fence between that service station and 1/71 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool?
- (2) Is any such fence between the two premises referred to in (1) above adequate or appropriate?

Answer—

I am advised:

In February and March 2011, WorkCover investigated a number of workplace safety issues concerning the relocation of gas storage bottles at the BP Service Station, Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool.

An Improvement Notice was issued regarding the proximity of the LP gas cylinders to nearby businesses. The Notice required the service station owner to implement measures to ensure minimum safe distances are in accordance with Australian/New Zealand Standard 1596.

The Standard indicates a suitable clearance can be achieved by a direct measurement of clearance, or by the use of a fire wall or vapour barrier. WorkCover required the service station owner to comply with the Standard, with the decision to install a vapour barrier being made by the owner. WorkCover was advised the owner sought guidance on the design and construction of the vapour barrier from a dangerous goods consultant from Origin Energy.

The vapour barrier has been inspected by WorkCover and meets regulatory requirements.

\*0046 SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—



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Given that the former Government, on the advice of the Department of Education and Training, compulsorily acquired 98 Johnson Road, Bass Hill on 21 May 2010 for the purpose of building a school for students with special needs, and it committed upwards of \$14 million for the special needs schools' construction:

- (1) Will the Government continue to commit to the building of the school for special needs students at 98 Johnson Road, Bass Hill?
- (2) Has planning work for the school for students with special needs begun?
- (3) When is construction for the new school expected to start?
- (4) When is it expected that the new school will be operational?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is committed to providing special education facilities and programs to ensure that the educational provision for students with special needs in the Bass Hill community and surrounding areas is met.
- (2) Planning work is due to commence shortly and is expected to be completed in 2011-12.
- (3) and (4) Timing of construction and operation of the new school depends upon budgetary considerations and the school will be assessed against competing infrastructure needs in the context of the forthcoming budget.

\*0047 ILLEGAL POSTERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to councils paying up to almost six million dollars a year to remove illegal posters:

- (1) Is the Government aware that Woollahra, Waverley and City of Sydney councils say that changing the Summary Offences Act NSW 1988 to allow councils to prosecute companies instructing the display of illegal posters, will reduce council expenditure on illegal posters?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to changing the Act in this way?

Answer—

I am not aware of any representations to this Government from local councils regarding prosecution practices in relation to bill posters. Should a formal proposal be made, the Government will consider it in due course.

\*0048 CAMPERDOWN PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the Housing First project at Camperdown currently under construction and expected to be complete in late 2011:

- (1) What plans does the Government have to provide wrap-around support for residents, as envisaged in the Housing First model?
- (2) What support services will the Government provide at this facility?
- (3) What funds have been allocated for support services at this facility?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to arrange these services?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Camperdown Project is an integrated social housing project. It will follow the Common Ground model, successfully delivered in New York, to provide permanent housing for previously homeless people, as well as delivering on-site support services that will help them get back on their feet. The Camperdown project also includes housing for low income workers.

The specially-designed building is being built on a site flanked by Pymont Bridge Road, Lyons Road, Lambert Street and Layton Street, Camperdown. The six-storey property consists of a range of accommodation options including 104 self contained studios, one and two bedroom apartments as well as space for on-site support services on the ground floor. A 24-hour concierge will be on duty in a secure entry lobby. The whole-of-site plan includes a landscaped community garden. This innovative development will be designed to a 5 star green rating and provides excellent access to local services and public transport for residents.

Grocon Construction commenced work on the project in July 2010, following Development Application approval by the City of Sydney Council in May 2010. The target completion date for the building is October 2011.

Services will focus on providing the appropriate support for previously homeless people to be able to maintain their tenancy and integrate back into the community and into employment. The types of

services to be provided may include health, counselling, vocational training, living skills and financial management. These tenants will also have access to training and employment opportunities. Funding for the project is being provided through the Australian and NSW Governments.

Housing NSW's partners for the Camperdown project include the Grocon Consortium as developer and MA Housing as the community housing provider. Housing NSW is working closely with the inner city network of specialist homelessness services to ensure an integrated approach to allocation of support to residents of the project.

\*0050 UNDERGROUNDING ELECTRICITY CABLES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Following heavy storms in New South Wales last year which brought powerlines down, and given strong community support for undergrounding electricity cables particularly because overhead cables result in street tree mutilation:

What consideration will the Government give to establishing an achievable plan to put aerial cables underground and bring New South Wales into line with comparable international standards?

Answer—

New South Wales has the largest underground electricity network in Australia, with almost 30,000 km already in place.

Almost half of Sydney's total network will be underground in the next twenty years at no additional cost to householders.

The Independent and Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has examined the cost versus the benefits of undergrounding. Its Final Report in 2002 concluded that the cost of undergrounding the State's urban electricity supply network would be a total cost to the community of \$3.6-\$5.9 billion in 2002 dollars. This cost would result in upward pressure on electricity prices.

The distribution network service providers are happy to work with any body that wishes to underground areas of powerlines, on a beneficiary pays approach. This approach ensures that costs associated with these works are not passed onto the whole community.

\*0051 BARANGAROO CONTAMINATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

Following the transfer of roads authority of sections of Hickson Road from the City of Sydney to the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy 55 Remediation of Land (SEPP 55):

- (1) What advice has the Government sought about these decisions?
- (2) Will the Government amend SEPP 55 to ensure that:
  - (a) council is informed about work carried out on and under Hickson Road while the Barangaroo Delivery Authority has roads authority given it will be the owner for the road from 31 January 2013;
  - (b) remediation work complies with guidelines of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997, given the then Parliamentary Secretary for Health's February letter to me states that it would ensure the land is remediated and residents are not exposed to contaminants during remediation;
  - (c) remediation work complies with the SEPP?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure the site is remediated and residents are not exposed to contaminants during remediation?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has been briefed on these decisions.
- (2) (a) I will ensure Council is informed by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure about works proposed to be carried out on and under Hickson Road when relevant applications are lodged.  
(b) and (c) As I stated in Parliament on 11 May 2011, the Government will ensure that Lend Lease complies with the normal clean-up criteria required under SEPP 55.
- (3) The remediation action plan and human health and ecological risk assessment being prepared by Lend Lease require the endorsement of an independent accredited site remediation auditor and the Environmental Protection Authority. Once this occurs these documents will then be forwarded to me as Minister. At the completion of the works, validation to confirm that the remediated site complies

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with the clean-up criteria set for the site will be conducted. These measures will ensure the site is appropriately remediated and residents are not exposed to contaminants.

\*0052 PIG DOG HUNTING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With regard to the Game Council's announcement of a hunting trial using dogs to hunt feral pigs in the Nundle, Hanging Rock and Tomalla State forests:

- (1) How many hunters are going to take part in the pig dog hunting trial?
- (2) How many dogs will be used in the trial?
- (3) How will the Government ensure that dogs used in pig dog hunting do not attack pigs, given section 18 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act makes it an offence to pit one animal against another?
- (4) What enforcement and monitoring of prevention of cruelty to animals legislation will the Government employ during the trial?

Answer—

- (1) Up to 12 teams of two hunters will be selected for the trial.
- (2) Each team of two hunters may use up to a total number of five dogs in the hunting trial.
- (3) Every hunter selected for the trial must hold an appropriate game hunting licence and be part of a recognised Approved Hunting Organisation. In all hunting with dogs conducted under a Game Council licence, hunters are required to observe humane and responsible treatment of animals.

Hunters are able to access Hunter Education courses in hunting dog training and handling. These courses train dogs to hold feral pigs, not attack feral pigs. The courses are delivered by specialist Game Council staff, and the Australian Veterinary Association is involved in the design and content of Game Council hunting dog training courses.

NSW, through the Game Council, is the first State in Australia to offer pro-active Hunter Education courses aimed at ensuring hunters with dogs are acting in a humane way towards both their dogs and the prey animals.

- (4) The Game Council will have a professional Game Manager supervising the conduct of the trial at every stage.

\*0053 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What schools in the Keira electorate will receive additional teachers to improve literacy and numeracy?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan commits \$250 million over 5 years, 2012-2016. Part of this plan is the expansion and enhancement of the successful Reading Recovery program by 900 teachers.

The allocation of additional teachers will be apportioned on the basis of need. This will be based on those students most at risk of not reaching minimum national literacy and numeracy standards.

\*0054 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

When will schools be able to apply for funding under the Public School Upgrade Fund?

Answer—

An implementation plan is currently being prepared for the \$40 million NSW Public School Upgrade Fund. Schools will be provided with information regarding the implementation of the program following the 2011-12 State Budget.

\*0068 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

What is the specific and latest progress of the Fairfield Interchange?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Fairfield Transport Interchange project involves the reconfiguration and expansion of the existing transport interchange providing pedestrian access improvements, an increase to and upgrade of bus stops, and improvements to kiss and ride and taxi facilities.

Detailed design is underway and a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is currently being developed.

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\*0069 BRAIN CANCER DEATHS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is death caused by the various types of brain cancer on the increase?
- (2) Is brain cancer the most common cause of cancer death for people under 40 years of age?
- (3) Has any link been made between brain cancer and the excessive use of mobile phones and related equipment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) According to the most up-to-date overview of cancer published for NSW Cancer in New South Wales: Incidence and Mortality 2008, mortality rates from brain cancer in NSW have declined between 1999 and 2008 by 19.2% in females and by 2.1% in males.
- (2) In 2008, the most common cause of cancer deaths in NSW for people under the age of 40 was brain cancer and leukaemia, with each the cause of 33 deaths.
- (3) There is currently insufficient scientific evidence to link directly mobile phone usage and brain cancer. However, in line with recent advice from the World Health Organisation, pending the availability of further evidence it is important to take measures to reduce exposure, such as using hands free devices and texting.

\*0070 JOHN HUNTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government be providing funding to build an Intensive Care Unit for the John Hunter Children's Hospital in the 2011-2012 budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0071 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY TREASURY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by Treasury?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

I am advised -

NSW Treasury does not specifically keep records of the number of reports commissioned from management or other consultants, across all projects[1]. However, details of expenditure on consultants, including the number of projects worked on and subject areas of these projects, are published each year in NSW Treasury's Annual Reports.[2]

For this financial year, for the period 1 July 2010 to 26 March 2011, Treasury's expenditure on consultants was as follows:

Subject Areas	Projects	Total Amount (ex. GST)
Economic Assessment	6	\$267,554
Finance and Accounting/Tax	14	\$1,080,766
Management Services	19	\$7,209,033
Organisational review	2	\$497,099
Total consultancies: 1 July 2010 to 26 March 2011	41	\$9,054,452

Of the management services projects, 18 of these projects, at a total cost of \$7,129,932, are Expenditure Reviews undertaken for the Better Services and Value Taskforce.

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[1] A full list of reports produced from projects commissioned for the Better Services and Value Taskforce is available.

[2] Where expenditure on a project runs over multiple financial years, the project is counted in each financial year's total.

\*0072 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY DEPARTMENT OF ROADS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Department of Roads?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is published in the Roads and Traffic Authority's annual report.

\*0073 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Education Department?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

- (1) 27 (Between January 2007 and December 2010.)
- (2) \$4,115,352
- (3) Management services, legal services and organisational reviews.

\*0074 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Transport Department?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Department of Transport is required to disclose the costs of management consultant engagements each year in its Annual Report, with detailed particulars of the nature of each engagement where costs/fees are \$50,000 or above, plus total costs disclosed inclusive of minor management consultancies.

In addition the Department is also required to publicly disclose all contracts, whether for consultancies or other advisory contracts, such as technical and infrastructure related contracts, over \$150,000. This information can be accessed by following the links on the Department's Internet site under the heading "Access To NSW Government Transport Information; Open Access Information; Register of Government Contracts".

Should the honourable member require any further detail, beyond that publicly available, I would be pleased to provide that on request.

\*0075 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Health Department?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

I am advised:

In accordance with Annual Report Regulations, the Department of Health publishes the use of

consultants each year in the Department of Health's Annual Reports.

For the period July 2007 to March 2011, there were 259 consultancy reports commissioned by the Department of Health at a cost of \$6.59 million.

The reports have been commissioned to assist and advise the Department of Health on a range of subject areas primarily related to:

- Evaluation and delivery of front line clinical services.
- Program delivery in the areas of public health, preventative health, community health, Aboriginal health, mental health and drug and alcohol initiatives.
- Information technology.
- Workforce planning, modelling and education.
- Organisational functionality consistent with implementation of the National Health Reforms.

\*0076 F6 EXTENSION STUDY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What investigations will the Government carry out in this term of Government on the extension of the F6 Freeway?
- (2) What is the timeline for these studies?

Answer—

I am advised:

A road corridor providing for an extension of the F6 freeway from St Peters to Loftus is being preserved and managed for possible future use.

In the Illawarra region, the F6 Southern Freeway connects southern Sydney to the greater Wollongong region, starting at Waterfall and linking to the Princes Highway at Yallah.

Work was completed in 2009 at a cost of \$3 million to increase capacity on the route with an extension of the northbound merge lane at the top of Bulli Pass onto the F6 replacing the merge movement from Bulli Pass to the F6.

The RTA is continuing to investigate the long-term options for connectivity between Sydney and the Illawarra. However, short to medium term improvements have focused on Picton Road and Appin Road, with Picton Road allocated \$40.9 million by State and Federal governments for a package of traffic and road safety improvements which are expected to be completed by mid 2013.

\*0077 MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Will the Premier request that the Board of Events NSW visit the Illawarra to discuss ways in which the region may be able to attract and retain major events?
- (2) (a) If so when will this take place?  
(b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Events New South Wales is a company with an independent Board.

Invitations to the Board to visit the Illawarra are most appropriately addressed to the Chair, Mr John Conde AO.

\*0078 SUPERMARKET DEVELOPMENT AT BERALA—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that RailCorp and Woolworths prior to 26 March 2011 were very close to finalising all agreements and details to enable the new supermarket development at Berala to proceed:

- (1) What further negotiations has the Government entered into in order to finalise all matters outstanding between Woolworths and RailCorp?
- (2) When is it expected that all matters between RailCorp and Woolworths will be finalised so that Woolworths can commence construction of the supermarket development at Berala?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) and (2) I am advised that RailCorp has been in continuing discussion with Woolworths and its lawyers in order to finalise agreements that will allow the new supermarket development at Berala to proceed. Following further meetings and ongoing communication between RailCorp and Woolworths, Woolworths has now agreed to remove clauses from the Development Deed which had attempted to transfer Woolworths' construction risk to RailCorp. I am advised that the Lease and the Development Deed can now be finalised and Woolworths will be in a position to commence construction of the supermarket.

**10 MAY 2011**

(Paper No. 6)

\*0079 MOUNT DRUITT DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many dental chairs are currently in service at the Mount Druitt Dental Clinic situated on the grounds of the Mount Druitt Hospital?
- (2) What is the present position with the announced expansion of this service, particularly in relation to the increased number of chairs?
- (3) What is the expected increase in the number of patients that will be treated at the Mount Druitt Dental Clinic after the announced expansion is complete?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Mount Druitt Dental Clinic currently has five dental chairs in service.

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0080 EARLY INTERVENTION PRESCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Government be establishing early intervention preschools, for families and children in need, in the next 2011-2012 budget period?

Answer—

The NSW Government has no plan to establish early intervention preschools.

The NSW Government funds early education provisions in such a way that they can meet the needs of the widest range of children, including those from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.

This is consistent with the general policy response of governments around Australia, which has been to support mainstream early childhood services to accommodate the early intervention needs of disadvantaged children, rather than to establish special-purpose services.

\*0081 HOXTON PARK ROAD WIDENING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

When will the current work on the widening of Hoxton Park Road between Banks Road and Cowpasture Road be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA anticipates that, subject to satisfactory weather conditions, the widening of Hoxton Park Road will be completed in September 2011.

This is consistent with the information on the project website.

\*0082 QUEANBEYAN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the Minister be visiting Queanbeyan Hospital?
- (2) Are there any allegations relating to bullying of staff at Queanbeyan Hospital?
- (3) Which issues raised by the current Member for Monaro during the recent election campaign

regarding the Queanbeyan Hospital will you be addressing?

Answer—

(1) I am currently undertaking a series of hospital visits across New South Wales and will endeavour to visit Queanbeyan Hospital as soon as the opportunity arises.

I am advised:

(2) An internal audit was conducted at Queanbeyan Hospital in July 2010 and involved interviews with more than 60 employees, encompassing a wide range of issues including workplace culture, work flows, and managerial and clinical practices.

The Local Health District has acted on the recommendations from the audit, and has implemented a number of initiatives in response to the issues raised from the investigation.

(3) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health priorities.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0083 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What are the sources of funding for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital upgrade?

(2) What is the total cost of the works?

(3) When will works begin?

(4) When are they due to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0084 COOMA HOSPITAL DIALYSIS UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) When will a staffed in-hospital dialysis unit at Cooma Hospital be opened?

(2) How many patients will be cared for once the unit is completed?

(3) Of the current patients on dialysis in the Cooma region, how many are on home dialysis and how many travel elsewhere for in-hospital dialysis?

(4) How many staff will be required to operate the unit?

(5) How will they be trained?

(6) What will the current operational cost of the unit be?

(7) How much additional recurrent funding will the Cooma Hospital and Southern Area Health Service receive to operate this unit?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (7) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing and scope of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0085 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITALS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the Minister's plans for Parkes and Forbes hospitals?

Answer—

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0086 TAMWORTH BASE HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

1. What are the sources of funding for the Tamworth Base Hospital upgrade?



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2. What is the total cost of the works?
3. What works are planned?
4. When will works begin?
5. When are they due to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0087 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the Minister's plans for the Northern Beaches Hospital?

Answer—

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0088 BEGA HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What are the sources of funding for the upgrade of the south-east regional hospital in Bega?
- (2) What will be the total cost of the works?
- (3) What works will be undertaken?
- (4) When will works begin?
- (5) When are they due to be completed?
- (6) What services will remain at Pambula once the Bega upgrade is completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing, scope and funding of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0089 CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the Minister's plans for Campbelltown Hospital?

Answer—

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure.

The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

\*0090 COFFS HARBOUR BASE HOSPITAL—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SPECIALISTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to the statement by the member for Coffs Harbour that there is a shortfall of 8.05 FTE Emergency Department specialists in Coffs Harbour Base Hospital (CHBH) Emergency Department (ED):

- (1) How many additional ED staff specialist positions will be created in CHBH in the next 12 months?
- (2) When will they be advertised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) An additional 4.2 FTE Emergency Medical Officers are currently being recruited to Coffs Harbour Base Hospital. These positions were approved to be advertised by the Chief Executive on 14 February 2011 and were advertised on NSW Health website, the Australasian Emergency College

website and through a mail out to all provisional and advanced trainees of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine.

\*0091 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are the Minister's plans for the stage 2 redevelopment of Liverpool Hospital?

Answer—

Phase 1 of Stage 2 Redevelopment at Liverpool Hospital is currently under construction.

\*0092 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT, REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

(1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services?

(2) How much did these reports cost in total?

(3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The Department of Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services was established at the beginning of the present parliamentary term.

The predecessor to this Department was Industry and Investment NSW which was established through the merging of the former Department of State and Regional Development and the former Department of Primary Industries in July 2009.

Over the past parliamentary term these departments commissioned 162 reports with a combined total value of \$7,788,316 on matters relevant to the portfolios and the operations of those Departments.

These reports cover the areas of Energy and Resources, State and Regional Development, Tourism, Primary Industries, State Forests.

\*0093 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF FINANCE OR COMMERCE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the departments of Finance or Commerce?

(2) How much did these reports cost in total?

(3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

(1) I am advised that during the period 2006-07 to 2009-10, 36 consultants were engaged by the former Department of Commerce and the former Department of Services, Technology and Administration.

(2) \$3,240,045

(3) I am advised that the reports covered the following: legislative reviews, reviews of the business case for various programs, organisation and service provision reviews, and reviews of ICT programs. Specific details of the work of individual consultants are provided in the Departments' annual reports for the 2006-07 to 2009-10 periods.

\*0095 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea 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 reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Department of Police?

(2) How much did these reports cost in total?

(3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that many reports are commissioned for various reasons by different areas of the organisation and this information is not centrally collated.

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\*0096 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY NSW MARITIME—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by NSW Maritime?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) I refer the member to NSW Maritime's annual report for details of consultancy expenditure.

\*0097 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

This question was withdrawn on 9 June 2011.

\*0098 REPORTS COMMISSIONED BY DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many reports from management or other consultants were commissioned during the last parliamentary term by the Department of Industry and Investment?
- (2) How much did these reports cost in total?
- (3) What subject areas did these reports cover?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Department of Industry and Investment commissioned 36 reports with a combined total value of less than \$1 million on a range of mineral and energy matters relevant to the portfolios and the operations of the Department.

These reports are as follows:

Energy

- Load and Demand Forecasting
- Impact of STTM on Gas Supply
- EAPA Business Processes
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- EAPA Business Processes
- EAPA Business Processes
- EAPA Business Processes
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- Solar Bonus Scheme Modelling
- Network Pricing Review
- Network Pricing Review
- Network Pricing Review

Resources

- Coal and its future in electricity supply for NSW
- Cultural Heritage Survey along seismic lines prior to Seismic Survey at OaklandsBasin, Riverina Region
- Independent Reference Group Report to Clean Coal Council on applications to Clean Coal Fund's Expression of Interest Round
- Independent Reference Group Report to Clean Coal Council on applications to Clean Coal

Fund's Expression of Interest Round

- Independent Reference Group Report to Clean Coal Council on applications to Clean Coal Fund's Expression of Interest Round
- Preliminary report on the comparison of NSW Coal Exports to Quality of Alternative International Coal Sources
- High Level Review of Mineral Resources Branch Structure
- Gunnedah Basin Structural Framework Study - Stage 2, Creation of 3D models of the key geological units/boundaries in the Basin and update of coal reflectance maps
- Gunnedah-Bowen Study: Resource Assessment for Petroleum, Geothermal and Geological Carbon Storage Potential
- Probity Report concerning the selection process of Expression of Interests under the Clean Coal Fund
- Investigation at Lightning Ridge
- Resource Assessment and Modelling of the Geothermal energy Potential of the Darling-Murray-Oaklands Basins
- LCA Methodology for the Evaluation of Clean Coal Technology Projects for the NSW Clean Coal Grants Scheme
- New Frontiers Initiative: Financial and Economic assessment
- Development of Tender for Storage Initiative - Darling Basin
- Internal audit Lightning Ridge Crown Trust Accounts
- Development of a Business Case for a NSW Centre of Excellence for the Direct Use of Geothermal
- Munmorah 1 Well Completion Report
- Eastern Australian Upstream Gas Report
- Petrophysical Interpretation and Dynamic Simulation of Single Well CO<sub>2</sub> Injection in Merriwa 1

\*0099 FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What financial support will be provided to local councils for flood mitigation works?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program is providing financial support to local councils for floodplain risk management planning and risk mitigation projects. Local councils apply each year for funding of projects under this Program.

The budget allocation for the program is \$9.7 million for 2010-2011. In 2011-12, monies under this Program are being joined with those available under the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme (funded by the NSW Ministry for Police and Emergency Services, and the Australian Government). This will allow maximum financial support to be delivered efficiently to local councils.

Applications for 2011-12 are currently being assessed and the Office of Environment and Heritage has convened an assessment panel to review, prioritise and make recommendations for consideration by Government. Indicative advice on projects with potential to be funded will be provided to councils for the implementation of projects as soon as possible.

Projects to be funded in 2011-12 will be confirmed in September 2011, when the Government has finalised its annual budget.

\*0100 PRIORITIES FOR THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What are the Minister's top priorities for the Illawarra region over the next four years?

Answer—

The NSW Government has a 100 Day Action Plan.

We will begin to deliver our priorities and commitments based on our Five Point Action Plan:

1. Rebuild the Economy - we will rebuild a strong NSW economy through lower taxes and supporting businesses to grow and create jobs;
2. Return Quality Services - we will return quality services in areas such as health, transport, education and community safety;

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3. Renovate Infrastructure - we will build the infrastructure that makes a difference to both our economy and people's lives;
4. Restore Accountability - we will restore accountability to government, talk honestly with the community and give people a say on decisions that affect their lives; and
5. Protect our Local Environment and Communities - we will protect local environments, work with communities and return planning powers to the people.

The NSW Government's first priority for the State is unashamedly restoring economic growth and establishing NSW as the first place in Australia to do business. The dividends of strong economic management are better services and infrastructure. Whether in transport, health, disability, homelessness, regional development or any other area of State Government responsibility, improved outcomes can only be delivered from a strong bottom line.

On 6 September 2011 the NSW Government will hand down the budget for 2011-12 to deliver stability, growth and ensure that our priorities will be funded.

\*0101 REPLACEMENT HEATING FOR SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Do all 101 schools that were prioritised for the first stage of the replacement of unflued gas heaters now have replacement heating?
- (2) If not, which schools have the replacement heating and what is the timeframe for completing stage 1?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) All of the schools that were prioritised for the first stage of the replacement of unflued gas heaters and that required alternative heating options, have now had replacement heating provided. Some minor defect rectification works are required to a small number of already installed heaters.

Some schools on the original list were found to have existing alternative heating options and did not require replacement heaters. Six schools which were next on the priority list of schools in the coldest areas of NSW will be provided with replacement heating.

Preliminary site investigations are being undertaken to determine a timeframe for the replacement of unflued gas heaters at these 6 schools.

**11 MAY 2011**

(Paper No. 7)

\*0102 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) For the period covering the first quarter of 2011, how many persons attended the Mount Druitt Hospital for medical treatment in all categories?
- (2) Of this number, how many of these were treated by the Accident and Emergency Department?
- (3) How many persons in this period were admitted to hospital?
- (4) Of the number admitted at question (3), how many of these patients were transferred to:
  - (a) Blacktown Hospital;
  - (b) other hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) 8,810 patients attended Mount Druitt Hospital for medical treatment from 1 January to 31 March 2011. 7,774 of these patients were treated in the Emergency Department.

(3) and (4) 2,930 patients were admitted to Mount Druitt Hospital from 1 January to 31 March 2011. 832 of these patients were transferred to Blacktown Hospital; 255 to other hospitals.

0103 WRIT TO LEVY PROPERTY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0104 TUMUT HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*0105 MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Minister have any plans for an easy access upgrade to Macquarie Fields Railway Station?
- (2) What form would this take?
- (3) Is there an estimate of possible costs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) RailCorp has an ongoing Easy Access Program to increase the number of stations accessible to people in a wheelchair.

The criteria used for selecting stations to be included in the Program includes: patronage; whether the station is an interchange or terminating station; equity of access; and geographical data.

Based on these criteria, Macquarie Fields is not currently considered a priority.

- (2) Design resources have not been allocated to determine the future scope of an upgrade at Macquarie Fields, however Easy Access upgrades typically include the installation of lifts or ramps, improved CCTV coverage and lighting, tactile ground surface indicators, an accessible toilet, and in some cases, accessible car space(s).

Funding for the easy access program will be boosted as part of the Government's election commitment to speed up the roll-out of easy access upgrades.

- (3) Without detailed designs for an upgrade, the cost of any potential works cannot be determined.

0106 SYDNEY FRESH FOOD SUPPLY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

0109 TRANS FAT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

\*0110 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS IN SYDNEY ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to the decision to no longer install unflued gas heaters in new classrooms:

- (1) Which schools in the Sydney electorate have unflued gas heaters and how many unflued heaters are there in use?
- (2) What priority has been given to removing these heaters in order to address safety and health impacts of these heaters?
- (3) When does the Government expect these heaters to be replaced with better appliances?

Answer—

- (1) Unflued gas heaters are the standard form of heating in all NSW Government schools, including the Sydney Electorate. The Department does not hold central data on the number of unflued gas heaters installed in each individual classroom or school building. Further, the use of heaters in schools is a matter for each individual school on a day to day basis.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities is replacing unflued gas heaters in 101 schools in the coldest parts of the State. Schools located in the Sydney electorate do not fall within this category.
- (3) For the wider replacement program, the Department is looking at alternatives to unflued gas heaters and will determine the most appropriate replacement for individual schools. A program for the replacement of unflued gas heaters will be developed following completion of the Department's research into heating alternatives.

**12 MAY 2011**

(Paper No. 8)

0111 CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

\*0113 FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What financial support will be provided to Newcastle City Council and Lake Macquarie City Council for flood mitigation works?

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Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program will continue to provide financial support to local councils for floodplain risk management planning and risk mitigation projects.

Applications have been received from Newcastle City Council and Lake Macquarie City Council by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for funding in 2011-12 under this program. OEH has convened an assessment panel to review, prioritise and make recommendations for consideration by Government. Indicative advice on projects with potential to be funded will be provided to councils for the implementation of projects as soon as possible.

Projects to be funded in 2011-12 will be confirmed in September 2011, when the NSW Government has finalised its annual budget.

- 0114 JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0115 JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0116 JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0117 LOCAL HEALTH NETWORKS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*0119 HOME SCHOOL LIAISON—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to programs targeting students in the Sydney electorate who do not attend school:

- (1) How many students have been reported to the Department of Education or NSW Police for not attending school over the past five years, and what action has been taken to ensure they attend school?
- (2) How many days of school did these students lose for each school year?
- (3) How many students have been repeatedly reported, and what action has been taken to ensure they attend school?
- (4) How many Home School Liaison Officers operate in the Sydney electorate?
- (5) What specialised support does the Government provide to help students attend school where there are ongoing concerns?
- (6) Where required, what enforcement operations have been carried out to ensure that parents send their children to school?
- (7) What data is available about the success of programs to ensure that students attend school?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to increase school attendance in order to ensure the best opportunities for learning?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Schools are responsible for monitoring student attendance and implementing strategies to address any concerns. The Department does not hold attendance data for individual students centrally. However, it is estimated that during 2010 there were 5131 students enrolled in Sydney electorate schools and 12 students were identified with attendance issues that needed additional support.

Students and their families are supported by the Home School Liaison Program. Regional officers develop attendance improvement plans so that schools and their families can work together to improve attendance and get young people back to school.

(4) There are four Home School Liaison Officers that provide supportive services to students, parents and schools in the Sydney electorate.

(5) In any case where government schools have tried a number of strategies to address the chronic non-attendance of students of compulsory school age and the strategies have failed to restore regular attendance, they can seek assistance through the region's Home School Liaison program. The program's officers work with parents, students, school and regional staff and relevant community agencies to develop an attendance improvement plan. The aim is to assist in overcoming a range of family and school related concerns which may prevent regular attendance.

(6) Changes to the Education Act 1990 in 2010 introduced new powers to bring non attendance and non enrolment issues before the Children's Court in addition to the existing Local Court prosecutions. The amendments also introduce new powers to direct compulsory schooling conferences and to engage with parents and other agencies to develop strategies for parents who are failing to meet their compulsory schooling obligations. The conferences are intended to address issues which may prevent a student from attending or being enrolled at school, where necessary with the assistance of external agencies who may be called upon to offer additional support.

In addition to these new legal proceedings, regional initiatives are aimed at increasing school attendance, including coordinated street sweeps with police, which can occur twice a term. The street sweeps involve both police and home school liaison officers walking through the community and ensuring that any student who is out of school without authorisation is sent back to school.

(7) All schools monitor student attendance and report on school attendance in their school's annual report.

(8) The NSW Government is committed to working with school communities to ensure that regular school attendance is a priority. It is the right of every child in New South Wales to have an education, and access to the lifelong benefits and opportunities that education brings.

A recent initiative announced by the Government is a trial of 50 new Student Support Officer positions in New South Wales public schools. Planning for the operation of these positions is underway. These positions will help to ensure that issues that can impact on students' school attendance can be responded to quickly.

0120 SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

0122 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—GLEBE ESTATE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

\*0123 SCAMS—Mr Chris Spence asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Have any scams occurred in The Entrance electorate between the years of 2007 and 2011?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) How do the scams work?
  - (b) What immediate action was taken to stop the scams?
  - (c) Could the Minister advise how to prevent scams such as these occurring again?
  - (d) Was this advice acted upon in a timely manner?
  - (e) Have these scams occurred in other nearby electorates?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) NSW Fair Trading has identified the following number of complaints relating to scams from consumers residing in the postcode areas that comprise The Entrance electorate:

2007 - 5

2008 - 6

2009 - 0

2010 - 2

2011 (to 31 May) - 7

- (2) (a) The majority of these complaints related to overseas lotteries and "get rich quick" schemes.

In a lottery scam, scammers try to convince consumers that they have won a fake lottery or sweepstake, and ask consumers to send their personal details (such as bank details) or money in order to claim the "winnings". Get rich quick scams also seek money from consumers, however do so by offering investment opportunities - for example, by encouraging consumers to purchase products such as shares, gambling software or the opportunity to invest in a tax scheme.

(b) NSW Fair Trading monitors all reports of scams in New South Wales. However, it is difficult to take enforcement action unless the scammer resides, and can be traced, within Australia.

Each of the 20 complaints identified were managed in accordance with Fair Trading's complaint handling procedures and were determined as requiring no further investigation. The complainants were advised accordingly and were provided with relevant information on the scams.

The details of each complaint were retained on Fair Trading's complaint management database, which is used to monitor marketplace trends and practices, and can be reactivated in the event that



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related issues are reported. This information also supports the development of specific consumer protection strategies and the review of relevant legislation.

(c) NSW Fair Trading actively works with interstate and overseas consumer protection agencies to identify the operators of overseas scams and minimise the amount of scam mail received by Australian consumers. Where appropriate, enforcement action is taken.

To reduce the effectiveness of scams, Fair Trading educates the public about their dangers. The SCAMwatch website at [www.scamwatch.com.au](http://www.scamwatch.com.au) does this by helping consumers to recognise, report and protect themselves from scams. This website is operated by the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce, of which Fair Trading is a member. The Fair Trading website also provides information and advice to consumers on scams.

(d) Scams referred to NSW Fair Trading are assessed within five days to determine whether further investigation is required. If this is the case, investigations commence immediately. Matters considered to be of high importance, due to consumer detriment or volume, are assessed for investigation upon receipt.

Each of the 20 complaints identified were handled in accordance with these procedures.

(e) NSW Fair Trading's complaint database identified a further 20 complaints on scams from consumers residing in the postcodes areas that comprise the surrounding electorates (that is, Terrigal, Gosford, Lake Macquarie and Wyong).

Similar to The Entrance electorate, the majority of these complaints involved overseas lotteries and get rich quick schemes.

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(Paper No. 9)

- 0124 MILK PRICE WAR—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0125 GLENDALE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0126 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0127 WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0128 FUNDING FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- \*0129 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What are the Premier's priorities for the electorate of Keira over the next 12 months?

(2) What are the Premier's priorities for the broader Illawarra region over the next 12 months?

Answer—

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0142 COMPENSATION FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—

0143 TRUNDLE MULTI PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0144 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0145 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0146 RENAL DIALYSIS—KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0147 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0148 RAYMOND TERRACE HEALTHONE CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0149 NELSON BAY AMBULANCE STATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

0150 NEW PARENT AND INFANT NETWORK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

0151 ULTIMO/PYRMONT BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—

0152 ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—

0153 ADULT LITERACY—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education—

0154 COMPANY TITLE DISPUTES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0155 REPORT FROM INFORMATION COMMISSIONER—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0156 PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0157 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

0158 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PADDINGTON/DARLINGHURST—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 0159 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—AUTHORISED STRENGTH—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0160 KINGSGROVE POLICE STATION REFURBISHMENT—Ms Cherie Burton 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—
- 0161 HURSTVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL—ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS—Ms Cherie Burton to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0162 ALLAWAH BRIDGE WIDENING—Ms Cherie Burton to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0163 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Cherie Burton to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0164 HUNTER REGION RESPITE SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 0165 JOHN PAGET—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 0166 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 0169 NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS REWARD PAYMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 0171 NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0172 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0173 INGLEBURN POLICE STATION—Dr Andrew McDonald 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—
- 0174 TIGERS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
- 0175 1300 HOUSING PHONE NUMBER—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0176 WORLD CLASS EXHIBITION CENTRE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0177 SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 0179 SOBERING UP CENTRES—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 0181 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr John Robertson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0182 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0183 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0184 MYZONE TICKETING SYSTEM—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0185 EXPRESS SERVICES FROM WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0186 LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0187 INCREASE IN BED AND NURSE NUMBERS—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 0188 SHALVEY POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0189 CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0190 MULTIPLE TRIP RAIL TICKET—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 0194 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- \*0195 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

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- 0198 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 0199 KEIRA ELECTORATE AND BROADER ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0200 COAL SEAM GAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—
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- 0202 COAL SEAM GAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 0203 WESTERN SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 0204 NO COST TO CONSUMER DENTAL SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0205 NURSE PRACTITIONERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0206 METHADONE DISPENSERS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 0207 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ENHANCEMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0208 BUS SERVICE BETWEEN MATRAVILLE AND MAROUBRA JUNCTION—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0209 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT BANKSIA STREET, BOTANY—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 0210 INCENTIVE TRANSFER SCHEME FOR TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 0211 FUNDS FOR FACILITIES AT BRAYE PARK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0212 SEWERAGE CONNECTION TO WEST HOXTON—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 0213 BUS SERVICE FROM CARNES HILL VIA PRESTONS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0214 LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 0215 MOUNT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—TICKET SALES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0216 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0217 TRANSFER OF HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 0218 NEWCASTLE AND LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0219 CARING TOGETHER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 0220 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE—NEPEAN HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0221 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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(Paper No. 17)

- 0222 BUS INTERCHANGE—MOUNT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) (a) Is there conflict between the Department of Transport and the Blacktown City Council over who is responsible for the upkeep of the bus interchange at the Mount Druitt Railway Station?
- (b) If so, what is the basis for this conflict?
- (2) Is the department aware of vandalism to the bus shelters at this location?
- (3) When will repairs be carried out on the damaged bus shelters?
- 0223 TILLEGRA DAM PROJECT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Is Hunter Water determining whether to resurrect the Tillegra Dam project?
- 0224 BROADMEADOW SPORTING PRECINCT—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—
- What involvement will Hunter community members have in the operations of the Broadmeadow sporting precinct now that the Government has dissolved local Hunter Venues Board and delegated control to the Office of Communities in Sydney?

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- 0225 REPLY TO EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Has the Attorney General replied to the email from Rob Roseworne sent to him on or about 1 June 2011 concerning a request under s. 316 of the Crimes Act?
  - (2) If so, what is the response?
  - (3) If not, why not?
- 0226 POST-MORTEM REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- When will the Department of Forensic Medicine complete the post-mortem report in relation to Ben Ewings who died on 3 January 2011?
- 0227 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?
- 0228 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
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- 0234 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
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