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*12353 **CRITERIA FOR SALE**—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What is the criteria the Department of Housing uses to sell off existing stock?
- (2) Has this practice reduced the number of dwellings used for social housing in New South Wales?
- (3) What has been the net increase in the number of dwellings in New South Wales for each of the last three years?

Answer—

- (1) Housing NSW, like any organisation, regularly reviews its assets to determine their cost effectiveness and viability. Housing NSW sells a very small number of properties each year, for example, to help breakdown the concentration of social housing in an area and homes that are uneconomical to maintain or repair. Independent market valuations are used to set prices for disposal. All proceeds from the sale of properties are re-invested into providing housing assistance.
- (2) No.
- (3) The number of social housing dwellings under management is detailed in Housing NSW's Annual Report for the years prior to 2009/10. From 2009/10, refer to the Housing NSW component of the Department of Human Services Annual Report.

*12354 **HEALTH FUNDING COMMITMENT—ALBURY**—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Given the funding commitment announced by the Federal Minister for Health, the Hon Nicola Roxon, in April 2010 of \$5 million for a Positron Emission Tomography/Computer Tomography scanner and \$1.5 million for the Bone Marrow Donor Institute for construction of a Patient and Carer Accommodation Centre:

- (1) When will work commence on the accommodation project?
- (2) What is the proposed completion date of the accommodation facility?
- (3) Has the Tomography equipment been purchased?
- (4) When will the Tomography equipment be installed and operational?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Commonwealth Government is providing funds to the Fight Cancer Foundation (formerly the Bone Marrow Donor Institute) to deliver the accommodation project. The Greater Southern Area Health Service is working with Albury Wodonga Health and the Foundation as the new facility is proposed to be located on the Albury Base Hospital campus. The Foundation is managing the construction and commissioning of this facility.

The Commonwealth Government is also providing funds for a new Positron Emission Tomography/Computer Tomography scanner for Albury Base Hospital. The timing for the purchase and installation of this equipment is a matter for the Commonwealth Government and Albury-Wodonga Health Service, the operation of which is administered by the Victorian Government under an Intergovernmental Agreement with NSW.

*12355 **SHORT TERM LENDING COMPLAINTS**—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many complaints were received by the Office of Fair Trading in relation to short term money lending in 2008-09 and 2009-10?
- (2) What were the categories of complaint for these two years?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading advises me that 22 complaints regarding short term lending were received in 2008-09, and 17 in 2009-10. The complaints ranged across the following areas:

- interest rate charged;
- hardship or over commitment;
- dispute over fees, charges, overcharging or charging above a quote;
- repossession or collection;

- allegations of misleading or deceptive conduct;
- allegations of non-compliance with fair trading legislation; and
- trader not supplying documents.

*12356 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

In relation to waiting lists for the Department of Housing in the Penrith Region:

- (1) How many people living in the Penrith Region are presently seeking DoH accommodation?
- (2) How many people living in the Penrith Region were seeking DoH accommodation in 2009?
- (3) How many people living in the Penrith Region were seeking DoH accommodation in 2008?
- (4) How many people living in the Penrith Region were seeking DoH accommodation in 2007?
- (5) How many people in the Penrith Region are presently in temporary accommodation such as private hotels and motels due to their inability to find housing?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The number of approved applicants for public housing is detailed each year in the Housing NSW Annual Report for years prior to 2009/10. From 2009/10, the number of approved applicants for social housing is detailed in the Housing NSW component of the Department of Human Services Annual Report.

(5) The number of households that are presently in temporary accommodation changes on a daily basis due to the continuum of applications received and assistance provided.

*12357 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Government aware that heavy vehicles avoid Average Speed Camera detection on the Pacific Highway at New Italy by driving on the shoulder of the road?
- (2) Does the RTA have plans to restrict the road shoulder width to ensure Average Speed Cameras detect all vehicles in point to point corridors?
- (3) Do any other Average Speed Camera sites across the State allow vehicles to similarly avoid detection in point to point corridors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. The RTA has organised a resurfacing of the road, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2010. After this, the RTA will include vehicle movement on the shoulder of the road to be within the detection area of the Average Speed Detection system.
- (2) Average Speed Camera enforcement sites are designed and operated to function fully and effectively. While the RTA has no current plans to restrict the road shoulder, any camera avoidance behaviour is monitored and managed as required.
- (3) Unfortunately a small minority of heavy vehicle drivers seek to avoid enforcement cameras. This behaviour is countered through a variety of approaches, ranging from physically preventing some avoidance practices and improving technology through to targeted enforcement.

*12358 NSW GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY POLICY—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given the NSW Government Sustainability Policy permits Government agencies to apply for funding to implement cost effective energy and water efficiency upgrades:

As at 10 November 2010, which NSW Government agencies have applied to access the \$40 million Treasury Loan Fund to implement energy and water upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The following NSW Departments (as supported by various agencies) have applied for funding:

- Environment, Climate Change and Water
- Justice and Attorney General
- Health
- NSW Transport
- Communities NSW

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- Industry and Investment
- Services, Technology and Administration

*12360 JUVENILE OFFENDERS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given the factors thought to be associated with juveniles exhibiting criminal behaviour (NSW Juvenile Justice Annual Report 2008/2009, p. 24):

- (1) What specific actions has the State Government taken to address:
 - (a) alcohol and substance abuse in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour;
 - (b) parental supervision in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour;
 - (c) difficulties in school and employment in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour;
 - (d) negative peer associations in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour;
 - (e) poor personal and social skills in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour;
 - (f) homelessness in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour; and
 - (g) neglect and abuse in relation to juvenile offender involvement in criminal behaviour?
- (2) What specialised programs exist, if any, targeted at minimising the risk of exposure to these factors (a to g)?
- (3) What was the total amount of money allocated to programs targeted at addressing these factors (a to g) during financial year ending 2010?
- (4) What are the names of the individual programs and how much money was allocated to each during financial year ending 2010?
- (5) How many juvenile offenders across NSW accessed these programs during financial year ending 2010?
- (6) How many juvenile offenders from the Ryde electorate accessed these programs during financial year ending 2010?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The New South Wales Government provides an extensive range of services that are designed to address young offenders' individual needs, decrease their likelihood of re-offending, and increase their capacity to successfully rejoin the community.

Juvenile Justice assists and supports young people in contact with the juvenile justice system. It targets targets the areas of their lives that contribute to their offending behaviour. Additionally, Juvenile Justice provides grants, via its Community Funding Program, to government and non-government agencies, to deliver targeted services to community and custodial clients.

The agency funds Local Offender Programs delivered by non-government services across the state to provide assistance to young offenders.

Juvenile Justice employs 35 Alcohol and Drug (AOD) Counsellors. Additionally, all Juvenile Justice Officers are trained to address offending behaviour where alcohol and drug use is an issue.

The agency offers a range of evidence-based programs specifically designed to address alcohol and other drug related offending. These include:

- The AOD treatment pathway, a structured three-staged treatment process designed for young people whose offending behaviour is directly related to their substance misuse.
- Dthina Yuwali, an Aboriginal-specific staged AOD group work program based on the relationship between substance use and pathways to offending.
- The Youth Drug and Alcohol Court (YDAC) program, which aims to divert serious young offenders from custody by providing intensive court-based supervision, holistic case management and treatment services. The multi-agency YDAC program includes Juvenile Justice, NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General, NSW Health, NSW Department of Education and Training.
- Changing Habits and Reaching Targets (CHART) is an offending behaviour program designed specifically for young people on supervised orders.

Juvenile Justice funded programs include:

- Program for Adolescent Life Management (PALM), a residential program located in Dubbo, Coffs Harbour and Sydney for young people aged 14-18 with serious alcohol, or other drug-related difficulties.
- Self Management and Recovery Training (SMART), a manual and training package designed to meet the needs of family members of young offenders where alcohol and drug abuse is a feature of their offending. It is planned that service provision from external agencies will cater for the needs of young offenders' families as the young person transitions through their treatment regime.
- The Save a Mate program (SAM) is delivered by the Red Cross, through the Education & Training Unit at Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre, which provides a solid introduction to AOD education, harm reduction and safety.

(b) Juvenile Justice has implemented programs that focus on working with the families of young offenders to reduce re-offending. These include:

- The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP), which has been in operation since May 2008, and is specifically aimed at juveniles who commit serious and/or repeat offences. A range of issues are addressed including aggression, substance abuse, financial problems, housing needs, family conflict and negative peer pressure.
- Act Now Together Strong was developed to work with Aboriginal young people and their families. The model is currently being piloted in the Western Region and will then be evaluated.

Juvenile Justice funded programs include:

- Barnardos Australia, aimed at young people and their families, with an emphasis upon young people from differing ethnic backgrounds.
- Anglican Youth and Family Services (Canberra & Goulburn).

(c) Education and Training Units (ETU) are located in every juvenile justice centre in NSW. The ETUs provide programs aimed to address the educational requirements of young people, as well as assisting with educational and employment transition into the community. The ETUs also provide access to accredited TAFE courses for young people in custody.

The Whitelion Employment Program (Western Sydney) offers a unique and highly individual approach to finding young people from disadvantaged backgrounds jobs, through the provision of support to both employers and young people. Employers are sourced by the Whitelion program to provide opportunities to this client group.

The Youth Pathways to Education, Employment and Training (YPEET) program is a local partnership between TAFE Outreach (Petersham) and Juvenile Justice in Petersham, which was developed as an educational-based program for young people who had disengaged from the mainstream educational system.

The agency funds a range of Employment Skilling Programs across the state to assist young people in the justice system or at risk of offending or reoffending to access educational and vocational pathways, and helping them to establish and maintain positive links with the community. These programs include:

- Homebase Youth Services provides educational and vocational support for juvenile justice Aboriginal clients in Foster-Tuncurry.
- Compass Community Services provides educational and vocational support for juvenile justice clients in Taree.
- Mission Australia Employment Skilling program provides educational, vocational and employment support to Juvenile Justice clients in the Newcastle area.

(d) Juvenile Justice programs addressing negative peer associations include:

- The Intensive Supervision Program (see b above).
- CHART has a cognitive-behavioural focus that assists young offenders to make sense of the connections between thinking patterns, feelings and actions that lead to offending behaviour. The program has sections directly relating to the influence of peers and behaviour.
- The Our Journey to Respect program aims to reduce the incidence of inter-generational violence and also covers issues such as peer influences in Aboriginal communities. The program focuses on attitudes and behaviour related to family relationships and masculinity.

(e) Juvenile Justice programs addressing personal and social skills include:

- CHART has sections focusing on building social skills through exploring the young offender's relationships and social supports. Juvenile Justice staff members provide coaching in social skills,

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including opportunities for the young person to practice these skills and transfer these into day to day life.

- Juvenile justice centres also have programs to address living and social skills, such as Freedom Radio at the Acmena JJC, which teaches self expression, computer and media skills.

Juvenile Justice funded programs include:

- Armidale Youth Refuge provides life skills training including literacy and numeracy skills and trade skills.
- Narrabri Community Aid Inc provides a targeted youth support program with living and social skills programs, including sport and recreational activities, cultural awareness and employment experience and computer skills.

(f) Juvenile Justice programs addressing homelessness include:

- The Joint Tenancy Assistance Program (JTAP) gives eligible young offenders in the Sydney area, who are at risk of homelessness and seeking independence, the opportunity to access housing. Non-government organisations play a key role in the program by conducting a living and social skills program for tenants of the program.
- The Joint Housing and Support program (JH&SP) is a supported accommodation program under the Housing and Human Services Accord Shared Access Trial that supports three young women per year, who may have children, and are at risk of entering or re-entering custody.

(g) Juvenile Justice has been a key contributor to the development and implementation of initiatives under Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing, the Government's action plan to reform the child protection system. Juvenile Justice coordinated the establishment of the Human Services Child Wellbeing Unit in January 2010.

Juvenile Justice has adapted the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) Love Bites program, which will be delivered in the community as well as juvenile justice centres.

The Sex Offender Program is being re-developed to be readily adaptable to meet the risk, needs and responsivity issues of other offending behaviour, and addresses a wide range of offending characteristics such as gender, repeat offending, high-risk offenders, family work and peer group work.

The Violent Offender Program has also recently been reviewed. Juvenile Justice is piloting the group-based Cognitive Self Change program to teach participants to develop alternative thinking and avoid crime.

(3) In the last financial year the Programs Unit of Juvenile Justice received an annual budget of \$1.54 million. The Intensive Supervision Program has an additional annual budget of \$1.5 million. During 2009-2010 \$69.8 million was spent on supervising and supporting young offenders in the community.

The Community Funding Program includes a number of post release support and accommodation support programs to assist young people to maintain accommodation in their community.

COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMS

Youth Accommodation Services

PROGRAM	FUNDING
Centacare Catholic Community Services - JTAP	\$213,967
South West Inner Sydney Housing Coop (SWISH)	\$5,858
Centacare Catholic Community Services - JSAT Accommodation Support Program	\$73,587
Coastal Accommodation Services Supporting Youth (CASSY)	\$127,151
Albury/Wodonga Youth Emergency Services (STAYSAFE)	\$225,170
Centacare Newcastle - IMPACT program	\$106,147
Southern Youth and Family Services Assoc Inc	\$113,147
Mission Australia - Triple Care Farm	\$70,441
Sub Total	\$935,468

Post Release Support

PROGRAM	FUNDING
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South Sydney Youth Services Inc	\$93,162
Anglican Diocese of Sydney - Anglicare Juvenile Offender Support Program	\$134,643
Mission Australia	\$96,579
Marist Youth Services Inc.	\$151,159
Anglicare Youth and Family Services Canberra and Goulburn (Wagga)	\$85,146
Mission Australia - Breakaway Program	\$96,836
Access Community Training - Corrimal	\$88,131
Mission Australia - Dubbo	\$82,963
Barnardos Australia	\$178,656
North Coast Mission	\$257,773
Pathfinder - Out for Good Armidale	\$124,901
Sub Total	\$1,389,949
Relationships Australia	\$54,952
Homebase Youth Services - Forster	\$52,177
Community Business Development & IT	\$52,177
Armidale Youth Refuge Inc. Pilot	\$55,885
Coffs Harbour PCYC	\$59,200
Kempsey PCYC	\$71,167
Trustees of the Christian Brothers	\$59,870
Narrabri Community Aid Inc.	\$28,268
Re-tender for Moree being finalised	\$42,872
North Coast Institute of TAFE - Kempsey	\$63,989
Re-tender Bourke being finalised	\$60,000
One-Off Local Programs in Far West	\$11,166
Sub Total	\$611,723

Employment Skilling

PROGRAM	FUNDING
Western College Inc, Dubbo	\$71,166
Mission Australia - Employment Skilling Program	\$112,662
Mission Employment - Campbelltown	\$71,166
Salvation Army Youthlink	\$84,673
Albury Wodonga Youth Emergency Services	\$71,166
Waverley Action for Youth Services	\$84,673
Sub Total	495,506
Ted Noffs Foundation - Randwick	\$107,550
Sub Total	\$107,550
Ted Noffs Foundation - PALM Coffs Harbour	\$1,170,764
Coffs PALM rental	\$41,530
Ted Noffs Foundation - PALM Dubbo	\$1,119,695
Sub Drug Budget Initiatives Total	\$2,331,989
TOTAL CFP	\$6,212,380

(4) The names of the individual programs are:

- Alcohol and Other Drugs Program
- Sex Offender Program
- Violent Offender Program
- Dthina Yuwali
- Our Journey to Respect
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Changing Habits and Reaching Targets
- Love Bites

It is not possible to provide specific funding details within Juvenile Justice.

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(5)

AOD Treatment pathway	581
SOP	62
VOP	102
Dthina Yuwali	40
CHART	80
Intensive Supervision Program	38
Love Bites	14
Palm	227

(6) One.

*12361 JUVENILE DETENTION CENTRES—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given your advice as to the number of juvenile offenders held in Juvenile Detention Centres (JDCs) in NSW (Question 10509):

- (1) How many JDCs are currently in operation in NSW?
- (2) Where are they located and what is the current population of each?
- (3) What is the maximum capacity of each?
- (4) How many juvenile offenders were held in JDCs during financial year ending 2010?
- (5) What were the most common conviction types?
- (6) Is the JDC population forecasted to increase or decrease during the current financial year?
- (7) Of those held in JDCs during financial year ending 2010 how many were repeat offenders?
- (8) Of those held in JDCs during financial year ending 2010 how many had previously spend time in detention?
- (9) What percentage of juvenile offenders held during financial year ending 2010 were previously known to the Department of Community Services?

Answer—

(1) to (3) There are eight Juvenile Detention Centres in NSW.

Juvenile Justice Centre	Location	Maximum Capacity	Young People in custody on 9-11-2010*
Acmena JJC	Grafton	45	28
Cobham JJC	St Marys	85	65
Emu Plains JJC	Emu Plains	40	30
Frank Baxter JJC	Kariong	120	113
Juniperina JJC	Lidcombe	46	32
Orana JJC	Dubbo	45	40
Reiby JJC	Airids	57	53
Riverina JJC	Wagga Wagga	45	39

Note: The Broken Hill facility, at Broken Hill, acts as an annex to Orana JJC for clients in remote western parts of NSW, and while Broken Hill JJC can hold 8 detainees it is not occupied at present.

*Source: DHS/JJ SIS 4 December 2010

(4) 2,761 young people were held in custody during 2009-10 financial year.

Source: DHS/JJ RPELive Database.

(5) The following indicate the top three most serious offence categories, in descending order, for young people held in custody on sentenced detention in 2009-10. These categories represent 68% of all young people held in custody on sentenced detention for 2009-10:

- Other Acts Intended to Cause Injury (eg. assault, AOABH, common assault)
- Break and Enter
- All Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences (not Break and Enter)

Source: DHS/JJ RPELive Database.

(6) The custodial population is forecasted to increase by 3% during the current financial year.

(7) 697 young people held in custody sentenced to detention during the 2009-10 financial year had previously been supervised by Juvenile Justice for a proven or admitted criminal matter resulting in sentenced detention, a community-based order or a Youth Justice Conference. This does not include young people on remand or those young people who may have had a conviction but not been supervised by Juvenile Justice.

Source: DHS/JJ RPELive Database.

(8) 1,854 young people held in custody during 2009-10 had previously spent time in detention.

Source: DHS/JJ RPELive Database.

(9) 34% of young people held in custody in 2009-10 were known to Community Services.

Source: DHS/JJ RPELive Database.

*12362 PARKING FINES REVENUE—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What was the total amount of money collected by the State Debt Recovery Office in parking fines in the Ryde LGA in:
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006;
 - (c) 2007;
 - (d) 2008;
 - (e) 2009;
 - (f) 2010 to date?
- (2) How much money did the SDRO collect by suburb in the Ryde LGA during each year above?
- (3) What was the maximum parking fine issued in the Ryde LGA during 2009?
- (4) What was the minimum parking fine issued in the Ryde LGA during 2009?
- (5) What was the total amount of money collected by the State Debt Recovery Office in parking fines around the Top Ryde shopping precinct in:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of councils and police.

*12364 SUPPORT CLASS LANGUAGE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Will the Support Class Language (that has operated at Brookvale Public School for 8 children per year) continue next year at Brookvale Public School?

Answer—

I am advised that the language support class at Brookvale Public School will continue next year.

*12365 SUPPORT CLASS LANGUAGE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Is there any evidence to which you have access that evaluates the success of the Support Class Language at Brookvale Public School?
- (2) If so, will you release it to parents of the school, who are concerned that the Support Class Language may not be continuing next year?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Individual class data is not collected at a state level.

*12366 STATE PRIORITY PROJECTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

With reference to the July 2008 Intergovernmental Agreement in which the Commonwealth allocated \$708 million to NSW for State Priority Projects including metering, basin pipe north and south, on-farm efficiency works and floodplain harvesting:

- (1) How much of this funding has actually been expended?
- (2) On which specific projects has this money been spent?

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- (3) As of 9 November 2010 has the Commonwealth approved the business plans for any of the above four projects?
(4) If not, on what date were each of these business plans sent to the Commonwealth for approval?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) I refer the Honorable Member to my response to Written Question 12039, lodged on 21 October 2010.

*12367 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) As of 9 November 2010 how many patients in the Greater Southern Area Health Service's (a) Southern Slopes Cluster and (b) Southern Tablelands Cluster are receiving Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) assistance?
(2) Of these patients, how many were initially ineligible, but received assistance following the exercise of the Chief Executive of GSAHS's power of discretion?
(3) What are the minimum and maximum distances that the patients, receiving assistance under the Chief Executive's discretion, have to travel?
(4) What other factors are taken into account by the Chief Executive when she considers exercising her powers of discretion to approve an IPTAAS claim?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) and (2) Greater Southern Area Health Service does not collect IPTAAS information based on the Southern Slopes and Southern Tablelands Clusters.

(3) and (4) Within the NSW Health policy, PD2009_042, it states that "Chief Executives of the Area Health Services have the power to exercise discretion in exceptional circumstances".

Each claim is reviewed on merit and on an individual basis by the Patient Transport Office and Chief Executive.

*12368 RAIL CROSSINGS IN HARDEN SHIRE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

With reference to your letter ML1007638 dated 28 September 2010 and your statement of 5 October that there are no level crossings in the Harden Shire currently proposed for closure by the Country Rail Infrastructure Authority:

- (1) Has the Australian Rail Track Corporation informed the Level Crossing Strategy Council that they wish to close, or are considering closing, any level crossings in the Harden Shire?
(2) If so, what is the location of each of these crossings?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) There are no level crossings currently proposed for closure by the Country Rail Infrastructure Authority.

*12369 GET HEALTHY ADVICE LINE—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to NSW Get Healthy Advice Line:

- (1) As the Advice Line is a venture between ACT, Tasmania and the NSW Government, how many calls have originated from NSW per month since the Advice Line started?
(2) How much has the NSW Government contributed to the Advice Line to date since the Advice Line started?
(3) (a) Has there been a review of the Advice Line measuring outcomes?
(b) If so, has the department produced a report?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Get Healthy Information and Coaching Service is available on NSW Health's website at www.health.nsw.gov.au

An independent evaluation is being undertaken and will be finalised in the coming months.

*12370 SEWERAGE UPGRADES—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) Are any sewerage upgrades planned for the Cronulla electorate?
- (2) If so, what are the details of these plans?

Answer—

I am advised that Sydney Water collates these forms of data by Local Government Area, not electorate boundaries.

*12371 SCHOOLS CLEANING EXPENDITURE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What is the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in the Cronulla electorate in:

- (a) 2008-09?
- (b) 2009-10?

Answer—

I refer the member to my answer to Legislative Assembly Written Question 11426.

*12372 SHIP FIRES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With respect to the NSW Fire Brigades capacity to respond to fires on board passenger ships in Sydney Harbour:

- (1) How many fire officers stationed around Sydney Harbour have had specific training for responding to fires on passenger ships?
- (2) What specialized equipment is provided to fire stations around Sydney Harbour that is designed for responding to fires on passenger ships?
- (3) What multi-agency ship fire operations for ship fires have been carried out over the past 12 months and with which agencies?
- (4) When did the NSW Fire Brigades last review response protocols for ship fires, and when is the next review planned?
- (5) What changes have been made to ensure that the NSW Fire Brigades can respond to a major fire occurring on large cruise ships?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to improve capacity to respond to ship fires?

Answer—

- (1) All NSW Fire Brigades firefighters and officers in NSWFB Standard Operational Guidelines which are relevant to responding to fires on passenger ships receive training. Shipboard Firefighting (B.4.19) is part of the Station Training Program and is undertaken by all firefighters attached to stations near Sydney Harbour.
- (2) The following specialised equipment designed for responding to fires on passenger ships is provided to fire stations around Sydney Harbour:
 - NSWFB firefighting vessel Marine 1
 - Thermal Imaging Cameras
 - Extended Duration Breathing Apparatus
 - Detection equipment for atmospheric monitoring
 - Positive and negative pressure ventilation equipment
 - Personal protective clothing for firefighters
 - Personal radio communications for firefighters, and
 - Specialised fire extinguishing media such as foam (low and high expansion) and bulk carbon Dioxide.
- (3) During the past 12 months, the NSWFB has undertaken regular drills with the Sydney Ports Corporation's firefighting crews, NSW Water Police and on board Navy vessels at Garden Island. NSWFB crews also undertook regular familiarisation exercises on board visiting passenger vessels facilitated by the Sydney Ports Corporation.
- (4) The NSWFB is currently working with NSW Maritime and the Sydney Ports Corporation to develop a Memorandum of Understanding and guidelines for multi-agency operations at a fire on a vessel in Sydney Harbour.
- (5) Once the Memorandum of Understanding and guidelines are finalised, the NSWFB will review and

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update its protocols for responding to ship fires in Sydney Harbour.

- (6) The Government is confident that the NSWFB currently has sufficient capability, expertise and equipment to effectively deal with fires occurring on ships in Sydney Harbour.

*12373ULTIMO AND PYRMONT BUSES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What statistics does the State Transit Authority (STA) have about service use for buses in Pyrmont and Ultimo?
- (2) What assessment has the STA carried out about the need for additional services on these bus routes?
- (3) What needs assessment has the STA carried out about the need for new bus routes to operate in Pyrmont and Ultimo?
- (4) What community or business requests has the Government received asking for additional bus routes in Pyrmont and Ultimo?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to provide additional bus services in Pyrmont and Ultimo?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) State Transit uses passenger boarding data to monitor and assess demand for bus services. Boarding data for the bus services operating through Pyrmont and Ultimo does not indicate a present need for additional services on these routes.

(3) To improve the bus network for Sydney's inner west and southern suburbs, State Transit carried out a major assessment of the bus routes and services in these areas in late 2009, including the suburbs of Pyrmont and Ultimo. This involved an extensive community consultation program. When the new improved bus network was introduced in March 2010, no changes were made to bus routes or services in the Pyrmont/Ultimo area following consideration of the community's feedback. State Transit continues to monitor the bus routes and services of the network and will respond as required to changes in passenger demand.

(4) and (5) Since March 2010 State Transit and Transport NSW have received a number of requests for additional bus routes in the Pyrmont and Ultimo area. State Transit regularly monitors patronage and, in conjunction with Transport NSW, will adjust service levels or make route alterations, if justified by changes in passenger demand.

*12374SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE DRINKERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

With respect to recent Australian Drug Foundation funded report from Deakin University, which shows that children 10-14 are six times more likely to binge drink when supplied with alcohol by someone other than their parents:

- (1) What assessment has the NSW Government made of the extent of people under 18 years of age drinking alcohol?
- (2) What evidence has the Government obtained about supply of alcohol to those under 18?
- (3) What proposals has the NSW Government taken to COAG or similar national liaison to coordinate a national response to underage drinking?
- (4) What education programs does the NSW Government provide to prevent the sale of alcohol to people under 18?
- (5) What programs does the NSW Government provide to ensure that liquor sold through bottle shops and other take away outlets is not passed on to people under 18?
- (6) What enforcement programs does the NSW Government operate to ensure that people under 18 do not drink alcohol provided by other people?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to address this concern?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The NSW Government's assessment of underage drinking is informed by evidence from a range of sources.

I am advised that every three years the NSW Department of Health conducts a survey into students' health behaviours which includes questions on the source and consumption of alcohol by school students. Questions about the survey should be directed to the Minister for Health.

Intelligence and evidence about the supply of alcohol to minors is also collected by the NSW Police Force and inspectors from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing so that prosecution action can be taken against persons who illegally supply alcohol to minors.

(3) The Minister for Health represents the NSW Government in discussions relating to underage drinking issues at a national level through the COAG process. This question should therefore be directed to the Minister for Health.

(4) to (6) The NSW Government supports a number of education and enforcement programs to prevent the sale of alcohol to under 18 year olds and to ensure that liquor sold through bottle shops and other takeaway outlets is not passed on to minors.

The Department of Health and the Department of Education and Training have primary responsibility for alcohol education programs targeting minors. Questions about these programs should therefore be directed to the Minister for Health and the Minister for Education and Training.

Under the Liquor Act 2007, it is an offence for a person to supply liquor to a minor, unless the person is a parent or guardian of the minor or the person is authorised by the parent or guardian to supply liquor to the minor. The responsibility for proving that the person is authorised by the parent or guardian lies with the person who supplied the alcohol to the minor.

All liquor licensees and staff who sell, supply or serve liquor on licensed premises are required to undertake accredited responsible service of alcohol training. The training includes a component about the law in relation to underage drinking (including offences relating to the secondary supply of liquor to minors) and provides participants with strategies to prevent underage drinking and the secondary supply of alcohol to minors.

The NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing provides information to the liquor industry about the responsibilities of licensees and employees in and around licensed premises, and to the community about underage drinking laws, through its "liquor + gaming" magazine, e-News and website (www.olgr.nsw.gov.au).

The Office runs free workshops for liquor licensees and staff about the responsible service of alcohol. These workshops include risk reduction and best practice guidelines to prevent the secondary supply of alcohol to minors. Since 1 July 2008, the Office has delivered 136 responsible service of alcohol workshops attended by 6281 licensees and staff throughout NSW.

The Office also provides liquor accord participants with strategies to prevent underage drinking. These strategies include how to prevent the secondary supply of alcohol to minors and the use of fake identification by minors, and encouraging the implementation of responsible service of alcohol training programs for high school students.

In relation to enforcement programs, the Office works closely with the NSW Police Force and licensees to identify problem premises and high risk precincts and events. Licensed venues are assisted in implementing practical measures at the venue to prevent the supply of alcohol to minors. Where illegal sale and supply of alcohol to minors is detected, penalties can apply under the liquor laws (including penalty notices of \$1,100 and fines of up to \$11,000 and or 12 months imprisonment for licensees and their employees).

These enforcement activities are complemented by patron awareness programs such as the "Supply Means Supply" and "What are you doing to yourself" initiatives. Information about these initiatives is available from the NSW Police Force website (www.police.nsw.gov.au) and the "What are you doing to yourself" website (www.whatareyoudoingtoyourself.com).

Questions about the "Supply Means Supply" program should be directed to the Minister for Police. Questions about the "What are you doing to yourself" program should be directed to the Minister for Health.

(7) Primary responsibility for the co-ordination of strategies to address alcohol consumption by minors rests with the Health portfolio. This question should therefore be directed to the Minister for Health.

The Government closely monitors the operation of the underage drinking laws and reviews developments and research into underage drinking - including at a national and international level. The Government will continue to implement programs to address underage drinking which are informed by research and evidence.

*12375 PAYMENT FOR DOMESTIC SOLAR POWER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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- (1) What is the rationale for the additional 6 cent per kWh offered by Energy Australia for solar power purchased from domestic generators?
- (2) What effect will the NSW Government's reduction in payment for domestic solar power, from 60 cents to 20 cents, have on the additional payment from Energy Australia?

Answer—

- (1) EnergyAustralia is one of several retailers who offered a solar feed-in tariff prior to the introduction of the NSW Government's Solar Bonus Scheme. The electricity retail market is competitive and it is understood that these tariffs were a legitimate part of the business plans of those retailers to attract customers. Many retailers continue to offer feed-in tariffs paid in addition to the Government's Solar Bonus Scheme.
- (2) EnergyAustralia Retail will continue to make the additional contribution of 6 cents per kWh. This contribution will be reviewed periodically reflecting EnergyAustralia's retail standard business practice of regularly reviewing product offerings to ensure ongoing competitiveness.

*12376 PARKING FINES REVENUE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

What was the total amount of money that has been collected by the State Debt Recovery Office, in parking fines, in the Davidson electorate in:

- (a) 2006-2007;
- (b) 2007-2008;
- (c) 2008-2009;
- (d) 2009-2010?

Answer—

I am advised that enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of councils and police.

*12377 UTS KURING-GAI SITE—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Did the Minister receive an email from my constituent James Dwyer on 28 September 2010 concerning the future of the UTS Kuring-gai site?
- (2) If so, have you yet advised whether or not, in accordance with the UTS Act, you have agreed to the sale or other dispersal of the UTS Kuring-gai site?
- (3) If not, will you agree to follow the precedent of your predecessor, the Hon John Aquilina, in relation to the UNSW site at St George and not agree to any dispersal of land at UTS Kuring-gai for non-educational purposes?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) A response to Mr Dwyer's correspondence has been sent, signed by the Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Training.

The Department of Education and Training is currently negotiating with the University of Technology, Sydney for the possible acquisition of a portion of the site that was identified through an extensive needs analysis process. The Department's acquisition, should it proceed, would continue to be used appropriately for educational purposes. Acquiring more of the site than is necessary would be wasteful and deny the local community of useful land.

*12378 INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARDS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the number of white boards that have been received and which schools have received them in the Tweed electorate?
- (2) When will the "Connected Classrooms" program be completed?

Answer—

- (1) The Connected Classrooms Program is equipping every NSW public school with an interactive classroom (includes interactive whiteboard and video conferencing facilities).

The Connected Classrooms Program, to date, has delivered an interactive whiteboard as part of the interactive classroom installation to 16 of the 21 schools in the Tweed Electorate.

In addition to whiteboards that were provided through the Connected Classrooms program, the following figures include whiteboards received under the Building the Education Revolution program and discretionary purchases.

Banora Point High School - 7
 Banora Point Public School - 20
 Bilambil Public School - 11
 Bogangar Public School - 14
 Burringbar Public School - 4
 Caldera School - 2
 Carool Public School - 1
 Centaur Public School - 17
 Condong Public School - 4
 Crabbes Creek Public School - 1
 Cudgen Public School - 5
 Fingal Head Public School - 4
 Kingscliff High School - 2
 Kingscliff Public School - 5
 Pottsville Beach Public School - 16
 Terranora Public School - 12
 Tumbulgum Public School - 3
 Tweed Heads Public School - 9
 Tweed Heads South Public School - 5
 Tweed River High School - 1

Caldera School, Crabbes Creek Public School, Duranbah Public School, Terranora Public School and Tumbulgum Public School will each receive a Connected Classrooms Program interactive whiteboard by June 2011.

(2) The Connected Classrooms Program is a four year program, due to be completed in 2011.

*12379 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL MATTERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

How many Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) matters are currently waiting for a hearing date to be scheduled at Tweed Heads Court House?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to the number of CTTT matters and the scheduling of hearings should be directed to the Minister for Fair Trading.

*12380 TWEED HEADS HOSPITAL CLEANING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the total budget for cleaning the Tweed Heads Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) year to date?

(2) What is the actual amount spent on cleaning the Tweed Heads Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) year to date?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) and (2) The total spending on cleaning the Tweed Hospital in the years in question is as follows:

- (a) 2008-09 financial year - \$4,398,252
- (b) 2009-10 financial year - \$4,715,267
- (c) 2010-11 year to date - \$1,613,130

*12381 AMBULANCE OFFICERS REMAINING WITH PATIENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the status of the Government's consultations on the abolition of ambulance officers remaining with patients in emergency departments?

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- (2) What is the timeline for the complete abolition of this practice across NSW?
(3) What has the Government been told about this practice during the consultations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The transfer of care of patients from ambulance pre-hospital care to Emergency Department hospital care is an important clinical handover process. For patient safety reasons this process needs to occur in a professional structured manner.

A range of strategies are being implemented to reduce delays for ambulance paramedics. These include funding to open over 400 beds as part of the national health reform agreement; piloting of five Urgent Care Centres to provide an alternative care setting for patients with less acute conditions; and/or minor injuries; a continuing program of upgrading Emergency Department infrastructure; and funding of additional staff in Emergency Departments for the winter peak period.

*12382PATIENT TRANSFER DOCUMENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Which of the following hospitals operates a policy of providing patient transfer documents on discharge?
(2) At each of the following hospital, what proportion of patients are recorded as receiving these documents on discharge:
- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital;
 - (b) Blacktown Hospital;
 - (c) Bowral Hospital;
 - (d) Camden Hospital;
 - (e) Campbelltown Hospital;
 - (f) Concord Hospital;
 - (g) Fairfield Hospital;
 - (h) Gosford Hospital;
 - (i) John Hunter Hospital;
 - (j) Liverpool Hospital;
 - (k) Nepean Hospital;
 - (l) Orange Base Hospital;
 - (m) Prince of Wales Hospital;
 - (n) Ryde Hospital;
 - (o) Royal North Shore Hospital;
 - (p) St George Hospital;
 - (q) Shellharbour Hospital;
 - (r) Shoalhaven Hospital;
 - (s) Sutherland Hospital;
 - (t) Westmead Hospital;
 - (u) Wollongong Hospital;
 - (v) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not collated or held centrally.

As a matter of course, a summary of treatment and ongoing care requirements is prepared for most patients discharged from inpatient wards and emergency departments.

Plain English information about medical and surgical conditions, medications, their treatments, how to continue care at home following discharge, and information for carers is also available in Emergency Departments and wards.

An Independent Panel has been established to monitor recommendations arising from the Garling Inquiry, including those related to patient's transfer/discharge documentation. The Independent Panel's Caring Together: The Health Action Plan for NSW third progress report is available on the NSW Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au

*12383LIAISON BETWEEN DIRECTORS AND GPS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What formal arrangements have been implemented by NSW Health to facilitate liaison between the Director Clinical Services/Director Medical Services and local GPs since 1 March 2009?
- (2) What requirements have been set to govern these arrangements and what reporting regimes have been implemented to quantify adherence to them?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Health has a long standing commitment to improving liaison with General Practice. The NSW General Practice Council provides strategic advice on the development, implementation and monitoring of specific health policy, program and funding initiatives specifically relating to General Practice and identifies and promotes linkages between general practice and the NSW public health system.
Directors Clinical Services/Directors Medical Services continue to liaise directly with Divisions of General Practice at local level.
- (2) As part of the implementation of the Government's Caring Together reforms, progress on activities against all recommendations are reported to a central co-ordinating unit and also monitored by an Independent Panel. The Panel's third progress report was released on 30 November 2010 and is accessible from the Caring Together website at: www.healthactionplan.nsw.gov.au
Governance structures are being established under the new Local Health Networks to encourage greater clinician engagement at a hospital and hospital network level.

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*12384FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What funding is given to preventative child and family support programs in Penrith?
- (2) What funding is given to out of home child and family support in Penrith?
- (3) Which family support programs in Penrith received funding in 2010-11?

Answer—

- (1) In 2010-11 Community Services is providing \$7,664,619 in funding to preventative child and family support programs in the Penrith and Nepean area.
- (2) In 2010-11 Community Services is providing \$35,758,302 in funding to Out of Home Care and Child and Family Support services across its Metro West region, where Penrith is located.
- (3) In 2010-11 Community Services is funding the following family support programs in the Penrith area:
 - (a) Centacare's Penrith Family Support (\$168,561)
 - (b) Anglicare's St Marys Family Support Project (\$166,945)
 - (c) Barnardos' Penrith Family Centre (\$230,993)

*12385REPLACEMENT OF UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) (a) Has money from the Department of Education and Training capital works budget been utilised for the replacement of unflued gas heaters?
(b) If so, how much?
- (2) How long is the rollout of new heaters for NSW public schools expected to take?
- (3) How many schools in the Penrith electorate have unflued gas heaters?
- (4) How many heaters does this equate to?
- (5) Does the NSW Government have any plans to utilise the Department of Education and Training's capital works budget to replace unflued gas heaters in NSW public schools?
- (6) What is the total amount allocated for Department of Education and Training capital works budget for:
 - (a) 2009-10;
 - (b) 2010-11?
- (7) How much of the Department of Education and Training capital works budget was allocated for school maintenance for:

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- (a) 2009-10;
- (b) 2010-11?
- (8) What is the current backlog of maintenance outstanding for NSW public schools?
- (9) What is the current backlog of maintenance outstanding for NSW public schools in the Penrith electorate?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.
 - (b) In 2010-11 the Department of Education and Training allocated \$15 million to replace unflued gas heaters in around 100 NSW government schools in the coldest areas of the State.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment in most Department of Education and Training schools. Schools in the Penrith electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.
- (4) Specific data relating to the number of unflued gas heaters in the Penrith electorate is not readily available.
- (5) Funding will be determined based on program requirements.
- (6) (a) \$2,666 billion
 - (b) \$2,027 billion.
- (7) (a) \$405.1 million
 - (b) \$270.7 million.
- (8) Details can be found in the Auditor-General's Financial Reports on the Department of Education and Training.
- (9) Of the maintenance backlog identified by the Auditor-General, there are no remaining works outstanding for public schools in the Penrith electorate.

*12386DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many demountable buildings are in use in public schools in the Penrith electorate?
 - (a) How many are used as classrooms?
 - (b) How many are used as libraries?
- (2) Has any long term planning addressed the replacement of these demountables?
 - (a) How many are being phased out as part of the BER program?
 - (b) How many are being replaced as part of the BER program?
- (3) Are decommissioned demountables made available for the use of other public schools in the Penrith electorate?

Answer—

- (1) There are nineteen demountable buildings on public school sites in the Penrith electorate.
 - (a) Thirteen demountable buildings are used as classrooms.
 - (b) Two demountable buildings are used as libraries.
- (2) Under the BER program seven demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent facilities at schools in the electorate of Penrith.
- (3) The Department co-ordinates the provision of demountable accommodation on a statewide basis. Demountable accommodation is provided to any public school in NSW where a legitimate need is identified.

*12387RED LIGHT AND SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What was the total revenue raised from red light cameras located in the Penrith electorate during:
 - (a) financial year 2007-08;
 - (b) financial year 2008-09;
 - (c) financial year 2009-10?
- (2) What was the total revenue raised from speed cameras located in the Penrith electorate during:
 - (a) financial year 2007-08;

- (b) financial year 2008-09;
(c) financial year 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised:

Speed and red light cameras are put in place in order to save lives by deterring motorists from speeding. They are an important road safety measure.

All drivers should heed the warning to slow down and to drive in a responsible and sensible manner, as that is the best way to ensure they don't get a speeding or other traffic fine, and it might also save their life and the lives of others.

*12389 EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What was the total NSW State Budget (including Federal funding) spent on education in the Clarence electorate, taking in the Richmond River Council and the Clarence Valley Council, since the 2003 election period up until the 2007 election?
- (2) What was the total NSW State Budget (including Federal funding) spent on education in the Clarence electorate, taking in the Richmond River Council and the Clarence Valley Council, in the following years:
- (a) 2007-2008;
(b) 2008-2009;
(c) 2009-2010?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The collation of this information represents an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Statewide budgetary allocations are published in each year's Budget Papers. Federal government funding is a matter for the Commonwealth.

*12390 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What was the total NSW State Budget (including Federal funding) spent by the RTA in the Clarence electorate, taking in the Richmond River Council and the Clarence Valley Council, since the 2003 election period up until the 2007 election?
- (2) What was the total NSW State Budget (including Federal funding) spent by the RTA in the Clarence electorate, taking in the Richmond River Council and the Clarence Valley Council, in the following years:
- (a) 2007-2008;
(b) 2008-2009;
(c) 2009-2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total NSW State Budget funding spent by the RTA in the Clarence electorate from year 2002-03 to 2006-07 as follows:

	\$'000
2002-03	36,880
2003-04	34,319
2004-05	45,647
2005-06	36,270
2006-07	40,337

- (2) The total NSW State Budget funding spent by the RTA in the Clarence electorate from 2007-08 to 2009-10 as follows:

	\$'000
2007-08	51,906
2008-09	48,203
2009-10	72,560

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*12391LOCAL AREA COMMAND FUNDING—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) What was the total NSW State Budget spent on the Clarence part of the Coffs/Clarence Local Area Command in the Clarence electorate since the 2003 election period up until the 2007 election?
- (2) What was the total NSW State Budget spent on the Clarence part of the Coffs/Clarence Local Area Command in the following years:
 - (a) 2007-2008;
 - (b) 2008-2009;
 - (c) 2009-2010?

Answer—

Allocation of funding within the NSW Police budget to Local Area Commands is a matter for the Commissioner of Police and is determined on a needs basis with a view to providing the most effective delivery of policing services across the State.

The allocation of funds from the NSW State Budget as a whole is not part of my responsibility as Minister for Police.

*12392MENTAL ILLNESS AND HOMELESSNESS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice there are currently 1,021 Housing and Accommodation Support Initiatives packages operational across NSW and of these, 68 are Aboriginal specific HASI packages, with a further 32 Aboriginal specific HASI packages expected to be rolled out in the coming months (Question 11847):

- (1) (a) What are the locations of the 68 Aboriginal specific HASI places?
(b) What will be the location of the further 32 Aboriginal specific HASI places?
- (2) What per cent of total HASI funding was directed towards Aboriginal specific packages in each of the years:
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised:

The HASI Places are located at:

Location	Number of Packages
Lismore	10
Blacktown	11
Bourke	7
Dubbo	4
Wellington	3
Coonabarabran	4
Walgett	2
Coonamble	1
Lightning Ridge	1
Tamworth	1
Port Macquarie	1
Grafton	1
Kempsey	1
Batemans Bay	2
Narooma	1
Darlington Point	1
Griffith/Leeton	4
Penrith	2
Hebersham	1
Glenmore Park	1
Surry Hills	1

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Botany	1
Central Coast	5
Rozelle	1
Ashfield	1
Total	68

The further places will be located at:

Location	Number of Packages
Shoalhaven	4
Randwick/ Botany	4
Tamworth	8
Newcastle	8
Campbelltown/ Fairfield/ Liverpool	8
Total	32

The Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) program has been developed and rolled out in stages. Aboriginal specific HASI packages (HASI 5A) were developed and implemented in 2008/09, and are continuing to be rolled out.

The percentage of total HASI funding directed towards Aboriginal specific packages is:

- (a) 2007-08: Nil
- (b) 2008-09: 3.08%
- (c) 2009-10: 13.24%

*12393 ANTI-GRAFFITI ACTION TEAM—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

Given the Department of Justice and Attorney General leads the Anti-Graffiti Action Team, which also includes membership from the NSW Police Force, but is not an operational policing unit (Question 4668):

- (1) What is the role of the NSW Police Force as part of the Anti-Graffiti Action Team?
- (2) (a) On how many occasions has the Anti-Graffiti Action Team met since May 2006?
(b) Where were those meetings held and what was discussed?
- (3) What is the total funding directed towards the operation of the Anti-Graffiti Action Team?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force representative provides advice on current law enforcement policy and practice and relevant operational policing matters and ensures the NSW Police Force is consulted on and involved in the implementation of the decisions of the Team.
- (2) (a) The Team has met more than 15 times since its creation. The most recent meeting of the Team was on 1 December 2010.
(b) Recently, meetings have been held in Sydney. Regarding what was discussed, I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 5135.
- (3) I refer to the answer to Written Question 5135.

*12394 NSW STATE PLAN 2010—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

Given your Foreword in the NSW State Plan 2010 notes that during 2010, the NSW Government will improve public reporting, including the launch of a new State Plan interactive website:

- (1) When will a State Plan interactive website be launched and at what total cost to taxpayers?
- (2) What will feature on a State Plan interactive website?
- (3) In what ways has the NSW Government improved public reporting?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The State Plan interactive website (www.stateplan.nsw.gov.au) was launched on 24 November 2010. The website includes performance updates and information on NSW Government services. The website will be updated as new data and applications become available.

The cost, to date, to develop the website is \$155,570 (excluding GST).

*12395 SYDNEY METRO PROJECT—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice that the total outstanding costs for the aborted Sydney Metro project are not yet finalised as the claims process is not completed (Question 10280), when is it anticipated the claims process will be completed?

Answer—

I am advised that it is not possible to say when the entire claims process will be completed as some claimants may exercise their rights of appeal in the Land and Environment Court. It is expected that the majority of final claims will be resolved shortly.

*12396 SYDNEY FERRIES SPEED LIMITS—PARRAMATTA RIVER—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What is the maximum speed limit for each type of ferry operated by Sydney Ferries on the Parramatta River?
- (2) (a) Do maximum speed limits vary between peak and non-peak travel times on weekdays?
(b) If so, what are the maximum speed limits between Meadowbank and Kissing Point wharf on weekdays?
- (3) (a) Do different speed limits apply on weekends when there is more recreational use of the waterways?
(b) If so, what are the maximum speed limits between Meadowbank and Kissing Point wharves?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) There is a maximum speed limit of 7 knots in the upper Parramatta River west of the Silverwater Bridge in an area where recreational craft are not permitted. On the remainder of the Parramatta River to the east of Silverwater Bridge there are no speed restrictions mandated by the marine safety regulator, NSW Maritime, however Sydney Ferries has a self-imposed maximum speed limit of 20 knots in those parts of the river.

*12397 FERRY CRASH—MEADOWBANK WHARF—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the ferry crash at Meadowbank Wharf at 4:35 pm on Sunday 7 November 2010:

- (1) Has an investigation started?
(a) If so, when will the investigation conclude?
(b) If not, when will it commence?
- (2) Who will be conducting the investigation?
- (3) If the investigation has concluded, what were the findings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The NSW Police Marine Area Command took responsibility for the investigation.
On 10 November 2010, NSW Police released a statement to advise that the master of the runabout had been charged in relation to the collision.

*12398 ACCESS TO WATER—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) Are you aware of concerns by members of the Fire Brigades that there is inadequate street marking in some Sydney suburbs of the location of access to water for fighting fires?
- (2) If so, does the Government have any plans to address this issue?

Answer—

I am not aware of concerns being raised by firefighters about inadequate street markings showing the location of access to water for fighting fires in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

I can advise that the NSW Fire Brigades has a range of strategies in place to assist firefighters locating access to water. These include colour coded hydrant map books issued to all fire stations in the Sydney metropolitan area and the installation of street markings to indicate the location of static water supplies (for example swimming pools and water tanks) which can be used by firefighters.

*12399 MEETINGS WITH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Which medical practitioners have you met with in the last 4 months to discuss the future of the proposed Northern Beaches Hospital?
- (2) If any, what issues were raised with you?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I regularly meet with clinicians from across NSW Health to discuss a variety of issues, such as hospital redevelopment projects.

In March 2010, I met with Dr Stuart Pincott, Chair of the Medical Staff Council, Mona Vale Hospital and Dr Michelle Franks, Chair of the Medical Staff Council Manly Hospital, to discuss the Northern Beaches Health Service's facilities.

*12400 BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) Have you had discussions with Clover Moore about her resignation from the Barangaroo Delivery Authority?
- (2) Is so, what issues did you raise with her in relation to her resignation?

Answer—

I am advised:

I met with the Lord Mayor and received a letter from her. I have responded to the concerns raised by the Lord Mayor and made a public statement in relation to the Lord Mayor's resignation, which is available on the Barangaroo Delivery Authority's website.

*12401 PARKING FINES REVENUE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What was the total amount of money collected by the State Debt Recovery Office in parking fines in the Hornsby LGA in:
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006;
 - (c) 2007;
 - (d) 2008;
 - (e) 2009;
 - (f) 2010 to date?
- (2) How much money did the SDRO collect by suburb in the Hornsby LGA during each year above?
- (3) What was the maximum parking fine issued in the Hornsby LGA during 2009?
- (4) What was the minimum parking fine issued in the Hornsby LGA during 2009?
- (5) What was the total amount of money collected by the State Debt Recovery Office in parking fines around the Hornsby shopping precinct in:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of councils and police.

*12402 SUNFLOWER CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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Will the Minister investigate how the Government can provide assistance to the Sunflower Centre, part of the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW, to enable the centre to remain open?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sunflower Centre plays a valuable role in providing support, information and education on mental illness in the Lower Hunter.

I'm pleased to advise that after discussion with Minister for the Hunter, the Hon. Jodi McKay and a number of local MPs in the Hunter region, the NSW Government has been able to secure \$30,000 in additional funding for the Sunflower Centre.

In addition to this funding, Dr Nigel Lyons, Chief Executive of Hunter New England Area Health Service has advised that the Area Health Service will work with the Sunflower Centre to provide support and ensure a structured evaluation is completed, which will help establish a more sustainable service model.

The Schizophrenia Fellowship - Hunter New England has also received NGO grant funding totalling \$382,000 since 2003/04 (through to 2011-12) from the NSW Government to assist with the employment of a part-time Community Development Officer at the Sunflower Centre.

*12403 TOUGHER PENALTIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Since the election of the Iemma Government in 2007, what tougher penalties has the Government enacted for local government to empower them to deal with vacant, derelict buildings that have fallen into disrepair, or are inhabited by squatters?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

Councils have powers under section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 to issue orders. In particular, Order No 21 requires the owner or occupier of land or premises issued with the order to do or refrain from doing such things as are specified in the order to ensure that land is, or premises are, placed or kept in a safe or healthy condition.

Where a person fails to comply with an order to carry out work, section 678(1) of the Local Government Act allows a council to do all such things necessary or convenient to give effect to the order and to seek reimbursement of its costs.

Non-compliance with Order No 21 is an offence under section 628(2) of the Local Government Act, which attracts a maximum penalty of \$2,200 if the matter proceeds to court. Alternatively, the council can serve a penalty notice of \$330.

These penalties have been in force since 1993.

As the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 is the primary legislation dealing with building matters, particularly section 121B, which allows councils to issue orders, the Honourable Member may wish to seek further information from the Minister for Planning.

*12404 WHITE BOARDS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What is the number of white boards that have been received and which schools have received them in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—

Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre - 1

Burraneer Bay Public School - 10

Caringbah High School - 10

Caringbah North Public School - 2

Caringbah Public School - 19

Cronulla High School - 1

Cronulla Public School - 9

Cronulla South Public School - 1

Endeavour Sports High School - 1

Kurnell Public School - 1
Laguna Street Public School - 11
Lilli Pilli Public School - 15
Miranda North Public School - 2
Sylvania Public School - 1
Taren Point Public School - 5
Woolooware High School - 9
Woolooware Public School - 5
Yowie Bay Public School - 6.

These figures include whiteboards that were provided through the Connected Classrooms program, Building the Education Revolution and discretionary purchases.

*12405 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL CLEANING BUDGET—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the total budget for cleaning the Sutherland Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) year to date?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The budget figures for cleaning the Sutherland Hospital are reported by financial year, not by calendar year, and are as follows:

- (a) 2008-2009 - \$2,547,201
- (b) 2009-2010 - \$2,648,893
- (c) 2010-2011 year-to-date (to 31 October 2010) - \$942,177

*12406 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) How many businesses applied for compensation for the building of the desalination plant at Kurnell?
- (2) How many businesses received compensation for the building of the desalination plant at Kurnell?
- (3) What was the total cost of compensation to businesses for the building of the desalination plant at Kurnell?
- (4) Why were some businesses rejected in their request for compensation?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) I refer to the answer to Written Question 10398 asked by the member previously.

*12407 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) Has the Minister met with businesses and individuals that applied for compensation due to the building of the desalination plant at Kurnell?
- (2) (a) Did any of the businesses and individuals that the Minister has met with have their compensation request rejected?
- (b) If so, why?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I refer to the answer to Written Question 10398 asked by the Member previously.

*12408 MOORE PARK EAST DISCUSSIONS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

Following the meeting between the Chairpersons of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust and the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust in June at which the Premier directed the two trusts to negotiate over Moore Park East:

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- (1) How many times have the two trusts met since June?
- (2) Who was present at each meeting?
- (3) (a) Were minutes kept?
(b) If so, are they publicly available?
- (4) What reports from the meetings have been provided back to Government?

Answer—

The Minister and Department do hold not any records of meetings between the Trusts or Chairs of the Trusts.

I have been advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet arranged two meetings to assist its review of Moore Park East arrangements and to progress negotiations between the respective Trusts. The meetings informed the development of cabinet submissions and briefings on the future of Moore Park East.

*12409 REVIEW OF RODEO CODE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Given your advice that "key stakeholders" will receive a copy of the draft revised Animal Welfare Code of Practice - Animals Used in Rodeo Events (Question 11794), what is the organisation name of each "key stakeholder"?

Answer—

The revised Code of Practice is being prepared in consultation with rodeo organisers and animal welfare groups like the RSPCA NSW, the Animal Welfare League NSW and the NSW Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

When it is finalised, the revised Code of Practice will be made available for public comment.

*12410 NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many Tweed residents were assisted by the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre?
- (2) What proportion of these identified as juvenile/indigenous?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2009-2010, the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre provided legal advice, casework and representation to 187 residents of the Tweed Local Government Area (LGA). In addition 942 Tweed residents attended community legal education sessions.
- (2) Of the total number of Tweed LGA residents who received legal advice, casework or representation in 2009/2010, none were under the age of 18 and 14 residents identified as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

*12411 ENVIRON CEMETERY—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the total number of recorded burials at the Environ Cemetery in the Tweed in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) year to date?
- (2) What is the total revenue raised through burial charges?

Answer—

I am advised that requirements surrounding the recording of burials at cemeteries operated by councils are contained in the Public Health (Disposal of Bodies) Regulation 2002, which falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health.

The Minister advises that under the Public Health (Disposal of Bodies) Regulation 2002, any council acting as a cemetery authority must maintain a register of all burials carried out in the cemetery the operations of which it directs, including the details of any fees paid.

I am further advised that the cemetery in question is located on Council owned land in freehold title and

as such, the question would be best directed to that council.

*12412 POKER MACHINE NUMBERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

- (1) What is the total number of poker machines in the Tweed Local Government Area?
- (2) What is the total number of poker machines in the Tweed Local Government Area in:
 - (a) clubs;
 - (b) hotels?

Answer—

- (1) As at 12 November 2010, there were 2213 authorised gaming machines in the Tweed local government area.
- (2) (a) As at 12 November 2010, there were 1974 authorised gaming machine in clubs in the Tweed local government area.
(b) As at 12 November 2010, there were 239 authorised gaming machines in hotels in the Tweed local government area.

*12413 CHILDREN INJURED AT SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to reported injuries incurred at public schools in NSW:

- (1) What is the total number of school children that have been reported injured at schools in the Tweed Local Government Area in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?
- (2) What are the total medical costs that have been incurred for reported injuries at schools in the Tweed Local Government Area in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?
- (3) How many school children have been reported injured while on school excursions in Queensland from the Tweed Local Government Area in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?

Answer—

This information is not held regionally or centrally. To provide a detailed response would involve a diversion of resources away from the Department's core responsibilities which cannot be justified.

*12414 BECCARI'S FREETAILED BAT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given that only one population of Beccari's Freetail bat has been found in NSW (in a house roof in Murwillumbah), and that the species is widely distributed across northern Australia, is it appropriate to list it as "vulnerable" in NSW?
- (2) How can recovery actions such as reducing the frequency of burning forests and woodlands "in areas of known habitat", reducing the use of pesticides and protecting hollow-bearing trees, be relevant when only one population has ever been recorded in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Beccari's Freetail bat occurs along the NSW coast, from Tweed Heads to Grafton in the south, and inland west of Moree. It occurs at low densities and is rare in the State.

Beccari's Freetail bat was assessed by a panel of experts as vulnerable to extinction and listed on Schedule 12 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act under the provisions of the then Endangered Fauna (Interim Protection) Act. Those lists were adopted under the Threatened Species Conservation Act when it was passed in 1995.

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- (2) Beccari's Freetail Bat is known to use a variety of roost sites, but tree hollows are considered to be particularly important. Insects are the species' primary source of food. Reducing the frequency of burning, reducing the use of pesticides and protecting hollow-bearing trees are important for protecting the roosting/nesting sites and insect food resources used by Beccari's Freetail bat. They are appropriate recovery actions for the species.

*12417 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPERTY—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Does the Department of Housing own 3 Belvedere Avenue, Castle Hill?
(2) If so, for what purpose is the house used?
(3) Why has the house been empty since July?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
(2) and (3) The property is leased to a non-government organisation as a respite care facility. The property is not vacant.

*12418 THE HILLS AND HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCILS—FINES ISSUED—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the Office of State Revenue:

- (1) What was the total dollar amount of fines issued by The Hills Shire Council in:
(a) 2006-07;
(b) 2007-08;
(c) 2008-09;
(d) 2009-10?
(2) What was the total dollar amount of fines issued by Hornsby Shire Council in:
(a) 2006-07;
(b) 2007-08;
(c) 2008-09;
(d) 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total face value of fines issued in The Hills Shire and Hornsby Shire councils for the requested financial years is as follows:

	Face value (\$) of fines issued	Face value (\$) of fines issued
Financial year	The Hills Shire Council	Hornsby Shire Council
2006-07	\$803,191	\$1,328,162
2007-08	\$779,609	\$1,220,984
2008-09	\$1,301,106	\$1,696,045
2009-10	\$1,537,306	\$1,886,338

I note that the enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions is the responsibility of councils and the police.

*12419 REPTILE KEEPER LICENCES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How many people in NSW hold Class 1 reptile keeper licences?
(2) How many people in NSW hold Class 2 reptile keeper licences?
(3) What are the five most popular species of reptiles kept as pets in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) There are 13,249 licensees who hold a NSW Basic Reptile Class 1 Animal Keepers Licence.
(2) In NSW, a Class 2 Advanced Reptile Animal Keepers Licence comprises four categories:

Category	Class 2 Advanced Reptile Animal Keepers Licence	Number of licensees

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1	Advance Non-Venomous	470 licensees
2	Venomous Category 1	45 licensees
3	Venomous Category 2	63 licensees
4	Venomous Category 3	78 licensees
	Total Class 2 Advanced	656 licensees

(3) In 2008, the five most popular species of reptiles kept as pets in NSW were:

- (a) *Tiliqua scincoides*, Common Blue-tongue
- (b) *Pogona vitticeps*, Central Bearded Dragon
- (c) *Morelia spilota spilota*, Diamond Python
- (d) *Chelodina longicollis*, Eastern Snake-necked Turtle
- (e) *Morelia spilota*, Carpet/Diamond Python

*12420 BERRYS BAY MARINA REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to the proposed Berrys Bay Marina redevelopment:

- (1) What meetings did former Minister for Ports and Waterways Mr Joe Tripodi MP or his staff have with Meridien Marinas, an applicant to undertake the redevelopment?
- (2) What were the specific criteria used to shortlist proposals received under the Registration of Interest process, before proponents were asked to provide additional information?
- (3) Should the weightings prepared by the Request for Proposals assessments panel for the redevelopment have been approved by NSW Maritime's Chief Executive before the assessment panel sighted any of the proposals?
- (4) Given that the above weightings were approved after the assessment panel had sighted the redevelopment proposal, to what extent is the integrity and transparency of the process affected?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised NSW Maritime is not aware of any such meetings.
- (2) I refer the Member to Legislative Council Question on Notice 4194.
- (3) and (4) I am advised the Request for Proposal assessment weightings were approved by NSW Maritime's Chief Executive prior to the assessment panel sighting the Request for Proposal submissions.

*12421 OVER-HEIGHT TRUCKS OR LOADS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many incidents of over-height trucks or loads entering tunnels were there:
 - (a) from 1 May 2010 to 31 July 2010;
 - (b) from 1 August 2010 to 31 October 2010?
- (2) Listed separately for each tunnel, which five tunnels experienced the most incidents with over-height trucks or loads and what was the number of incidents for each tunnel:
 - (a) from 1 May 2010 to 31 July 2010;
 - (b) from 1 August 2010 to 31 October 2010?
- (3) How many drivers received the on-the-spot fine for entering a road tunnel with an over-height vehicle or load:
 - (a) from 1 May 2010 to 31 July 2010;
 - (b) from 1 August 2010 to 31 October 2010?
- (4) How many drivers paid the on-the-spot fine for entering a road tunnel with an over-height vehicle or load:
 - (a) from 1 May 2010 to 31 July 2010;
 - (b) from 1 August 2010 to 31 October 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 51
- (b) 54
- (2) (a)
 - Eastern Distributor - 24 incidents

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- Lane Cove Tunnel - 14 incidents
- Sydney Harbour Tunnel - 10 incidents
- Cross City Tunnel - 2 incidents
- M5 East Tunnel - 1 incident

(b)

- Eastern Distributor - 22 incidents
- Lane Cove Tunnel - 13 incidents
- Sydney Harbour Tunnel - 13 incidents
- Cross City Tunnel - 6 incidents
- M5 East Tunnel - 0 incidents

(3) This is a matter for the Treasurer.

(4) This is a matter for the Treasurer.

*12422 UNREGISTERED AND UNINSURED DRIVERS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In regards to the NSW crackdown on unregistered and uninsured drivers:

- (1) How many vehicles (both number and percentage) are currently estimated to drive on NSW roads:
 - (a) unregistered;
 - (b) uninsured;
 - (c) both unregistered and uninsured?
- (2) How many accidents occurred on NSW roads each month, from 1 January 2010 to date, involving vehicles that are:
 - (a) unregistered;
 - (b) uninsured;
 - (c) both unregistered and uninsured?
- (3) As a result of an initial camera-detected offence, how many penalty notices were issued for driving an unregistered vehicle in:
 - (a) August;
 - (b) September;
 - (c) October;
 - (d) November (to date)?
- (4) As a result of an initial camera-detected offence, how many penalty notices were issued for driving an uninsured vehicle in:
 - (a) August;
 - (b) September;
 - (c) October;
 - (d) November (to date)
- (5) As a result of an initial camera-detected offence, how many penalty notices were issued for driving both an unregistered and uninsured vehicle in:
 - (a) August;
 - (b) September;
 - (c) October;
 - (d) November (to date)?
- (6) With regards to the RTA's education campaign to advise motorists of the new reforms:
 - (a) What is the RTA's total expenditure/budget allocation for this education campaign?
 - (b) How much money has been spent on the education campaign since the commencement of the reforms?
 - (c) In which markets has the education campaign been running and what are the details?
 - (d) Across which media channels has the education campaign been running and what are the details?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Current Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) statistics indicate that around one per cent of vehicles on NSW roads may be unregistered.
- (b) The RTA does not collect information on the number of uninsured vehicles.

- (c) See (a) and (b) above.
- (2) (a) Crashes involving an unregistered motor vehicle during 2010 (incomplete data):
- January - 15
 - February - 15
 - March - 14
 - April - 21
 - May - 27
 - June - 21
 - July - 29
 - August - 24
 - September - 10
- (b) and (c) Data about uninsured vehicles involved in crashes is not recorded by the RTA.
- (3) This is a matter for the Treasurer.
- (4) This is a matter for the Treasurer.
- (5) See answer to questions (3) and (4).
- (6)
- (a) The approved budget allocated to the Managing Unauthorised Driving (MUD) marketing campaign was \$373,213.
- (b) Total spent to date is \$353,324.
- (c) State-wide.
- (d) The campaign ran across the following media channels:
- Outdoor - bus back advertising on Sydney Government fleets and regional private fleets, including outer Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and Central Coast.
 - Radio - mix of 30 and 15 second advertisements and Australian Traffic Network announcements on metropolitan stations, regional NSW markets and community language stations.
 - Press - metropolitan publications, regional dailies and community language press.
 - Online - selected sites.
 - RTA shortcut brochure.
 - RTA website.

*12423SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting that in the 2010-11 Budget Papers fine revenue is estimated to increase by \$137 million in 2010-11, with a mobile speed camera program and a 5 per cent increase in speeding fines, what is the total estimated fine revenue for the following categories, all listed separately and broken down by financial year from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015:

- (a) red light cameras;
- (b) fixed speed cameras;
- (c) mobile speed cameras;
- (d) police-issued speeding fines;
- (e) parking fines;
- (f) general traffic offences?

Answer—

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Roads.

*12424USE OF BUS LANES BY MOTORCYCLES—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the M2 bus lane and the prohibition on motorcycles using this lane:

- (1) Is the reason that motorcyclists are not permitted to use the bus lane because of objections received from bus drivers?
- (2) What is the specific nature of these objections?
- (3) Why were these objections accepted?
- (4) Will motorcyclists be permitted to use the bus lane after the completion of the reconstruction and

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redesign works of the M2 in the next few years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Bus Only Lanes, including those on the M2, are a particular type of bus lane where motorcycles and most vehicles other than buses are not permitted under current regulations (Road Rules 2008 Rule 158). I am personally unaware of any objections by bus drivers.

(4) The upgrade works for the M2 motorway will maintain the existing bus only lanes, except that the existing bus only entry/exit ramp at Beecroft Road will be removed upon completion of the upgrade. There is no current intention to change the regulations. However, I have asked that the RTA review the operation of the M2 busway after completion of the upgrade works to ensure that all road users, including motorcyclists, benefit appropriately from the M2 upgrade.

*12425 WRITTEN-OFF VEHICLES LEGISLATION—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When will the written-off vehicles legislation be enacted to prevent the further sale of written-off vehicles through auction houses?
- (2) Will the Minister give consideration, following the enacting of this legislation, to amending the legislation to make the repair of heavy vehicles also comply with this legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has consulted with key stakeholders in the development of the regulations to enable the commencement of the Act. Subject to finalisation of the regulation and approval by Executive Council it is proposed to commence the legislation on 31 January 2011.
- (2) Heavy vehicle regulation is undergoing significant reform and is expected to be overseen by a National Heavy Vehicle Regulator by 2013. The national regulator is also expected to deal with management of written off heavy vehicles.

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*12427 NPWS STAFFING AT KHANCOBAN—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given advice that 9 NPWS employees from the Khancoban office are trained fire fighters (Question 11076), yet local investigation reveals that only 7 staff are available to fight fires, can the correct figure be confirmed?
- (2) What plans are in place to recruit and train new staff for the Khancoban office to cover absences on other duties, pending retirements and in preparation for the establishment of the Visitor Information Centre?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) There are currently seven National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) employees located at Khancoban that are available for firefighting duties. Two permanent staff (a clerical officer and a ranger) are currently on leave. In the event of wildfires, staff are redeployed from other regional workplaces to assist, including from Tumut, Jindabyne, Blowering and Queanbeyan. NPSW officers and equipment from across the State can also be deployed to assist with wildfires in the Upper Murray area as required.
- (2) Casual employees are being utilised to fulfil some duties. Options are currently being considered to backfill a position with an excess officer. The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, which includes the National Parks and Wildlife Service, is not aware of any pending retirements in this office and there are no plans to increase staffing levels when the Khancoban office is relocated.

*12428 NORTHERN ROAD AND M4 INTERCHANGE—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many road accidents have been reported at the Northern Road and M4 interchange since the traffic lights became operational:
 - (a) in southbound traffic;
 - (b) in any other direction?
- (2) Has there been any RTA evaluation of the change in southbound traffic since the installation of the traffic lights?
- (3) Has the RTA considered a "Left-turn on red" sign at the interchange?
- (4) What data has been gathered on the volume of traffic at the interchange:
 - (a) before the traffic lights became operational;
 - (b) after the traffic lights became operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) One.

(b) One on the westbound on-ramp.

Note that the RTA only reports on crashes where at least one person was killed or injured or at least one vehicle was towed away. 2010 data is provisional and incomplete and will not be finalised until the NSW Coroner confirms the cause of each road fatality.

- (2) Yes.

- (3) The upgrade to this interchange included the construction of an additional northbound lane on The Northern Road, the extension of the southbound and northbound right turn bays on The Northern Road and the extension of the southbound left turn lane.

Drivers using the northbound right turn from The Northern Road to M4 on-ramp previously needed to merge into the southbound left turn lane. This caused substantial queuing to the south from the right turn bay, to the point where vehicles queued out into the northbound through lanes. To improve the right turning capacity as well as the northbound through capacity on The Northern Road, this merge was removed and the southbound left turn lane was signalised. A 'Left-Turn On Red Permitted After Stopping' sign for the south to east left turn movement is not supported at this location as it would require reinstatement of the merge for the north to east right turn movement and contribute to delays at the interchange.

The southbound left turn movement is only required to stop during the northbound right turn phase. To provide additional capacity as a result of the introduction of the new signals that were installed on the ramp, the southbound left turn lane was extended as part of the upgrade.

- (4) (a) Traffic volume counts including all vehicle movements at the interchange were undertaken prior to the design of the interchange improvements.
- (b) Traffic volume data is collected on an annual basis. As this interchange has only recently been upgraded, further traffic counts have not yet been undertaken.

*12429OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE REQUESTS—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Department of Housing dwellings in the Penrith region have outstanding maintenance requests?
 - (a) How many are in Cranebrook?
 - (b) How many are in Kingswood?
 - (c) How many are in Emu Plains?
 - (d) How many are in Penrith?
 - (e) How many are in South Penrith?
 - (f) How many are in Jamisontown?
- (2) How many Department of Housing dwellings in the Penrith region are there that are not occupied due to outstanding maintenance requests?
- (3) What timeline is there to have these maintenance requests resolved?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Housing NSW has a small number of outstanding maintenance requests in the Penrith area and surrounding suburbs. All maintenance issues will be completed by the end of December 2010. There are no unoccupied properties as a result of this maintenance work.

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*12430 CARBON EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to reduce carbon emissions from motor vehicles?
- (2) Has consideration been given to offering motorists lower registration costs for driving efficient vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The NSW Government has introduced several initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.

Leading by example, between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2008, the NSW Government fleet achieved a nearly 20 per cent improvement in environmental performance. With about 25,000 vehicles, fleet improvements represent significant savings in carbon emissions. This was achieved by reducing the proportion of six and eight cylinder vehicles from two-thirds of the fleet in 2004, to one-third by 2008, and a shift to using smaller and more efficient vehicles.

Hybrid vehicles now comprise 2.3 per cent of the fleet, more than double the NSW Government target of one per cent. Further, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water is trialling the Government's first fully electric vehicle.

In addition, new targets have been set which aim to achieve additional improvements of 12 per cent across the fleet by 2011, bringing the total over the life of the initiative to 32 per cent since 2005.

In relation to private sector fleets, the NSW Government launched the NSW FleetWise Partnership (FleetWise) in August 2010. FleetWise is a voluntary program supporting NSW-based businesses, not-for-profit organisations and local councils that have fleets of 20 or more vehicles. Participants have the opportunity to also reduce fleet costs. The first four participants have achieved a 12 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from their fleets.

- (2) From 9 August 2010, a one-off increase in the motor vehicle weight tax applies for light vehicles.

Energy efficient motor vehicles that meet certain criteria have been exempted from the increase at the time of renewal or establishment of registration. Vehicles must be a manufacturer designated petrol-electric hybrid and have a rating of 4½ or 5 stars on the Commonwealth Government's Green Vehicle Guide.

The Government's view is that the most important priority is for the national standard setting process to be accelerated. This would ensure that new vehicles use less fuel and emit less carbon. Registration charges are relatively small compared to fuel costs, and they are already linked to vehicle weight. Hence, further adjustment in registration charges could only produce a very modest additional incentive to reward the owners of more efficient models.

*12431 YEAR-ROUND VIABILITY OF PERISHER VALLEY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What is the status of the Government's project to promote the year-round viability of Perisher Valley?
- (2) What are the reasons for the delay of this project?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Expressions of Interest for developers to build and operate an 800 bed, new village complex in the heart of Perisher Valley in Kosciuszko National Park were called for late in 2009. Detailed commercial and partnership negotiations on the project are currently being undertaken. It would be inappropriate for me to disclose any of these details until the negotiations have concluded.
- (2) There is no delay for the project.

*12432 TAFE COURSES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many TAFE courses have been cut or discontinued across the State this year and last year?
- (2) How many of these cuts have been in regional areas?
- (3) (a) Is the Minister aware of people suffering with mental illness whose illnesses have worsened because they no longer participate in the TAFE courses they were relying on?
(b) If so, what measures has the Government taken to support these former students?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) TAFE NSW offers more than 1,200 programs in total. Courses may be offered at different times throughout the year and in different locations depending on regional industry and community needs, and whether a particular college has the facilities and staff to deliver a program. The provision of certain courses may sometimes be moved to a different TAFE campus, depending on available resources and demand.

I am advised that no TAFE NSW courses were cut across the State in 2009 or 2010, although some courses in revised Training Packages and TAFE-accredited courses may have had a change of name.

Free advice and career counselling is available to current and prospective students at all TAFE NSW Institutes. TAFE Counsellors can provide advice to students not only on issues such as appropriate career choices, but also on strategies to overcome barriers to educational or vocational progress, such as depression, relationship problems and mental illness.

Regional partnerships have also been formed between NSW Health and some TAFE Institutes, in order to increase co-ordination between mental health and education providers, improve health and educational outcomes, and to assist TAFE teachers in working with students with a mental illness.

- *12433 STAMP DUTY EXEMPTIONS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

Apart from the stamp duty exemptions for caravans and camper-trailers in the 2009-10 Budget, what consideration has been given to reducing stamp duty on motorhomes and campervans - as defined in the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997 (NSW) - to achieve parity with Queensland and Victoria?

Answer—

I am advised:

Reducing the stamp duty rates for motorhomes and campervans would introduce inequity and complexity to the current system.

- *12434 COUNTRYLINK AND BUS CONNECTIONS—Mr Peter Besseling asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What is the outcome of a public forum in Port Macquarie in July to discuss improved CountryLink services to Port Macquarie?
- (2) What actions will the NSW Government take to address the issues raised at the public meeting, such as improved daily bus connections between Port Macquarie and the train station at Wauchope?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC commenced community consultations about CountryLink train and coach services in July 2010 this year. The focus of this community engagement is:

- Frequency of services,
- Service connectivity,
- Facilities on trains and coaches,
- Ticket availability, and
- Ticket management during the journey.

Following consideration of all submissions, a detailed report about what was raised, and suggested improvements to CountryLink services will be provided by the Parliamentary Secretary.

- *12435 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Peter Besseling asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many North Coast Area Health Service staff are currently based in Port Macquarie?
- (2) How many North Coast Area Health Service jobs will be exported out of Port Macquarie once the area health services are disbanded on 1 January 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) and (2) North Coast Area Health Service currently has 789 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff based in

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Port Macquarie.

The Government has made it clear that overall staffing levels will not be reduced as a consequence of the dissolution of current Area Health Services. This restructure will cause staff positions to be reconfigured rather than reduced. The vast majority of staff working in Area Health Services will transition to the Local Health Networks which replace them.

*12436DISTANT EDUCATION STUDENTS—Mr Peter Besseling asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What access do Distant Education students at Camden Haven High School have to school counselling services?
- (2) What plan does the Minister have to provide adequate support to children who use Distant Education services because of behavioural problems?

Answer—

- (1) All Distance Education students are able to receive counselling from a school counsellor either at the school in which they are enrolled or a public school that is local to their residence.
- (2) Students with severe disruptive behaviour who are not attending a specialist behaviour setting may be eligible to enrol in a Distance Education Centre. This is done through a regional placement panel or process. There is ongoing assessment and support of the student's needs by the region, with a formal review of the student's placement at least every 12 months. Students are eligible for support from specialist regional staff such as school counsellors and home school liaison officers.

Some students with severe disruptive behaviour accessing distance education may also be attending a specialist setting such as a behaviour school or tutorial centre. The Distance Education Centre supports the specialist behaviour setting by providing curriculum access to a Key Learning Area at an appropriate stage level. The students are eligible for support, as appropriate by staff such as school counsellors and home school liaison officers.

*12437PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL—PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT UNIT—Mr Peter Besseling asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) How many mental health beds are available at Port Macquarie Base Hospital's psychiatric inpatient unit?
- (2) How many mental health patients from the Port Macquarie region received treatment at PMBH's psychiatric inpatient unit between 30 June 2009 and 1 July 2010?
- (3) How many mental health patients from the Port Macquarie region were treated at hospitals outside the Port Macquarie region between 30 June 2009 and 1 July 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Port Macquarie Inpatient Mental Health Unit has twelve involuntary beds.

There were 224 admissions to the Port Macquarie Base Hospital Inpatient Mental Health Unit between 30 June 2009 and 1 July 2010.

72 patients were treated at Hospitals outside of Port Macquarie, of which 27 were treated at the Kempsey District Hospital Mental Health Unit, which is located within the same Hastings/Macleay Network of health services.

*12438MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION TEAM—Mr Peter Besseling asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) What percentage of police officers attached to the Mid-North Coast Local Area Command have undergone specialist training by the Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT)?
- (2) Does the Minister have any immediate plans to increase the participation rate of MNC LAC officers in the MHIT training program?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Four officers from the Mid North Coast Local Area Command, or approximately 2.4% based on the current authorised strength of 168 officers, have undergone the intensive four day Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT) training course to date.

- (2) Due to each Local Area Command having the same potential for mental health crisis events, the rollout for MHIT training has been spread evenly between Commands. However, at a recent policing forum it was demonstrated that the Northern Region had the highest rate of mental health incidents during the three years from 2007 to 2009. The MHIT is therefore planning to offer additional placements to this Region in upcoming courses.

*12441 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) What was the total NSW State Budget spent on emergency services in the Clarence electorate, taking in the Richmond River Council and the Clarence Valley Council, since the 2003 election period up until the 2007 election?
- (2) What was the total NSW State Budget spent on emergency services in the Clarence electorate, taking in the Richmond River Council and the Clarence Valley Council, in the following years:
- 2007-2008;
 - 2008-2009;
 - 2009-2010?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government does not collate budget information based on election periods or electorate.

The NSW SES records and reports on expenditure based on SES Region boundaries. The Clarence Electorate spans over both the Clarence Nambucca and Richmond Tweed SES Regions. The information provided from the NSW SES is based on total expenditure for both of these Regions.

The total expenditure from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2007 for the Clarence Electorate (including the Clarence Nambucca and Richmond Tweed SES Regions as above) was \$23,719,938.

An additional \$707,000 was provided as capital funding for NSW Fire Brigades.

- (2) For the region defined in my answer to question (1):
- \$7,501,241 with an additional \$44,000 capital funding for NSW Fire Brigades.
 - \$8,382,935 with an additional \$654,000 capital funding for NSW Fire Brigades.
 - \$9,305,366 with an additional \$12,000 capital funding for NSW Fire Brigades.

*12442 CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT 1997—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice Section 6 of the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 specifies guiding principles for the courts in determining whether to require a parent or parents of a child to attend proceedings (Question 11772), but it is not possible to collect statistics on the number of times the provision has been used as it is not recorded on the Local and Children's Court computer system (Question 8330):

- Why does the Local and Children's Court computer system not record the number of times and occasions on which the provision has been used?
- Is this data collected elsewhere?
- Will the Premier take action to implement a system that will allow the information to be recorded, obtained and published?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member is referred to previous answers in relation to the courts' use of the discretion to require a parent or parents of a child to attend proceedings, the availability of information on that use and data collection in the court system generally.

*12443 PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given your advice that NSW Government agencies are required to meet savings targets from efficiency dividends (Question 11338), what dollar savings have been achieved via efficiency dividends in each department and agency in each of the last three financial years?

Answer—

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The Efficiency Dividend regime started in the 2005-06 Budget. The savings have been about 1 per cent of controllable expenses per year since then. The savings are applied to all General Government departments and agencies.

NSW Treasury reviews the agency's performance as a whole entity.

*12445 SYDNEY FERRIES COLLISIONS—PARRAMATTA RIVER—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many collisions on the Parramatta River involving a Sydney Ferries vessel were recorded during:
 - (a) 2000-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2010?
- (2) Of those collisions how many resulted in injuries to Sydney Ferries passengers and/or crew?
- (3) How many of the collisions recorded were caused by the error of Sydney Ferries skippers?
- (4) How many of the collisions recorded were caused by the excessive speed of Sydney Ferries vessels?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Sydney Ferries' records date from 1 July 2004 when it became a separate entity. Since then, Sydney Ferries has conducted approximately 174,000 ferry services on the Parramatta River. Records show that in that period there have been five collisions on the Parramatta River involving Sydney Ferries' vessels. Misjudgement on the part of a Sydney Ferries Master was considered a contributing factor for two of these collisions, while a third was considered the misjudgement of both the Master of the ferry and the Master of the other vessel. None were as a result of excessive speed of the Sydney Ferries' vessel.

All Masters and crews undergo regular training in Critical Control Failure management and emergency preparedness. This Critical Control Failure training program was recognised in 2010 by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia with the NSW Industry Excellence Award for Safety.

*12446 WASH FROM SYDNEY FERRIES—PARRAMATTA RIVER—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) (a) Have any studies been conducted on the environmental impact on the Parramatta River caused by the wash from Sydney Ferries vessels?
 - (b) If so, when were the studies conducted and what were the findings?
- (2) (a) Was sediment disturbance and damage to mangroves assessed?
 - (b) If so, what findings were made?
- (3) (a) Does the travelling speed of Sydney Ferries vessels affect the environmental impact created by their wash through the water?
 - (b) If so, what policies exist to minimum this environmental impact?
- (4) (a) Are there any speed limits or restrictions on the use of propulsion as ferries approach wharves?
 - (b) If so, do these restrictions take into account the habitat surrounding each individual wharf?
- (5) What speed limits and other restrictions are imposed on ferries approaching Meadowbank and Kissing Point wharves?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) Sydney Ferries has not commissioned any studies into the effect of RiverCat wash.

The requirement, under Rule 6 of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, for all vessels to operate at a safe speed, applies to all vessel operations, including berthings. There is a 7-knot speed limit on the Upper Parramatta River west of Duck Creek (Silverwater Bridge).

*12447 NO WASH ZONES AND SPEED LIMITS—PARRAMATTA RIVER—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) At what locations on the Parramatta River are no wash zones and speed limits imposed?

- (2) Would reductions in Sydney Ferries vessel speeds during off-peak periods reduce erosion and shoaling?
- (3) (a) Are any such speed reductions currently imposed?
(b) If so, where and when?
- (4) Would reductions in Sydney Ferries vessel speeds during periods of busy recreational use reduce the possibility of collisions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) There is a 7-knot speed limit on the Upper Parramatta River west of Duck Creek (Silverwater Bridge). There is also a No Wash Zone in the vicinity of the marina near Gladesville Bridge. Temporary No Wash Zones are applied by Sydney Harbour Control when necessary.

I am further advised that, under Rule 6 of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, "all vessels are required to operate at a safe speed".

*12448 MILTON/ULLADULLA DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) (a) Has the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service been approached by the Department of Education and Training regarding the expansion of Ulladulla High School?
(b) If so, when?
- (2) What advice did the SESIAHS receive from the Department of Education and Training?
- (3) Is the Minister aware the current site of the Milton/Ulladulla Dental Health Clinic is scheduled to be demolished by the Department of Education and Training in conjunction with the expansion of Ulladulla High School?
- (4) (a) Does the Department of Health intend on relocating the centre within the Ulladulla area?
(b) If so, where?
- (5) When will the relocation of the Milton/Ulladulla Dental Health Clinic take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service is in ongoing discussions with the Department of Education and Training in relation to the redevelopment of Ulladulla High School.

The Government recognises the importance of the Dental Health Clinic and will ensure that there is no interruption in the provision of this service to the community as a result of the significant upgrade to the school's facilities.

*12449 EXPANSION OF ULLADULLA HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Have all plans concerning the expansion of Ulladulla High School been finalised?
- (2) When is the upgrade due to be completed?
- (3) (a) Does the construction of the new school multipurpose hall and additional car park involve the removal of any existing buildings?
(b) If so, which buildings?
- (4) Does the construction of the new school multipurpose hall and additional car park impede on the Milton/Ulladulla Dental Health Clinic located on St Vincent Street?
- (5) (a) Has the Department of Education and Training approached the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service concerning the expansion of Ulladulla High School?
(b) If so:
(i) when;
(ii) what advice did the SESIAHS receive from the Department of Education and Training?
- (c) If not, does the Department of Education and Training intend on informing the SESIAHS or the Milton/Ulladulla Dental Health Clinic of its plans to extend Ulladulla High School?

- (6) Is the Minister aware the current site of the Milton/Ulladulla Dental Health Clinic is scheduled to be demolished by the Department of Education and Training in conjunction with the expansion of Ulladulla High School?

Answer—

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- (1) to (6) Stage One of the facilities upgrade was completed in August 2008. It is anticipated that Stage Two will be completed and handed over to the school community during April 2011.

Stage Three of the facilities upgrade at Ulladulla High School has been funded as part of the 2010/11 Major Capital Works Program. Stage Three includes the construction of a new gymnasium, the conversion of the existing facility to a performance space, car park, sports courts, landscaping and other minor refurbishments. These works are currently in the planning stages, and construction timeframes will be determined during this process.

The location of the new facilities will require the relocation of the dental clinic that is operated by the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service on the school site.

I am advised that discussions between the Department of Education and Training and the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service regarding an appropriate alternative location for the dental health clinic are ongoing.

*12450 SHOALHAVEN LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the assault which occurred on two officers of the Shoalhaven Local Area Command on 7 November 2010 in Nowra?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that officers of the Shoalhaven Local Area Command expressed their concern and disgust at the level of intoxicated induced violence which occurred over the weekend of 6 and 7 November?
- (3) How many police officers were on duty on 6 November?
- (4) How many police officers were on duty on 7 November?
- (5) Does the Government have any intention to increase the authorised strength of the Shoalhaven Local Area Command?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Police in the Shoalhaven Local Area Command were confronted with an unusually high number of alcohol related offences over the weekend of 6-7 November 2010, including one incident in which two officers received minor bruising.
- (2) A media release from the Command dated 7 November 2010 indicated that police were appalled by this behaviour and warned that officers would be out in force throughout the Shoalhaven over the summer months and such behaviour would not be tolerated.
- (3) 42 officers in total, on overlapping shifts, were on duty on 6 November 2010 in the Shoalhaven.
- (4) 41 officers in total, on overlapping shifts, were on duty on 7 November 2010 in the Shoalhaven.
- (5) The allocation of probationary constables to Local Area Commands from the December graduating class will be announced shortly.

*12451 PRINCES HIGHWAY AT TABOURIE LAKE—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Given the former Minister's response dated 8 April 2010 to my representations (M100851) stated that a speed zone review will be conducted and completed by April 2010, has the review been completed?
 - (a) Is so, what was the outcome of the speed zone review?
 - (b) If not, when will the promised speed zone review be completed?
- (2) Has the Roads and Traffic Authority planned for any improvements along the Princes Highway through Tabourie Lake in order to improve safety for pedestrians and other motorists?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A review of the speed zone on the Princes Highway at Lake Tabourie was completed in April 2010. The current speed limit was found to be in line with speed zone guidelines and appropriate for the road conditions.
- (2) The Roads and Traffic Authority has undertaken significant improvements in this location previously, including:
 - In 2009 the RTA constructed a \$670,000 footbridge on the eastern side of Lake Tabourie Bridge to separate pedestrians and cyclists from traffic.
 - In the same year, the RTA and Shoalhaven City Council jointly funded the construction of a 2.5 metre shared path on the eastern side of the Princes Highway to link the caravan park

road to the new bridge, then to the local shop and further south to link with an existing off-road shared path.

The RTA will continue to work with the local community and Shoalhaven City Council to ensure the safety of all road users.

*12452 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WAITING LISTS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

In relation to waiting lists for the Department of Housing in the South Coast electorate:

- (1) How many people on the South Coast are currently on the Department of Housing Pathways waiting list?
- (2) As at 31 December, 2009, how many people on the South Coast were on the Department of Housing Pathways waiting list?
- (3) As at 31 December, 2008, how many people on the South Coast were on the Department of Housing Pathways waiting list?
- (4) As at 31 December, 2007, how many people on the South Coast were on the Department of Housing Pathways waiting list?
- (5) How many people in the South Coast electorate are presently in temporary accommodation such as private hotels, motels and caravan parks due to their inability to find housing?

Answer—

(1) to (4) In April 2010, Housing NSW, the Aboriginal Housing Office and a number of community housing providers across the State implemented a new housing application system known as Housing Pathways to make applying for housing assistance easier, simpler and fairer. A single statewide waiting list, the NSW Housing Register, was also created under the Pathways initiative.

The number of approved applicants for public housing is detailed each year in the Housing NSW Annual Report for years prior to 2009-10. From 2009-10, the number of approved applicants for social housing is detailed in the Housing NSW component of the Department of Human Services Annual Report.

(5) The number of households that are presently in temporary accommodation changes on a daily basis due to the continuum of applications received and assistance provided.

*12453 RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCES—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many people in the South Coast electorate have recreational fishing licences?
- (2) How many people across New South Wales have recreational fishing licences?
- (3) How much revenue does NSW Fisheries receive from recreational fishing licences?
- (4) What is this money spent on?
- (5) How much revenue does NSW Fisheries receive from recreational fishing licences from the South Coast electorate?
- (6) What local projects in the South Coast electorate have been undertaken with this revenue?
- (7) How many recreational fishing licences in the South Coast electorate are exempt from charge?
- (8) How many recreational fishing licences across NSW are exempt from charge?

Answer—

(1) In the period 2009-2010 there were around 21,000 recreational fishing fee receipts issued by agents falling within the South Coast electorate. The receipts were not necessarily issued to those that live in the South Coast electorate - it simply means that payment was made through an agent in the area and it does not include any payments made by other means (online; IVR; BPay; mail).

(2) In the period 2009-2010 there was around 544,175 fishing fee payments which includes sales through all measures (agents; online; IVR; BPay; mail).

(3) For the period 2009-2010 total revenue was \$13.2 million. The amount raised from year to year fluctuates due to a variety of factors including the cycle of payment of the fee for the maximum 3 year period.

(4) The money raised goes into the recreational fishing trust funds with expenditure made on improving recreational fishing in NSW. Two committees of fishers, one for saltwater and one for freshwater, provide advice on expenditure from the trust funds.

(5) In the period 2009-2010 revenue from recreational fishing fee payments through agents falling within the South Coast electorate was around \$350,200 (the revenue is not necessarily from those that live in the South Coast electorate it simply means that payment of the fee was made through an

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agent in the area, and it does not include any payments made by other means online; IVR; BPay; mail).

- (6) Trust funding has been allocated to the following past and current programs/activities applicable to the South Coast electorate:
- A Fisheries Officer based at Huskisson to maximize compliance with fishing rules and provide important advisory services for anglers.
 - A fish aggregating device in the coastal waters off Jervis Bay over the summer months to enhance angler catch of pelagic fish including mahi-mahi, tunas and even marlin.
 - Artificial reefs in the waters of St Georges Basin and Lake Conjola to create fish habitat and improve recreational fishing opportunities. (Following the success of the initial deployment of small pilot reefs in St Georges Basin, the reef was expanded in size in November 2010. The final stage of the St Georges Basin reef expansion will occur in 2011. A similar large artificial reef was also deployed in Lake Conjola).
 - A number of fishing infrastructure projects including:
 - fish cleaning tables at Sanctuary Point, Greenwell Point, Lake Conjola, Narrawallee Inlet (including a boat ramp light), Burrill Lake, Lake Tabourie and St Georges Basin;
 - fishing platforms at Scenic Drive Nowra, Greenwell Point, Terrara Levee, Lake Conjola and Tabourie Lake;
 - fishing educational signage on jetties in the Shoalhaven area;
 - installation of a 27MHz - VHF Radio Link at Mount Pleasant to improve boating safety for recreational fishers;
 - a beach boat ramp upgrade at South Durras.
 - Establishment of 6 Recreational Fishing Havens in 2002 in: St Georges Basin; Lake Conjola; Narrawallee Inlet; Burrill Lake; Lake Tabourie; and Meroo Lake.
 - Installation of Angel rings at known rock fishing black spots to improve safety.
 - A Fishcare Education Officer based at Wollongong and services the NSW South Coast, including from Nowra to Durras, who oversees 15 Fishcare volunteers based in the South Coast electorate.
 - Numerous fishing workshops each year for children.
 - Participation of three primary schools in the "Get hooked its fun to fish" schools education program in 2010.
 - In 2010, around 5,000 rainbow trout and 17,600 bass were stocked into Tallowa Dam near Kangaroo Valley, 10,000 bass into Danjera Dam and 3,000 bass into Flat Rock Dam near Nowra to enhance angler catch.
- (7) You are exempt from paying the recreational fishing fee in a variety of circumstances including:
- if you are under the age of 18;
 - you are an adult assisting a person under the age of 18 to take a fish using a single rod or to take prawns using a single dip or scoop net;
 - when fishing in a private dam with a surface area of two hectares or less;
 - if you are an Aboriginal person;
 - if you are the holder of various pensioner, disability or incapacitation cards;
 - when fishing from a recreational fishing charter boat, a hire boat, or under the supervision of a fishing guide that holds a current Recreational Fishing Fee Exemption Certificate.

(8) Refer to answer (7).

*12454ST JOHN NSW FUNDING—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How much does the St John NSW organisation receive in Government funds or subsidies?
- (2) How much did St John NSW receive in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2008-09?
- (3) Are there any (further) Government grants or assistance available to St John NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) St John NSW received funding through the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Grant program, as follows:

- (a) \$44,400 in 2010-11
- (b) \$43,300 in 2009-10
- (c) \$42,300 in 2008-09

Organisations seeking funding are directed to the NSW Government "Community Builders" website (www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au) which contains information about available sources of funding and how to write a submission.

Information on funding sources is also available from the Commonwealth GrantsLink website (<http://www.grantslink.gov.au>) which has information about federal, state and local government funding

*12455 NOWRA DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many dentist positions are allocated to the Nowra Dental Health Clinic?
- (2) How many dental hygienists are allocated to the Nowra Dental Health Clinic?
- (3) (a) Are there any positions vacant at the Nowra Dental Health Clinic?
(b) If so, which positions are currently vacant?
- (4) How long has each position been vacant for?
- (5) Has the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service commenced recruitment for each position?
- (6) Which positions has the SESIAHS commenced recruitment for and when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are two Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Dental Officer Positions allocated to the Nowra Dental Health Clinic.
- (2) There are no dental hygienist positions at the Nowra Dental Health Clinic. However, there are two FTE Dental Therapist positions allocated to this Clinic.
- (3) to (6) The Clinic has a vacancy for one Dental Officer and one Dental Therapist. The South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service continues to actively recruit to both of these positions.

*12456 OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the Office of State Revenue:

- (1) What was the total dollar amount of fines issued by Gosford Council in:
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007-08;
 - (d) 2008-09;
 - (e) 2009-10;
 - (f) financial year to date?
- (2) What was the total dollar amount of fines issued by Wyong Council in:
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007-08;
 - (d) 2008-09;
 - (e) 2009-10;
 - (f) financial year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total face value of fines issued in Gosford and Wyong councils for the requested financial years is as follows:

Financial year	Face value (\$) of fines issued	
	Gosford Council	Wyong Council
2005-09	\$834,195	\$644,966
2006-07	\$1,061,380	\$637,092
2007-08	\$988,950	\$498,702

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2008-09	\$913,881	\$428,408
2009-10	\$895,814	\$443,788
2010-11 (to date)	\$365,264	\$214,279

I note that the enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions is the responsibility of councils and the police.

*12457ROAD FUNDING—THE ENTRANCE—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What road projects received funding in The Entrance electorate in each of the years 2008-09 and 2009-10?
- (2) What projects are receiving funding under the current budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The following projects received funding in The Entrance electorate in 2008-09 and 2009-10:

2008-09	\$'000
Pacific Highway, Lisarow To F3, Glen Rd To Burns Rd	18,174
Pacific Highway, Lisarow To F3, Ourimbah St to Glen Rd	1,963
Pacific Highway, Narara to Lisarow Upgrade	1,194
Dog Trap Rd Ourimbah	63
Road Maintenance	5,275
Traffic Management	1,743
Road Safety	174
Total:	28,586
2009-10	\$'000
Pacific Highway, Lisarow To F3, Glen Rd To Burns Rd	15,573
Pacific Highway, Lisarow To F3, Ourimbah St to Glen Rd	3,678
Pacific Highway, Narara to Lisarow Upgrade	3,066
Dog Trap Rd Ourimbah	677
Pacific Highway and Wyong Rd Intersection	23
Road Maintenance	2,674
Traffic Management	2,764
Road Safety	242
Road Safety	28,697

- (2) The following projects are receiving funding in 2010-11:

2010-11	\$'000
Pacific Highway, Lisarow To F3, Glen Rd To Burns Rd	1,100
Pacific Highway, Lisarow To F3, Ourimbah St to Glen Rd	4,000
Pacific Highway, Narara to Lisarow Upgrade	4,000
Pacific Highway and Wyong Rd Intersection	500
F3/Wyong Rd Interchange Upgrade	250
Road Maintenance	3,369
Traffic Management	1,190
Road Safety	561
Total:	14,970

The 2010-11 expenditure is lower in comparison to earlier years due to greater work being done on the Pacific Highway during those years.

*12458ROAD FUNDING—WYONG—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What road projects received funding in the Wyong electorate in each of the years 2008-09 and

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2009-10?

(2) What projects are receiving funding under the current budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The following projects received funding in the Wyong electorate in 2008-09 and 2009-10:

2008-09	\$'000
Pacific Highway, Tuggerah to Wyong (Tuggerah Straight)	12,081
Wyong Town Centre	195
Sparks Rd, Pacific Highway to F3	163
F3 Widening, Wyong Rd to Doyalson Link	10
Pacific Highway, Britannia Dr to Doyalson	2
Road Maintenance	7,050
Traffic Management	1,367
Road Safety	655
Total:	21,523

2008-09	\$'000
Pacific Highway, Tuggerah to Wyong (Tuggerah Straight)	3,817
Wyong Town Centre	218
Sparks Rd, Pacific Highway to F3	203
F3 Widening, Wyong Rd to Doyalson Link	42
Pacific Highway and Wyong Rd Intersection	23
Pacific Highway, Britannia Dr to Doyalson	2
Road Maintenance	7,050
Traffic Management	1,652
Road Safety	553
Total:	9,861

(2) The following projects are receiving funding in 2010-11:

2009-10	\$'000
Pacific Highway, Tuggerah to Wyong (Tuggerah Straight)	200
Wyong Town Centre	1,400
Sparks Rd, Pacific Highway to F3	600
F3 Widening, Wyong Rd to Doyalson Link	500
Pacific Highway and Wyong Rd Intersection	500
F3/Wyong Rd Interchange Upgrade	250
Road Maintenance	7,951
Traffic Management	797
Road Safety	688
Total:	12,886

*12459SCHOOLS CLEANING EXPENDITURE—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in the Terrigal electorate in:
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10?
- (2) What is the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in the The Entrance electorate in:
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10?
- (3) What is the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in the Wyong electorate in:
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10?

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- (4) What is the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in the Gosford electorate in:
(a) 2008-09;
(b) 2009-10?

Answer—

- (1) Total expenditure on cleaning for each school in the Terrigal electorate during 2008-09 and 2009-10:

School name	2008-09	2009-10
Avoca Beach Public School	\$80,767.71	\$85,678.88
Brisbania Public School	\$86,200.57	\$91,243.81
Copacabana Public School	\$70,419.11	\$72,785.12
Empire Bay Public School	\$139,246.97	\$143,898.28
Erina Heights Public School	\$70,947.71	\$73,316.25
Erina High School	\$259,049.09	\$269,598.63
Holgate Public School	\$37,262.61	\$44,193.36
Kincumber High School	\$268,615.69	\$277,613.79
Kincumber Public School	\$117,787.76	\$116,233.62
Pretty Beach Public School	\$43,198.43	\$39,963.35
Terrigal High School	\$272,624.90	\$281,737.42
Terrigal Public School	\$161,616.57	\$172,020.68
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumbi Umbi	\$187,398.92	\$193,653.70
Wamberal Public School	\$160,646.46	\$167,104.93
Woodport Public School	\$149,426.47	\$154,429.12

- (2) Total expenditure on cleaning for each school in The Entrance electorate during 2008-09 and 2009-10:

School name	2008-09	2009-10
Bateau Bay Public School	\$154,132.93	\$160,483.92
Brooke Avenue Public School	\$88,294.04	\$92,610.12
Glenvale School	\$155,352.21	\$156,214.51
Killarney Vale Public School	\$135,485.34	\$140,021.51
Lisarow High School	\$255,058.27	\$269,101.09
Lisarow Public School	\$53,906.66	\$57,498.27
Narara Public School	\$86,071.81	\$88,951.77
Narara Valley High School	\$275,764.64	\$300,135.13
Niagara Park Public School	\$156,409.15	\$161,831.74
Ourimbah Public School	\$116,946.69	\$120,829.47
The Entrance Public School	\$140,985.76	\$148,430.65
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale	\$279,127.28	\$285,076.99
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance	\$273,799.84	\$282,996.75
Tuggerah Public School	\$55,012.64	\$57,341.07
Valley View Public School	\$183,533.23	\$190,098.81
Wyoming Public School	\$100,853.47	\$104,149.61

- (3) Total expenditure on cleaning for each school in the Wyong electorate during 2008-09 and 2009-10:

School name	2008-09	2009-10
Berkeley Vale Public School	\$157,590.59	\$165,418.14
Blue Haven Public School	\$89,622.66	\$94,121.56
Chittaway Bay Public School	\$77,301.92	\$79,904.57
Gorokan High School	\$278,919.26	\$288,346.07
Gorokan Public School	\$153,046.79	\$152,096.76
Hope Town School	\$45,864.66	\$49,628.21
Kanwal Public School	\$137,650.78	\$142,255.00

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Northlakes High School	\$270,075.47	\$279,311.80
Northlakes Public School	\$107,755.28	\$106,315.36
Tacoma Public School	\$29,457.41	\$44,880.18
Toukley Public School	\$109,616.39	\$115,516.97
Tuggerawong Public School	\$67,553.79	\$69,807.88
Wadalba Community School	\$286,226.67	\$300,060.39
Wyong Grove Public School	\$59,942.04	\$69,043.89
Wyong High School	\$277,290.22	\$286,568.32
Wyong Public School	\$166,809.64	\$172,391.07

(4) Total expenditure on cleaning for each school in the Gosford electorate during 2008-09 and 2009-10:

School name	2008-09	2009-10
Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina	\$321,823.05	\$332,547.09
Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy	\$291,912.11	\$311,553.81
Central Mangrove Public School	\$17,233.97	\$17,809.98
Chertsey Public School	\$84,375.46	\$84,959.33
Ettalong Public School	\$129,128.22	\$135,659.87
George Anderson Walpole School	\$17,326.68	\$17,906.57
Girrakool School	\$67,992.89	\$70,267.93
Gosford East Public School	\$147,198.48	\$155,181.69
Gosford High School	\$260,036.00	\$268,833.55
Gosford Public School	\$103,804.62	\$109,754.94
Henry Kendall High School	\$332,254.68	\$343,458.45
Kariong Public School	\$125,615.77	\$132,075.39
Kulnura Public School	\$29,932.11	\$30,933.64
North Gosford Learning Centre	\$16,771.95	\$17,326.55
Peats Ridge Public School	\$26,727.82	\$30,309.02
Point Clare Public School	\$82,314.66	\$86,095.18
Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre	\$12,033.39	\$12,436.03
Somersby Public School	\$35,960.14	\$37,932.32
Spencer Public School	\$10,653.77	\$11,010.24
Umina Public School	\$155,354.43	\$169,174.91
Woy Woy Public School	\$108,438.52	\$114,298.93
Woy Woy South Public School	\$143,574.13	\$146,228.61

It should be noted that:

Kariong Mountains High School (Gosford electorate), Warnervale Public School (Wyong electorate) and Woongarah Public School (Wyong electorate) are Public Private Partnership and therefore are not included in the cleaning contract.

The cost of cleaning the North Entrance Behaviour Unit is included in Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, The Entrance Campus.

The cost of cleaning Glenvale School, North Entrance is included in Glenvale School, Narara.

The cost of cleaning Central Coast Reading Recovery Centre and Gosford Special Education Support Centre are both included in Gosford Public School.

*12460CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY FLOODING—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Do any future plans exist to help alleviate the prevalent flooding that occurs along the Central Coast Highway at Forresters Beach?

- (a) If so, what are the details of these plans?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

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I am advised:

There is a signposted floodway on the Central Coast Highway near Crystal Street at Wamberal, adjacent to the Wamberal Lagoon Nature Reserve.

Around 10 years ago drainage pipes were replaced by a small bridge over Forrester's Creek to increase the water flow and reduce the incidence of water flooding the road.

Since the bridge was put into place, flooding over the roadway at this location has been infrequent, shallow and short lived. The RTA will continue to inspect the culvert to ensure it remains clear for a free flow of water. There are no further future plans to alleviate infrequent flooding at this location.

*12461 PUBLIC DOMAIN—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

What have you done to ensure that public domain is given priority at Barangaroo?

Answer—

I am advised:

The delivery of a world-class public domain is a key priority in the Barangaroo project, with over 50 per cent of the total area to be dedicated public space.

*12463 LEVEL 15 POLICY OFFICER POSITION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Did NSW Maritime or its CEO recently create a new full-time Level 15 Policy Officer position?
- (2) Did someone who formerly worked with the General Manager of Operations at NSW Maritime (when they both worked at the RTA) fill the position?
- (3) Was this position created and/or filled without being advertised and, if so, why?
- (4) Was this contrary to:
 - (a) any government directives;
 - (b) the relevant enterprise agreement;
 - (c) good practice?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) to (4) Not applicable.

*12464 BOUNDARY STREET WIDENING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With reference to point four of your response to Question 11675 where you state it is proposed to close Hill Street, Roseville at Boundary Street:

- (1) What alternative arrangements are planned for traffic access to and from the east side of Roseville:
 - (a) for local residents who currently use Hill Street to access their residential premises or local shops;
 - (b) for motorists who currently use Hill Street as a through road?
- (2) What public consultation processes have been undertaken or are planned to be undertaken on this proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The RTA has prepared a concept plan for the widening of Boundary Street at Roseville between the Pacific Highway and Spearman Street for discussion with Willoughby and Ku-ring-gai councils. The proposed widening would be done in conjunction with RailCorp as part of the rail bridge replacement.

In this concept plan it is proposed to close Hill Street. Alternative access arrangements are currently being investigated.

- (2) Comments have been sought from both Willoughby and Ku-ring-gai councils as part of the initial community consultation.

Formal community consultation about the RTA's proposal to widen Boundary Street will start in early 2011.

*12465 HEADLAND PARK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) What is the estimated cost of construction of the Headland Park at Barangaroo?
- (2) What is the estimated value of the land area to be developed with buildings on Barangaroo, i.e. the non-public land area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Estimated cost valuations for the construction of the Headland Park are included as part of the associated project applications submitted to the Department of Planning and available via that Department's Major Project website, www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

Barangaroo is an integrated mix of developable land, public domain and infrastructure and for this reason the value of these components should be considered holistically.

Financial information that is publicly available can be found on the Barangaroo Delivery authority's website, www.barangaroo.com

*12466 PROPOSED NORTH SHORE RAIL LINE BICYCLE PATH—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can you confirm that the proposed North Shore rail line bicycle path, which extends to my electorate of Davidson, will not now proceed?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) What new arrangements are planned to provide bicycle access between Roseville Station and Chatswood?
 - (b) When will the latest NSW Bike Plan document be updated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW BikePlan released in May 2010 includes a cycleway generally following the North Shore rail line as a proposed Metro Sydney Bike Network link. A decision on the timetable for completing this project is dependent on funding.
- (2) The 2010 BikePlan succeeded the previous bicycle plan released in 1999. The funding allocation to particular cycleway projects each year will be subject to ongoing review of user needs and NSW Government priorities.

*12467 PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) Under the Premier's Sporting Challenge grant program, how much funding has been allocated to schools in the Tweed electorate?
- (2) How much funding has been received to date by each of the schools mentioned in question (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

All government schools within the Tweed electorate have received grants as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge.

As at 1 December 2010, a total of \$226,927.46 has been allocated to the 21 government schools across the Premier's Sporting Challenge grant programs within the electorate of Tweed over the past three years. Funding allocations for each of the Tweed schools are as follows:

School Name	Amount
Banora Point High School	\$14,355.38
Banora Point Public School	\$24,767.74
Bilambil Public School	\$13,927.18
Bogangar Public School	\$10,307.70
Burringbar Public School	\$ 4,887.96
Caldera School	\$ 3,488.23
Carool Public School	\$ 4,454.81
Centaur Public School	\$14,781.03

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Condong Public School	\$ 5,099.75
Crabbes Creek Public School	\$ 3,602.46
Cudgen Public School	\$ 7,279.00
Duranbah Public School	\$ 3,570.29
Fingal Head Public School	\$ 4,993.41
Kingscliff High School	\$25,895.65
Kingscliff Public School	\$18,822.84
Pottsville Beach Public School	\$12,245.66
Terranora Public School	\$13,408.83
Tumbulgum Public School	\$ 4,871.59
Tweed Heads Public School	\$ 9,384.98
Tweed Heads South Public School	\$ 7,283.54
Tweed River High School	\$19,499.43

*12468 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given that the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme helps financially disadvantaged people experiencing difficulty paying their electricity or gas bill, what is the total number of people living in the Tweed electorate that have applied for financial assistance under this scheme?

Answer—

There are a number of community welfare organisations delivering Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) to customers in the Tweed area. Country Energy also delivers EAPA to some customers under its hardship program Country Support. Each EAPA Provider may hold information on the number of applications for EAPA they receive. This information is not held by the NSW Government.

I note that on the 16 November 2010, the Premier announced a Review of the EAPA Scheme to ensure financial support is going where it is needed. The Review is currently underway.

*12469 PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the total number of patients that have been transferred to and from the Tweed Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) year to date?
- (2) What are the reasons for the transfer, and to which hospital were the patients transferred to or from?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The total number of patients that have been transferred to and from The Tweed Hospital in the abovementioned years is as follows:

- (a) 2008 - 7,925
- (b) 2009 - 7,066
- (c) year to date - 5,475

This data is inclusive of patients transferred to and from The Tweed Hospital for admission, transfer, review, diagnostics, outpatient clinics and treatments.

(2) Patients who are transferred to The Tweed Hospital fall into two categories:

1. Transfers to The Tweed Hospital via NSW Ambulance and Tweed Byron Network Patient Transport Vehicles are generally from other Hospitals within the Network and are transferred for more acute medical care, assessment, diagnostic investigation and management.
2. Transfers from South East Queensland Hospitals via Ambulance or patient transport are usually patients returning to their own community Hospital for further treatment and care. The patients often return from Princess Alexandra or Royal Brisbane Hospitals where they have received high acuity care.

Patients transferred from The Tweed Hospital to higher acuity settings (generally north of the border) are patients requiring cardiac interventions, neurological assessment, management and intervention, vascular assessment, burns and plastic management and oncology radiation services.

*12470 DUNPHY WILDERNESS FUND PROPERTIES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) When will the 15 Dunphy Wilderness Fund properties without substantial impediments to wilderness status be declared as wilderness?
- (2) Will it happen before March 2011?
- (3) Will the Minister declare any of the remaining 13 properties with impediments before March 2011?
- (4) Why are all roads, including "paper roads" that only exist on maps, being excised from the Dunphy wilderness areas?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Properties without impediments will be declared as wilderness by the end of February 2011.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) It is possible some of the remaining properties that currently have impediments will be able to be declared as wilderness by the end of February 2011.
- (4) Roads may be excised from wilderness areas for various reasons. This includes that the road is not owned by the Minister or the Department, or the road is used to access properties that adjoin the park.

*12471 STRIPE-FACED DUNNART—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given that the International Union for Conservation of Nature lists the stripe-faced dunnart as being "of least concern", that this small marsupial is plentiful across outback Australia, from the Pilbara to South Australia and Western Queensland, and that it has the shortest gestation period of any mammal - just 11 days - why is it listed as "vulnerable" on the NSW Threatened Species website?
- (2) What is the estimated population of stripe-faced dunnarts in NSW?
- (3) What is the estimated population of stripe-faced dunnarts in the rest of Australia?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) and (2) The stripe-faced dunnart is sparsely distributed in NSW. Where it does occur, the local populations typically exist at low densities, making it difficult to establish precise estimates of population size. Widespread surveys by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) over the past decades suggest that numbers are less than 10,000 and continuing to decline. Under International Union for Conservation of Nature criteria, this population estimate indicates the species is "vulnerable" to extinction in NSW.

The dunnart's habitat has been degraded by introduced herbivores during the past century, with grazing pressure reducing or eliminating the relatively dense patches of vegetation on which this species relies. Sparse vegetation cover leaves the dunnarts vulnerable to predation by exotic foxes and cats, as well as native predators such as owls. Studies by DECCW suggest that populations may be able to recover in areas where grazing pressure is reduced.

(3) The estimated population size of stripe-faced dunnarts in Australia is unknown.

*12472 EASTERN TUBE-NOSED BAT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

What actions have been taken to protect the eastern tube-nosed bat population in the Northern Rivers region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The actions required for the protection of the Eastern Tube-nosed Bat population are identified in the Border Ranges Rainforest Biodiversity Management Plan, and Priority Action Statements under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

Actions taken include:

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- the conservation and management of public lands (such as national parks of the Tweed area);
- habitat protection and rehabilitation actions aimed at biodiversity conservation, such as the Upper Tweed Revegetation project, Big Scrub rehabilitation program, and Huonbrook bush regeneration project; and
- voluntary agreements with landholders.

*12473AIR-CONDITIONING—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the latest information on the progress of the air-conditioning improvements being carried out at Mona Vale Hospital?
- (2) Which wards/departments within Mona Vale Hospital will be without air-conditioning this summer?
- (3) What measures/precautions are being put in place to assist patients and staff that will be located in these wards/departments over the summer period?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) There has been a substantial increase in the number of air-conditioners on the Mona Vale Hospital campus since last summer, including additional units installed in the Medical Ward, Occupational Therapy Department, Sydney Home Nursing Service, Infection Control and Pharmacy Department. Additional fixed air-conditioning units and three industrial air-conditioning units have been purchased for the surgical wards on Level 2 and Level 5.

All wards/departments within Mona Vale Hospital will have air-conditioning this summer. Wards/departments with partial air-conditioning are assisted with smaller mobile air-conditioners, ceiling and industrial fans, placed appropriately to benefit patients. Temperatures are monitored, additional bottled cold water will be made available, and staff are able to take additional rest breaks in designated cool areas, during extremely hot days.

*12474EXPRESS BUS DEPARTURE POINT—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Do any plans exist to alter the departure point for Pittwater's express bus services leaving the Sydney CBD?
- (2) If so, what are the details of these plans?

Answer—

I am advised,

- (1) and (2) The changes of 5 December to the CBD departure points at Wynyard for Pittwater services have some minor adjustments to departure times have been made to cater for the new stop locations for the Pittwater express services.

*12475LOCAL AREA COMMAND FUNDING—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) What was the total funding allocated towards the operation of the Northern Beaches Local Area Command in the following financial years;
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08;
 - (c) 2008-09;
 - (d) 2009-10?
- (2) What was the total funding allocated towards the operation of the Manly Local Area Command in the following financial years;
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08;
 - (c) 2008-09;
 - (d) 2009-10?

Answer—

Allocation of funding within the NSW Police budget to Local Area Commands is a matter for the Commissioner of Police.

*12476 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MIDWIVES AND PAEDIATRICIANS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) (a) Will the Minister be meeting with Mona Vale Hospital's midwives to discuss their fears and concerns prior to the commencement of the proposed midwife only maternity service at Mona Vale Hospital?
(b) If not, why not?
- (2) (a) Will the Minister be meeting with Mona Vale Hospital's paediatricians to discuss their fears and concerns prior to the commencement of the proposed midwife only maternity service at Mona Vale Hospital?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) A meeting of senior clinicians to discuss the stand-alone Midwifery Group Practice was held on 30 November 2010. The senior clinicians attending the meeting represented Emergency, Surgery, Anaesthetics, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Midwifery services.

*12477 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MATERNITY UNIT—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) On what date was the decision made by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service to downgrade Mona Vale Hospital's maternity unit to a midwife only service?
- (2) On what date was this decision publicly announced?
- (3) Will the Minister be requesting a review of this decision?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The new model of maternity care was unanimously endorsed by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service Area Clinical Council on 26 July 2010. Medical and midwifery staff on the Northern Beaches, involved in the provision of maternity care, were informed of this decision on 27 July 2010.

Currently, there is no plan to review this decision.

*12478 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT SECURITY GUARDS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many full time equivalent security guards were assigned to Mona Vale Hospital during the following financial years:
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11 year to date?
- (2) How many full time equivalent security guards were assigned to Manly Hospital during the following financial years:
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11 year to date?
- (3) How many full time equivalent security guards were employed by NSW Health during the following financial years:
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11 year to date?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) and (2) Manly Hospital and Mona Vale Hospital have each employed one full time officer, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week from 2007 to year to date.
- (3) The following table outlines the average Full Time Equivalents for Security Officers from 2007-08 to 2010-11 to date.

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Average FTE (includes FTE leave) for Security Officers

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011 (July to October 2010 inclusive)
Average FTE - persons paid under an Award Classification of Health and Security Assistant or Security Officer	937.4 FTE	943.0 FTE	934.8 FTE	930.4 FTE

NB: There may also be a small number of persons employed as Health Service Manager or Graded General Administrative Staff whose primary functions are to manage Security staff. It is not feasible to identify such personnel from the State Health Information Exchange which is the source for this report.

*12479PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the total cost of transferring patients via ambulance from Mona Vale Hospital to another Sydney metropolitan hospital in:

- (a) 2007-08;
- (b) 2008-09;
- (c) 2009-10;
- (d) 2010-11 year to date?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (a) \$326,713.88
- (b) \$367,370.25
- (c) \$306,264.84
- (d) \$83,787.55 (YTD 31 October 2010)

*12480POLICE OFFICER INJURIES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many police officers assigned to the Northern Beaches LAC were injured whilst performing their duties and required to take leave during the following financial years:

- (a) 2007-08;
- (b) 2008-09;
- (c) 2009-10;
- (d) 2010-11 year to date?

(2) How many police officers assigned to the Northern Beaches LAC are currently on leave due to injuries sustained whilst performing their duties as at 11 November 2010?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) (a) 17;
- (b) 19;
- (c) 23;
- (d) 15.
- (2) Two.

*12481UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

In reference to my representations to the Minister on behalf of the Warringah Rugby Club dated 23 July 2010 and reminder letter dated 28 September 2010, when will the Minister be responding to these representations?

Answer—

The correspondence has been answered.

*12482 SYDNEY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

In relation to the Sydney Festival of Football:

- (1) How much money did Events NSW and/or the NSW Government contribute to the Festival?
- (2) How many tickets did Events NSW anticipate would be sold for the following days of the festival at the time a decision was made to contribute funds to it:
 - (a) Match Day 1 - Sunday 25 July 2010;
 - (b) Match Day 2 - Wednesday 20 July 2010;
 - (c) Match Day 3 - Saturday 31 July 2010?
- (3) How many tickets were sold for the following days of the Festival:
 - (a) Match Day 1 - Sunday 25 July 2010;
 - (b) Match Day 2 - Wednesday 20 July 2010;
 - (c) Match Day 3 - Saturday 31 July 2010?
- (4) (a) Did Events NSW campaign for the Festival to be shown on free to air TV?
 - (b) If yes, what did that campaign consist of?
- (5) How much did Foxtel pay to secure the right to broadcast the Festival exclusively?
- (6) (a) Did Events NSW and/or the NSW Government have any involvement in the setting of ticket prices for the Festival?
 - (b) If yes, what is their involvement?
- (7) (a) Did Events NSW lobby for Sydney as the host city to be blacked-out from live coverage?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that Events NSW provided some funding for the SFOS, which is commercial in confidence. Ticket sales and other event revenue figures are commercial in confidence information held by the event promoters.

The event was run by Sydney Festival of Football PL and they were responsible for the promotion of the event. Costs of promotion and arrangements they may have made with other partners are a matter for the promoter.

*12483 CAMPAIGN FOR MAJOR EVENTS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

Did Events NSW campaign for the following major events to be held in Sydney?

- (1) Valentino, Retrospective - Past/Present/Future exhibition:
 - (a) If yes, what did the campaign consist of?
 - (b) If no, why not?
- (2) The Rugby League All Stars games:
 - (a) If yes, what did the campaign consist of?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that details of Events NSW commercial negotiations and arrangements are not publicly released for a number of reasons including:

- effective commercial negotiations demand secrecy; and
- release of information would create a disadvantage in a major events bidding war if other cities knew how much money ENSW was prepared to spend; potentially creating an inflated marketplace which reduces the amount of events that ENSW could invest in, thus reducing the amount of economic, marketing and community benefits delivered to the State and increases the likelihood that event bids will be lost to other States or overseas.

*12484 NSW DEFENCE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

Since the NSW Defence Industry Advisory Council was announced on 28 April 2010:

- (1) On how many occasions has the Council met?
- (2) On what dates did the Council meet?

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- (3) Have there been any changes to the membership of the Council?
 (4) If so, what is the:
 (a) name of the old member;
 (b) name of the replacement;
 (c) nature of the change;
 (d) date of the change?

Answer—

- (1) The council has had four face-to-face meetings and one teleconference since it was established.
 (2) April 27, August 27, 12 October, 30 November and 8 December in 2010.
 (3) No.
 (4) (a) N/A
 (b) N/A
 (c) N/A
 (d) N/A

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*12485 HOUSING FOR AGED RESIDENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Does the Department of Housing build dwellings for the occupancy of aged residents?
 (2) Do these facilities have spaces set aside for motor vehicles owned by the tenants?
 (3) What is the ratio of parking spaces per tenant currently used in building new dwellings?
 (4) Does this ratio alter depending on the area in which the dwellings are being built?
 (5) Is the Minister aware of concerns by tenants moving into these new dwellings of the shortage of car spaces in the outer suburbs of Sydney?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 (2) Yes.
 (3) and (4) Housing NSW's Design Requirements establishes ratios of carparking spaces to dwelling numbers which vary according to the number of bedrooms in the dwelling, and according to the proximity of the dwelling to shops and good public transport. These ratios are available on the Housing NSW website.
 (5) The Design Requirements reflect the need for increased parking spaces for developments further from shops and good public transport.

*12486 FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN THE ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given that the Murray Catchment Management Authority has offered both Tumbarumba Shire Council and Greater Hume Shire Council funding of \$50,000 each to assist the Councils in providing support to local property owners for removal of debris deposited by the October floods, will the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water match the Murray CMA contribution to assist property owners in removing timber debris carried from National Parks areas?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is coordinating the recovery process following the October 2010 floods in both Tumbarumba and Greater Hume Shire Council areas. The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) is committed to working with DPC in assisting with this process. While details are still being finalised, DECCW anticipates providing additional support to the Murray Catchment Management Authority for recovery activities in the Tumbarumba Shire Council area.

*12487 FLOOD RECOVERY ACTIVITY IN GREATER HUME AND TUMBARUMBA SHIRES—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Following the destruction of bridges, roads and tracks in the October floods, the deposit of timber debris along creeks and at river crossings and the danger of undermined trees falling across roadways, will you fund the Rural Fire Service to undertake safety checks and clearance work in Greater Hume and Tumbarumba Shires prior to the onset of the summer fire season?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) staff and volunteers, together with personnel from National Parks and Wildlife Services and Forests NSW, have been monitoring the fire trail network in the Greater Hume and Tumbarumba Shires. Part of this work has included inspecting the fire trails for fallen trees and other debris resulting from the recent floods, which could obstruct firefighting vehicles from access.

During these inspections any fallen trees that were obstructing fire trails have been removed to allow for fire vehicle access.

The NSW RFS, together with the National Parks and Wildlife Services and Forests NSW, will continue to monitor the fire trail network, and will work toward resolving any access or other issues as they arise.

*12488 INSTALLATION OF SEWAGE MAINS—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) Why are there two standards regarding installation of sewage mains under stage one and stage two priority sewerage programs of the Government and Sydney Water Schedule?
 - (a) Who provides gravity sewage mains for development companies on new property land releases?
 - (b) Who provides pressurised sewage for homes at Appin township?
 - (c) What cost benefits do pressurised sewage mains provide compared to gravity sewage mains?
 - (d) Will pressured sewage systems create an ongoing cost to the home owners in electricity bills?
 - (e) Will Sydney Water incur ongoing costs for sewage tanks, pumps and sewage pressure mains?
 - (f) What ongoing cost on gravity sewage mains are borne by Sydney Water?
 - (g) Do gravity sewer mains have a life reliability of 80 to 100 years?
 - (h) What is the lifespan of pressurised sewage mains and equipment?
 - (i) How much will pressure sewage systems cost households to operate per day for the average family?
- (2) Why will a pressure main and gravity main at Appin go into the same pumping station and then be pumped from Appin in a sewer transfer main to Glenfield sewage treatment plant?
- (3) How would a gravity sewage main be different?
- (4) Why has the Minister opted for a pressurised sewage connection for homes at Appin?
- (5) Has Sydney Water given a guarantee to Walker Corporation, with approval from the Minister, of a transfer gravity sewage main for Walker Corporation's new development at Appin?
- (6) Why was money put aside under the priority sewerage programs 1 and 2 in the Budget by the Carr Government not used for Appin, Wilton and Douglas Park and other townships, to build new sewage treatment plants and sewer mains?
- (7) Are sewage mains at Menangle and Menangle Park complete?
- (8) When were the works completed?
- (9) Can the Minister provide documentation to indicate the works have been completed?
- (10) Has the Minister inspected the works?

Answer—

- (1) (a) to (i) Sydney Water operates a number of different wastewater systems types across its area of operations. The most appropriate system for individual areas is determined considering relevant factors for each scheme.

Sydney Water's Priority Sewerage Program (PSP) provides improved wastewater services to villages in environmentally sensitive areas. The type of wastewater system installed is determined by the costs and benefits of each scheme.

Sydney Water generally owns and maintains the infrastructure it provides as part of the wastewater scheme, and incurs all costs associated with normal operation and maintenance of the system (excluding electricity costs).

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In Appin, a pressure system had a lower whole of life cost compared to a gravity system. Key reasons for pressure systems having a lower cost include the need for fewer pump stations and much smaller and shallower reticulation pipes compared to a gravity system.

- (2) to (5) A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was on public display from 10 May to 7 June 2010. It addresses matters associated with the Scheme that could impact, or are likely to impact, the environment.

Sydney Water has committed to providing a wastewater trunk system that will service future growth adjacent to Appin, although no guarantee has been made about the nature of the services.

- (6) to (10) Stage one of the priority sewerage program, provided improved sewerage services to over 5,400 properties in 17 villages.

Construction started in early 2009 on sewerage schemes for the first seven villages within stage two of the priority sewerage program. Sydney Water's operating licence requires services to be available within 24 months of sewer services being available to significant development adjoining areas such as Menangle and Menangle Park.

*12489 MIDCOAST WATER CHARGES—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) Given property developers are required to cover the cost of installing water and sewerage infrastructure:
- (a) Why is MidCoast Water charging the landholders of vacant lots a Water Access Quarterly Charge?
 - (b) Why is MidCoast Water charging landholders of vacant lots a Sewer Quarterly charge?
- (2) (a) Is the Minister considering a user pays system for water use in these instances?
- (b) If not why not?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) The up-front developer charges paid by a property developer recover only part of the capital cost of the water and sewerage infrastructure. The annual water supply and sewerage charges recover the remainder of the required annual revenue in accordance with MidCoast Water's Strategic Business Plan.

Like other NSW urban water utilities, MidCoast Water's annual water supply charges involve an access charge per property and a usage charge per kL of water use. Its annual residential sewerage charges involve a uniform access charge per property.

Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the powers for a council such as MidCoast Water to levy water supply and sewerage access charges on vacant land within 225m and 75m respectively from the council's water pipe or sewer.

- (2) (a) and (b) Pay-for-use water pricing is required by the NSW Government's Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines. A key requirement of the Guidelines is that at least 75 percent of residential revenue is raised from water usage charges. MidCoast Water has met this requirement.

*12490 MYALL RIVER—STUDY INTO PROBLEMS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given advice that a draft report is expected to be publicly exhibited in February/March 2011 (Question 11089), has the Minister received the report into the Myall River?
- (2) If not:
- (a) why not;
 - (b) when does the Minister expect to receive the report?
- (3) If so, when will the Minister make a decision on the report?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) (a) I am advised that the report has not been completed.
- (b) I expect to receive the report when it has been completed, following community consultation in February/March 2011.
- (3) N/A.

*12491 FUNDING FOR TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Given advice that this year's funding allocation for Tomaree Community Hospital is not available until the end of the financial year (Question 11585), why was the Minister able to answer the same question for the 2009-10 financial year at the beginning of the 2009-10 financial year (Question 6911)?
- (2) How much funding did the NSW Government allocate to the Tomaree Community Hospital in the 2010-11 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The allocated budget for Tomaree Community Hospital for 2010-11 is \$3.151 million. As previously advised, breakdown of hospital budgets are always the subject of final reconciliation at the end of each financial year.

*12492 TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given advice regarding the \$100,000 allocated to develop options for the expansion of Tourle Street (Question 11841):

- (1) Was the \$100,000 allocated in the 2010-11 State Budget?
 - (a) If so, please indicate where in the State Budget can the item be found?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Where is the funding coming from?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) \$100,000 was allocated in the 2010-11 Budget to develop options for the expansion of Tourle Street. Due to the relatively modest cost of the investigation, it was not explicitly named in the State Budget papers. However, it does form part of the State allocation to the Roads and Traffic Authority's Traffic Management Program.

The allocation comes under the Roads and Traffic Authority section of Budget Paper 3, as part of the Integrated Transport Planning and Management Program.

*12493 WILLIAMTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Given advice that approval has been given for the closure of Williamstown Public School and for disposal action of the site to commence (Question 11842):

- (1) What is the future of the old Williamstown Public School?
- (2) How will the property be disposed of?
- (3) When will the property be disposed of?
- (4) What has been the total expenditure of maintenance on the site since its closure?
- (5) Has the Government received a valuation of the site?
 - (a) If so, what is that valuation?
 - (b) If not:
 - (i) why not;
 - (ii) when was the last valuation made and what was value then?

Answer—

- (1) Approval has been given for the closure of the Williamstown Public School and for disposal action of the site to commence.
- (2) The site will be sold by a competitive market process once the Property Disposal Plan is approved by the Government Asset Management Committee.
- (3) The property is likely to be placed on the market in March or April 2011.
- (4) The total expenditure on maintenance is \$4,078.74.
- (5) No valuation has been requested at this time.
 - (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) (i) A valuation will be sought when the endorsement of the Property Disposal Plan has been received.

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(ii) The land was valued at \$185,000 as part of the Asset Revaluation Program undertaken on 30 June 2007.

*12494 NEW HALL AT WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the construction of a new Hall at Wirreanda Public School project?
- (2) How much is budgeted for school hall at Wirreanda in total?
- (3) How much is budgeted for school hall at Wirreanda in 2010-11?
- (4) When is construction expected to be completed?

Answer—

- (1) The Letter of Award was issued to the contractor on 29 October 2010.
- (2) \$2.019 million.
- (3) \$1.813 million.
- (4) Construction is expected to be completed by the end of school Term 2, 2011.

*12495 EFFECTS OF FLUORIDE ON HUMAN HEALTH—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any conflicting advice in the scientific community about the impact of fluoride on human health?
- (2) Will the Minister agree to conduct an investigation into the effects of fluoride on human health?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any community concerns about the impact of fluoride?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) to (3) Water fluoridation has been practiced internationally for over 60 years and in Australia and NSW for over 55 years. During this time, the safety and efficacy of water fluoridation has been re-evaluated many times.

The overwhelming conclusions from major scientific, professional and community health bodies throughout the world are that water fluoridation is safe, effective, cost-efficient and equitable.

Australia's peak scientific body, the National Health and Medical Research Council in 2007 conducted a systematic review that assessed the effectiveness and safety of water fluoridation. The recommendation from that review was that fluoridation of drinking water is the most effective and socially equitable way of achieving community wide exposure to the caries [decay] prevention effects of fluoride.

*12496 VICTORIA AND DIGNAMS CREEKS—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

When will work commence on the Victoria and Dignams creeks on the Princess Highway?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is currently undertaking preliminary construction activities on the Princes Highway upgrade at Victoria Creek. The relocation of communication utilities started on 22 November 2010. Other preliminary work will continue during early 2011. Major construction is planned to start in mid 2011, with construction due for completion in 2013.

The RTA is currently planning for a realignment of the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek. The preferred corridor is expected to be announced shortly.

*12497 COMMONWEALTH SUBMISSION—NEW REGIONAL HOSPITAL AT BEGA?—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Will the Minister publicly release the Commonwealth submission in relation to the new regional hospital at Bega?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW has submitted a number of Applications for funding under the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF), Regional Priority Round.

An Application for the redevelopment of the Bega Valley Health Services was submitted to the Department of Health and Ageing in Canberra on Friday 3 December 2010.

On 5 December 2010 the HHF Secretariat confirmed receipt of this Application and advised that Minister Roxon will refer all compliant applications to the independent HHF Advisory Board to be assessed against the HHF Evaluation Criteria and Regional Priority Round Additional Guidance.

*12498 STRICKLAND HOUSE ESTATE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

What earth moving and construction activity is currently being undertaken by the Government at Strickland House?

Answer—

In accordance with a NSW Heritage Council Section 50 approval, a derelict and asbestos-ridden non-heritage building is being demolished. Clean fill and grass overlay is to be used to restore the landform for public use.

*12499 PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given your advice you will oversight a range of reforms and improvement projects to ensure the efficient and effective administration of the NSW public service (Question 10793), where the principal reform is the consolidation of 160 Government agencies into 13 clusters (Question 11338), as at 11 November 2010, what are the total budgetary savings resulting from the consolidation of 160 Government agencies into 13 clusters?

Answer—

The agency responsible for establishing and reporting NSW public sector budgetary savings is NSW Treasury. In this regard refer also to my previous response provided to Written Question No. 12443.

*12501 REDUCTION IN FERRY SPEEDS—PARRAMATTA RIVER—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) What impact would a 10-knot reduction in ferry speed between Kissing Point and Meadowbank have on travel times?

(2) Would such a speed reduction decrease the risk of collisions with smaller vessels on the water?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The impact of reducing the maximum speed of ferries by 10 knots would be to increase the time taken for ferries to complete scheduled services.

Under Rule 6 of the 'International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea', all vessels are required to operate at a safe speed.

*12502 INVESTIGATIONS INTO ACCIDENTS AND COLLISIONS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) (a) Have any Sydney Ferries skippers and crew been stood down as a result of findings from investigations into accidents and collisions in the past 10 years?

(b) If so, how many and when were they stood down?

(2) (a) Has Sydney Ferries made any changes to its operating procedures in relation to maximum speed and steering instruction as a result of collisions and accidents in the past 10 years?

(b) If so, what changes were made, when were they made and have the operating procedures since been reviewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) and (2) Sydney Ferries' records date from 1 July 2004 when it became a separate entity. Since then, there has been one occasion where a Sydney Ferries' Master had their qualification suspended for one month.

Sydney Ferries operates its vessels in accordance with its approved Safety Management System. This requires all Masters and crews to undergo regular training in Critical Control Failure management and emergency preparedness. The Critical Control Failure training program was recognised in 2010 by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia with the NSW Industry Excellence Award for Safety.

For the majority of recreational and commercial vessels, in most areas of Sydney Harbour there are no speed limits. Under Rule 6 of the 'International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea', all vessels are required to operate at a safe speed. As a consequence, Sydney Ferries has set speed limits for its vessel operations in parts of Sydney Harbour and the Parramatta River.

*12503 MAXIMUM SCHOOL AGE—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In reference to the questions asked in my letter of 18 October 2010 which (as at 10 November 2010) I have not received a response:

- (1) Do policies exist to ensure that schoolgirls are not exposed to inappropriate conduct such as grooming by older male students?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) What are the policies called;
 - (b) What date were the policies announced and by whom;
 - (c) Where can the policies be located/accessed by the public?
- (3) What is the maximum age permitted for a student to be educated in high school?
- (4) Is there a guideline that provides for a school principal to allow adults to be educated in our schools? (For the purposes of this request adult is defined as anyone who is 19 years of age and above, as it is understood that most school students complete their education in their 18th year.)
- (5) If so:
 - (a) What are the guidelines called?
 - (b) What date were the guidelines announced and by whom?
 - (c) Where can the guidelines be located/accessed by the public?
 - (d) Have the guidelines ever been exercised?
 - (e) What is the criteria/discretion for allowing adults to be educated in schools?
- (6) What schools in NSW currently have students who are aged 19 years or above?
- (7) How many students who are aged 19 years and above are educated in NSW schools?
- (8) What schools in the Ryde electorate currently have students who are aged 19 years or above?
- (9) How many students who are aged 19 years and above are educated in schools in the Ryde electorate?
- (10) How many TAFE courses exist for adults wishing to learn English or re-sit their HSC?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his representations, reference RML10/6132, RML 10/6315.

*12504 LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What is the total cost of children placed with Life Without Barriers?
- (2) What is the number of children placed with Life Without Barriers?
- (3) How many children in out of home care are under 24 hours/7 days a week supervision?
- (4) What is the total cost of care for these children?

Answer—

- (1) In 2009-10 the total payments made to Life Without Barriers (LWOB) by Community Services for carers or services was \$89.452 million.
- (2) As at 19 November 2010 there were 1139 funded placements and Individual Client Agreements with LWOB.
- (3) Total supervision requires a Supreme Court Order. There are generally no more than 4 children or young people at any one time in this care arrangement.
- (4) This information is not collated in a reportable format.

*12505 HILL TOP RIFLE RANGE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

Regarding the expansion to the Hill Top Rifle Range:

- (1) What date is construction of the buildings associated with the Hill Top Shooting Complex due to begin?
- (2) Are any further delays to commencement anticipated?
- (3) How advanced is the project expected to be by 26 March 2011?
- (4) What money will have been expended by this date?
- (5) What money has been expended by 14 November 2010?
- (6) Are there incentive payments in place to hasten completion of the project?
- (7) What is the estimated cost of remediation of the site and surrounds each year if it is used to the capacity anticipated in its development application?
- (8) What is the estimated cost of removing all new construction that has been commenced or completed by 26 March 2011?

Answer—

Construction and completion is expected to occur in 2011 and it is anticipated approximately \$5.5 million will have been expended on construction.

*12506ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS—CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many children in statutory out of home care are medicated for psychiatric or allied disorders?
- (2) What percentage of the out of home care population does this represent?
- (3) How does this percentage compare with the percentage of children living in non-statutory arrangements who receive medication for psychiatric or allied disorders?
- (4) Does Community Services monitor the administration of drugs of this nature to the children in its care?
- (5) Does Community Services consider the use of medications of this nature to be an important responsibility for the Department?
- (6) Does the Department consider that the over-prescription of drugs of this kind may be harmful to children?
- (7) Does the Department consider the use of prescription drugs to be a means of controlling children who are otherwise difficult to manage?
- (8) How often are children in statutory care referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice?
- (9) What percentage of teenagers in statutory care live in group houses, refuges or accommodation other than home and family based accommodation?

Answer—

(1) to (3) This information is not collated in a reportable manner.

(4) and (5) Community Services has a number of policies and procedures in place with regard to the administration of medications to children and young people in Out of Home Care.

Where children or young people are prescribed medication for a psychiatric illness or an allied disorder, this information is recorded on the child's or young person's case plan.

Additionally all Community Services' foster carers receive training about their responsibilities with regard to administering prescription medication to children and young people placed in their care.

(6) Medications that affect mood, cognition and behaviour should only be taken under medical supervision.

(7) The decision to prescribe any type of medication that has the capacity to affect a child or young person's behaviour is a matter for the treating Medical Practitioner or Medical Specialist.

(8) Community Services does not refer children or young people to Juvenile Justice.

(9) As at 30 June 2010, 3.0 per cent of children and young people in statutory care were aged 13 to 17 years and living in residential or supported accommodation.

*12507UNDERAGE COHABITATION—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

When a 14 year old female is voluntarily cohabiting with a 25 year old male and becomes pregnant, why is the male not immediately charged with statutory rape?

Answer—

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The NSW Police Force has advised me that there are a number of difficulties in bringing charges against an adult male for sexual intercourse with a person under the age of consent, one of which is that the underage female in such a case may be liable as an accessory to the offence and may not cooperate with the investigation. There would need to be a reasonable prospect of conviction, which may entail DNA testing of the child at the discretion of a Magistrate. The possible effect of the stress and trauma of a trial on the wellbeing of the underage female would also need to be weighed up against the psychological harm that may have arisen from the relationship.

*12508 UNFLUED HEATERS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

How many schools currently have unflued heaters in Wakehurst?

Answer—

Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment in most Department of Education and Training schools. Schools in the Wakehurst electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.

*12509 SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) Have there been any internal reviews that have examined the issues of fragmented management of the Sydney Harbour Foreshores?

(2) If so, when and what were the conclusions?

Answer—

NSW Maritime is not aware of any internal reviews that have examined the issues of fragmented management of the Sydney Harbour Foreshores.

*12510 OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL AT BARANGAROO—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

What legislative or regulatory provisions exist that preclude an overseas passenger terminal at Barangaroo?

Answer—

None.

*12512 BARANGAROO SITE—PART 3A APPROVALS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

What is your response to community concerns that the Minister for Planning is entitled under Part 3A to approve the development application(s) for individual buildings on the Barangaroo site prior to considering/approving the overall concept plan for Barangaroo?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, project application approvals must be generally consistent with any approved Concept Plan. This provision extends to the Barangaroo site, where there is an approved Concept Plan in place.

*12513 LACHLAN VALLEY FIXED WATER CHARGES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Given that irrigators in the Lachlan River Valley had a zero general security water allocation for about 3½ years until December 2009 and as a result many are facing significant debt incurred to keep their property operating during the past decade of drought:

(1) Has the Minister or NSW Office of Water held any discussions with Lachlan Valley Water in regards to the reintroduction of fixed water charges?

(2) Has the Minister or NSW Office of Water decided on a specific date for the reintroduction of these charges?

(3) Will you allow irrigators a significant period of grace to allow them to reduce debt levels before reintroducing fixed water charges?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The NSW Government's policy is that fixed water charges, although billed quarterly, are payable on a whole of year basis. That is, if an allocation is made in any quarter of the year, then the full amount of the annual fixed charge is payable for that year.

Fixed water charges for Lachlan valley general security licence holders were waived for 2009-10 as a result of the extraordinary drought conditions, and resultant zero water allocations, that the valley had experienced over a number of consecutive years.

Lachlan River general security licence holders received an initial 10 percent allocation for 2010-11 in September 2010 followed by a further 10 percent allocation in November 2010. Accordingly, fixed water charges for these licence holders will be payable for 2010-11.

Fixed water charges for the Belubula River general security licence holders will become payable for 2010-11 if those licence holders receive a water allocation during the 2010-11 year.

*12514VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) Does the "Volunteers in Policing Program" operate in the NSW Police Goulburn, Canobolas or Cootamundra Local Area Commands?
- (2) If so, how many Volunteers in Policing are located in each of these Commands?
- (3) In what specific locations do these volunteers operate?
- (4) What specific roles do these volunteers undertake?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Yes, in all three.
- (2) As at 17 November 2010, there were three Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) at the Goulburn Local Area Command (LAC), seven at the Canobolas LAC and three at the Cootamundra LAC.
- (3) and (4) The VIPs operating out of the Goulburn LAC are involved in maintaining BizKey and Key Holder registers, sending out party packages and victim packs in relation to Break & Enter and Steal Motor Vehicle offences as well as assisting the Crime Prevention Officer at field days to provide crime prevention information to community groups.

There are two VIPs at Orange who assist in the Court Process section and also work in the Crime Management Unit maintaining the Biz Keys Register. Five VIPs at Cowra assist with domestic violence victim support and also assist the Cowra PCYC with its traffic offenders program.

Two VIPs operate from the Cootamundra police station and another from the Young police station. They are involved in sending out crime prevention packs to victims of crime, as well as customer service surveys and other local events including the local show.

*12515YASS, BOOROWA AND MURRUMBURRAH-HARDEN HOSPITALS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) On how many days since 1 October 2010 has the Yass Hospital, Boorowa Hospital, or Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital been without the services of a VMO or locum VMO for a minimum of one shift?
- (2) On how many days since 1 October 2010 has any of the above hospitals been without the services of a radiographer or a locum radiographer for a minimum of one shift?
- (3) On what dates and for what periods did these vacancies occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It is a shared responsibility between the local General Practitioner and the Health Service to arrange locum General Practitioner medical cover for planned absences. During a period when a VMO is unavailable in a town, the Health Service has arrangements in place to ensure all patients continue to be triaged and receive appropriate care by appropriately trained and experienced emergency nurses. These arrangements ensure that the community has safe and effective coverage during the General Practitioner's absence. Patients with urgent conditions may need to be transferred to the nearest suitable facility for further treatment. Detailed plans of care for all inpatients are completed prior to a VMO being away from town.

Since 1 October 2010, Yass has been without the services of a VMO or Locum VMO for a total equivalent to 14 days; Boorowa MPS for two days; and Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital for 12 days.

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- (2) and (3) Since 1 October 2010, Yass has been without the services of a radiographer or a locum radiographer from 1700hrs on 14 October 2010 until 0830 hrs on 18 October 2010 and from 1700hrs on 11 November 2010 until 0830 on 15 November 2010.

The Yass radiographer provides limited services to Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital. When a radiographer is not available, patients requiring emergency x-rays are referred to the nearest facility.

Boorowa receives radiographer services from Young Health Service for two hours per week. If services are required outside of this time, Boorowa is able to access services at Young, based on the patient's clinical need.

*12516GRENFELL HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Why is Grenfell Hospital still without the services of a full time VMO and Emergency Department Doctor or a full-time locum?
- (2) In the past two months on how many occasions has Greater Western Area Health Service advertised this position and by what methods?
- (3) In the past two months how many FTE staff hours have been expended by the Greater Western Area Health Service seeking to resolve this problem?
- (4) In the past two months how many meetings has Greater Western Area Health Service conducted with the proponents in this situation seeking to achieve a solution?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to Question 12040 about Grenfell Hospital.

*12517WOOL BALE INFRINGEMENT NOTICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With reference to infringement notice TOL 00009086 dated 25 October 2010, issued approximately 500 m from the Goulburn Wool Store, which was the vehicle's destination:

- (1) Given the denial on 28 October 2010 by the RTA that it is not conducting a crackdown on the transport of wool bales, that the vehicle's load had settled and spread out during transport and that it was only 100 mm over the limit on each side, will the Minister review the issuing of this infringement notice?
- (2) Why did the RTA inspector initially tell the driver that he had to unload the vehicle without moving it, even though it was only 500 m away from its destination, with this instruction only being overturned following an appeal to his superior?
- (3) Given the existing RTA regulations for wool bales, requiring a maximum 2.5 m wide load, are impossible for the industry to adhere to, will the Minister immediately put a stop on the issuing of further infringements for load widths less than 2.7 m wide?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The RTA has not changed its compliance program with respect to wool bales.

On 25 October a breach report was issued to the driver of a rigid truck for a severe dimension breach. The breach report was for a load measuring 2.75 metres wide, being 250mm wider than the statutory limit.

- (2) As the breach was classified as severe, the driver was requested not to proceed and, after careful consideration, a written direction was given to proceed to Goulburn Wool Stores in order to secure, adjust or reduce the load.
- (3) The requirements for vehicle width are the same in all states and are an important road safety measure. These requirements have been unchanged for many years.

A workshop has been arranged by the RTA in early 2011 which will include representatives from the wool transport industry and other stakeholders to discuss compliance of wool bale transport.

*12518NATIONAL PARKS ESTATE (SOUTH WESTERN CYPRESS RESERVATION) BILL 2010—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With respect to the National Parks Estate (South Western Cyprus Reservation) Bill:

On what dates and with which timber industry bodies did the Minister consult before the Caucus decision to approve the inclusion in this legislation of the additional 21 forests over and above the recommendation of the Natural Resources Commission?

Answer—

Given the 20 year wood supply commitments are expected to be met without the south-west cypress forests proposed to be reserved no specific industry consultation was undertaken. A handful of these forests will be harvested prior to becoming reserves to ensure commitments can be met.

*12520 SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

Given that the Sydney Desalination Plant Pty Ltd (SDP) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sydney Water Corporation and that, as this company's parent entity is a NSW statutory owned corporation it is unable to borrow from the market in its own name, the NSW Treasury Corporation raises borrowings on its behalf:

- (1) Has NSW Treasury Corporation's borrowings on behalf of Sydney Desalination Plant Pty Ltd been underwritten by any external financial institutions?
- (2) If so what are the names of these institutions?
- (3) What is the extent of the borrowings on behalf of SDP?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Treasury Corporation's borrowings on behalf of Sydney Desalination Plant Pty Ltd have not been underwritten by external financial institutions.

*12521 SYDNEY DESALINATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

With reference to the operating rules for the Sydney Desalination Plant stated in the 2010 Metropolitan Water Plan:

- (1) What is the anticipated energy consumption of the desalination plant for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
- (2) What volume of water will be desalinated for general supply in the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
- (3) What is the statistical mean and median loss of water from Sydney's water storages at 70% capacity?
- (4) What is the statistical mean and median loss of water from Sydney's water storages at 35% capacity?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Metropolitan Water Plan outlines a mix of dams, recycling, desalination and water efficiency to ensure Sydney, the Illawarra and the Blue Mountains have enough water now and for the future.

- (1) I refer to the answer to question on notice taken at the Budget Estimates hearing asked by the Hon R Colless MLC about this matter.
- (2) I refer to the answer to question on notice taken at the Budget Estimates hearing asked by the Hon R Colless MLC about this matter.
- (3) and (4) Annual evaporation losses are approximately 104GL per annum when the total system storages are at 70 percent capacity; and approximately 71 GL per annum when the total system storages are at 35 percent capacity.

These averages are based on actual data over the last 100 years. Mean and median values are the same in the case of evaporation estimates. Other losses at storages due to dam seepages and losses to groundwater are negligible.

*12522 PICTURE OF GOVERNOR SINCLAIR—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In relation to the then Berowra Police Station, what has happened to the picture of Governor Sinclair that the community gave to this police station?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the Berowra police station was sold at auction on 9 March 2010, however the portrait of Governor Sinclair was not on the asset list created at the time of sale. Enquiries have so far failed to locate the portrait, however police have indicated they will pursue the matter further and advise Mrs Hopwood once the picture is located.

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*12523HORNSBY HOSPITAL CLEANING BUDGET—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the total budget for cleaning the Hornsby Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The calendar year cleaning budgets for Hornsby Hospital were:

- (a) 2008 - \$2,463,045
- (b) 2009 - \$2,561,294
- (c) 2010 - \$2,151,281 (10 months to October 2010).

*12524ARGENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Will teacher numbers be maintained or improved at Argenton Public School in 2011?

Answer—

Teacher numbers are based on anticipated enrolments for the coming year. The Principal of Argenton Public School has advised the Department of Education and Training's Staffing Services area that the anticipated enrolment for the school for 2011 is 64 students.

Assuming that there is not a significant number of unanticipated enrolments by the February 2011 enrolment census date, the school will retain its 2010 entitlement of three classroom teachers, including a teaching principal.

*12525WARATAH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Will teacher numbers be maintained or improved at Waratah West Public School in 2011?

Answer—

Teacher numbers are based on anticipated enrolments for the coming year. The Principal of Waratah West Public School has advised the Department of Education and Training's Staffing Services area that the anticipated enrolment for the school for 2011 is 78 students.

Assuming that there is not a significant number of unanticipated enrolments by the February 2011 enrolment census date, the school will retain its 2010 entitlement of four classroom teachers, including a teaching principal.

*12529STATE PLAN REPORTING WORK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) How many people have been employed, in any capacity, by the Premier's Department to work on State Plan reporting during 2010?
- (2) How many different external consultants or contractors have been used on State Plan reporting work during:
 - (a) 2009;
 - (b) 2010?
- (3) What has been the cost of these contractors and consultants in:
 - (a) 2009;
 - (b) 2010 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet currently has a State Plan team of three people. During 2010 two people worked on State Plan reporting as one employee was on maternity leave.

One contractor assisted the Department of Premier and Cabinet in preparing the State Plan performance reports during 2009 and 2010. The cost of the contractor undertaking this work was \$16,700 (exclusive of GST) in 2009 and \$52,000 (exclusive of GST) in 2010.

The following organisations were contracted to independently review State Plan performance data for

inclusion in State Plan Performance Reports:

- NSW Auditor-General, paid \$10,000 (exclusive of GST) in 2009 and \$7,500 (exclusive of GST) in 2010
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, paid \$4,875 (exclusive of GST) in 2009 and \$5,000 (exclusive of GST) in 2010.
- Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, paid \$2,650 (exclusive of GST) in 2009 and up to \$2,650 (exclusive of GST) in 2010.

*12531NEW PLAN DOCUMENTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

When were each of the following new plan documents released, if at all, as foreshadowed in the State Plan document in 2006:

- (a) Health Plan;
- (b) Urban Transport Statement;
- (c) Innovation Strategy;
- (d) Renewable Energy Plan?

Answer—

I am advised that the documents were released on the following dates:

- (a) Health Plan - February 2007
- (b) Urban Transport Statement - November 2006
- (c) Innovation Strategy - November 2006
- (d) Initiatives on renewable energy are being incorporated in the draft Climate Change Action Plan, which is currently being finalised.

*12532PARKING FINES REVENUE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

What was the total amount of money collected by the State Debt Recovery Office in parking fines in the Tweed electorate in:

- (a) 2006-07;
- (b) 2007-08;
- (c) 2008-09;
- (d) 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised that enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of Councils and Police.

*12533PATIENT TRANSFER DOCUMENTS—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Does the Tweed Hospital operate a policy of providing patient transfer documents on discharge?
- (2) What proportion of patients are recorded as receiving these documents on discharge?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) With the implementation of Electronic Medical Records in May 2009, all patients who provide The Tweed Hospital with the details of their General Practitioner will have an electronic discharge summary emailed or faxed automatically to that nominated General Practitioner after discharge from the Hospital.

*12534REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the expenditure on repairs and maintenance at the Tweed Hospital for the year ending 30 June 2010 and for the months of July, August and September 2010?

Answer—

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I am advised:

The NSW Department of Health does not routinely collect data on repairs and maintenance expenditure for individual hospitals to the level of detail sought.

Audited repairs and maintenance expenditure is reported in the financial statements contained within the NSW Health Annual Report.

*12535 EASTERN GREY KANGAROO—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What was or is the estimated population of eastern grey kangaroos in NSW in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010?
- (2) How many eastern grey kangaroos were culled in the following years:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009?
- (3) How many eastern grey kangaroos are to be culled this year?
- (4) How does this compare with the NSW Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2007-11?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) 3,036,020 (b) 3,035,904
(c) 3,909,270
(d) 4,756,792
- (2) (a) 394,906
(b) 320,026
(c) 214,218
- (3) The quota for 2010 is 522,904.
- (4) The quota is set in accordance with the provisions of the 2007-2011 Management Plan.

*12536 WESTERN GREY KANGAROO—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What was or is the estimated population of western grey kangaroos in NSW in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010?
- (2) How many western grey kangaroos were culled in the following years:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009?
- (3) How many western grey kangaroos are to be culled this year?
- (4) How does this compare with the NSW Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2007-11?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) 726,363 (b) 989,559
(c) 722,255
(d) 662,982
- (2) (a) 81,361
(b) 54,123
(c) 38,675

- (3) The quota for 2010 is 83,194.
 (4) The quota is set in accordance with the provisions of the 2007-2011 Management Plan.

*12537RED KANGAROO—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What was or is the estimated population of red kangaroos in NSW in each of the following years:
 (a) 2007;
 (b) 2008;
 (c) 2009;
 (d) 2010?
- (2) How many red kangaroos were culled in the following years:
 (a) 2007;
 (b) 2008;
 (c) 2009?
- (3) How many red kangaroos are to be culled this year?
 (4) How does this compare with the NSW Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2007-11?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) 2,524,448 (b) 2,869,709
 (c) 2,456,795
 (d) 3,013,908
 (2) (a) 304,732
 (b) 210,654
 (c) 182,858
 (3) The quota for 2010 is 417,655.
 (4) The quota is set in accordance with the provisions of the 2007-2011 Management Plan.

*12538SCIENCE LABORATORY UPGRADES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) (a) Have any high schools in the Lane Cove electorate received science laboratory upgrades since 2003?
 (b) If so, which school(s) received upgrades?
 (2) On what dates were these projects completed?
 (3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.
 (b) Hunters Hill High School and Riverside Girls High School.
 (2) The science facility upgrade at Hunters Hill High School was completed on 12 February 2010.
 The science facility upgrade at Riverside Girls High School was completed on 16 February 2010.
 (3) The estimated final cost of the Hunters Hill High School science facility upgrade is \$774,725.
 The estimated final cost of the Riverside Girls High School science facility upgrade is \$747,780.

*12539DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) (a) Do any schools in the Lane Cove electorate still have demountables on their grounds being used as classrooms or as other facilities?
 (b) If so, which schools and how many demountables are at each?
 (2) (a) Are there plans to replace these demountables?
 (b) If so, by what date will demountables be replaced at those schools which currently still have them?
 (3) What will be the cost of replacing these demountables?

Answer—

The following schools in the Lane Cove electorate have demountable accommodation being used as

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classrooms:

School	Number of demountables
Artarmon Public School	6
Greenwich Public School	9
Hunters Hill Public School	2
Lane Cove Public School	3
Lane Cove West Public School	5
Mowbray Public School	3
Putney Public School	5
Riverside Girls High School	1
Ryde East Public School	2

The existing demountables have been provided as a result of increased enrolments. Enrolment trends will continue to be reviewed and replacing demountables with permanent facilities will be considered on a case by case basis.

Under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) component of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program, some demountable classrooms are to be replaced with permanent facilities at Hunters Hill Public School, Lane Cove Public School and Putney Public School.

Commonwealth Government approved funding allocations for all BER projects in NSW Government schools are detailed on the NSW BER website at: www.ber.nsw.gov.au

*12540 CLINICIANS ATTRACTED FROM METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many clinicians has NSW Health attracted from metropolitan hospitals to each of the following hospitals since 1 March 2009:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital;
- (b) Bowral Hospital;
- (c) Gosford Hospital;
- (d) John Hunter Hospital;
- (e) Orange Base Hospital;
- (f) Shellharbour Hospital;
- (g) Shoalhaven Hospital;
- (h) Wollongong Hospital;
- (i) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

1,999 new clinical staff were attracted to the nominated hospitals for the period March 2009 to October 2010. Records on where employees were previously employed are not routinely maintained on a centralised basis.

*12541 RURAL TRAINING PLACES—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many new rural training places for second and third-year junior medical officers has the Government created since 1 March 2009, broken down by hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of Caring Together - The Health Action Plan for NSW, the Government funded 45 new rural training for postgraduate year 2/3 doctors. These positions commenced at the beginning of the 2009 clinical training year, and are funded on a recurrent basis across 20 rural and regional hospitals. This funding is additional to the growth in training positions already funded by Health Services as part of their organisation service plans.

Hospital	No of Positions	Hospital	No of Positions
Albury Base Hospital	2	Armidale Hospital	2
Goulburn Base Hospital	1	Manning Rural Referral Hospital	4

Griffith Base Hospital	1	Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital	3
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital	3	Coffs Harbour Hospital	3
Bathurst Base Hospital	2	Lismore Base Hospital	3
Dubbo Base Hospital	2	Port Macquarie Hospital	4
Orange Base Hospital	3	The Tweed Hospital	3
Shoalhaven Hospital	2	Wollongong Hospital	1
Bowral Hospital	2	Blue Mountains	2
Wyong Hospital	1	Bega Hospital	1

*12542 EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUPPORT FOR RURAL CLINICIANS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of NSW Health's review of education and training support for rural clinicians?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Education and Training Review Report is currently being finalised.

*12543 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMES (SENTENCING PROCEDURES) ACT 1999—Mr Greg Smith asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

What consultation has been conducted with Crown prosecutors, trial advocates and Director of Public Prosecution solicitors concerning the requirement for certificates to be handed up to sentencing judges and magistrates under proposed amendments to the Crimes (Sentencing Procedures) Act 1999?

Answer—

I am advised:

The member is referred to the Second Reading Speech and Debate of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment Bill 2010 in the Legislative Council.

*12544 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION BEDS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many crisis accommodation beds were provided in the Pittwater electorate during:

- (a) 2007-08;
- (b) 2008-09;
- (c) 2009-10;
- (d) 2010-11 year to date?

(2) Do any plans exist to provide more crisis accommodation beds in the Pittwater electorate?

Answer—

- (1) No crisis accommodation beds were provided in the Pittwater area during the nominated period.
- (2) Rather than expand crisis accommodation in this region, Community Services is expanding its early intervention and post crisis responses, providing supports that will prevent people returning into homelessness.

*12546 HEATERS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What brands and makes of heaters have been installed in NSW Government Schools as part of the BER program?
- (2) What is the total number of heaters installed in NSW Government schools as part of the BER program?
- (3) (a) Was the energy consumption of these heaters considered in the decision to purchase them?
(b) If so, how was it considered?

Answer—

- (1) Rinnai flued gas heaters (models 309FDT, 556FDT and 1004FDT) and various brands of electric heaters (where schools do not have a gas supply) have been installed in BER facilities. Prior to the cancellation of the installation of unflued gas heaters, Bowin Lo-Nox (low nitrous oxide) gas heaters were also installed.

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- (2) Approximately 1,250 gas heaters have been installed in BER facilities to date.
(3) (a) Yes.

(b) The energy consumption of heating and air-cooling systems is one of many criteria set out in the Department of Education and Training's School Facilities Standards. With regard to heaters, the gas energy rating and room volume heating capacity of heaters models are assessed in combination with the emissions ratings.

*12547AERIAL PATROL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In regards to the aerial patrol launched in December 2009:

- (1) On how many occasions did the Cessna aircraft take to the skies between:
(a) 14 December 2009 and 30 June 2010;
(b) 1 July 2010 until current?
- (2) How many hours in total was the Cessna aircraft monitoring driver behaviour between:
(a) 14 December 2009 and 30 June 2010;
(b) 1 July 2010 until current?
- (3) On how many occasions did aerial crews summon and coordinate ground based police to intercept and stop alleged offenders between:
(a) 14 December 2009 and 30 June 2010;
(b) 1 July until current?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) (a) 77.
(b) 68.
(2) (a) 145.2 hours.
(b) 110.5 hours.
(3) (a) Three.
(b) Three.

*12548FIXED AND MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many fixed speed cameras changed locations in NSW in:
(a) 2009, broken down by quarter/month;
(b) 2010 to date, broken down by quarter/month?
- (2) Since 1 July 2009 to date, how many fixed speed cameras in NSW changed locations more than:
(a) once;
(b) twice;
(c) three times;
(d) four times?
- (3) What are the top 3 reasons for changing the location of a fixed speed camera?
- (4) How many of the following cameras were subject to vandalism:
(a) mobile speed cameras in:
(i) 2009;
(ii) 2010 to date?
(b) fixed speed cameras in:
(i) 2009;
(ii) 2010 to date?
- (5) What was the total cost for repairing/replacing vandalised
(a) mobile speed cameras in:
(i) 2009;
(ii) 2010 to date?
(b) fixed speed cameras in:
(i) 2009;
(ii) 2010 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) There were no fixed speed camera location changes during the 2009 and 2010 periods. None have occurred since 1 July 2009.

(3) The top 3 reasons that speed cameras are relocated are:

- To increase the effectiveness of the asset.
- It is a temporary camera in areas where there may be road works.
- A minor relocation to improve driveway or site access.

(4) (a)

- (i) Nil.
- (ii) One RTA mobile speed camera vehicle had the offside rear window smashed and one sign was run over by a truck.

(b)

- (i) 12.
- (ii) 3 (to date).

(5) (a)

- (i) Nil.
- (ii) Less than \$1,000.

(b)

- (i) \$58,200.
- (ii) \$4,500 (to date).

*12549 COASTAL PLANNING GUIDELINES AND FLOOD LEVELS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

In relation to coastal planning guidelines and flood levels:

(1) (a) Will the Government be asking councils to increase their flood levels by 0.9 m?

(b) If yes, does this only apply to coastal areas affected by climate change?

(2) (a) Is this related to the 0.9 m sea level rise (for the year 2100) discussed in the new NSW Coastal Planning Guideline?

(b) If yes, what is the reasoning for this, given a 0.9 m sea level rise is not the same as a 0.9 m flood level increase?

Answer—

(1) (a) No. The NSW Government will not be asking councils to increase their flood levels by 0.9m. The NSW Government has specified sea level rise planning benchmarks of 0.4m by 2050 and 0.9m by 2100 relative to 1990 mean sea levels. These levels are to be used when undertaking land use planning and development assessment.

(b) N/A.

(2) (a) The application of 0.9m projected sea level rise by 2100 relative to 1990, is taken from the NSW Sea Level Rise Policy Statement. The Policy Statement also includes a figure of 0.4m projected sea level rise by 2050 relative to 1990. These figures have been carried forward into the NSW Coastal Planning Guideline: Adapting to Sea Level Rise.

(b) This has not been specified by the NSW Government.

*12550 ENCLOSURE PERMIT ON A CROWN ROAD AT MAROOTA—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

With reference to a Department of Lands agreement to grant an enclosure permit over a Crown road at Maroota, which is the only access to the property owned by Mr Peter Harkins:

(1) Has the neighbour now fenced and gated the section of road for which they have been granted the enclosure permit requiring Mr Harkins and his family, together with anyone else visiting his home, to open and shut gates on this road in order to access their own home?

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- (2) When will the Minister remove the current enclosure permit on this road and grant the rightful enclosure permit to the Harkins family which they deserve, as this road provides the only access to their property?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, the holder of Enclosure Permit 465120 has installed fencing and erected a vehicular gate in order to comply with the right of public access along the enclosed Crown road. This is permitted under the permit.
- (2) There is no need to terminate Enclosure Permit 465120 as the public's right of access has been maintained and more particularly, Mr Harkins is not denied access to his property via this Crown road.

*12551 SOUTHERN CROSS SUBCONTRACTORS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

With respect to Southern Cross, a large construction company that has worked extensively for the NSW Government and are currently building the Narwee Department of Housing Seniors Living development:

- (1) Is the Premier aware that subcontractors who are owed large amounts of money for work undertaken on behalf of Southern Cross have advised that the owners are currently moving their own assets away from company ownership, in an attempt to prevent the loss of these assets in a subsequent bankruptcy?
- (2) What actions are currently being undertaken to ensure these contractors are paid what they are owed by Southern Cross?

Answer—

I am advised:

Housing NSW has no information about disputes between subcontractors and Southern Cross Constructions in relation to payment.

Housing NSW requires all its contractors to provide a statutory declaration, signed by an office holder of the company, stating that appropriate payments to subcontractors have been made. Without this, Housing NSW does not release stage payments to contractors.

*12552 GLOSSODIA PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY FENCE—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Education and Training—

With reference to a security fence at Glossodia Public School:

- (1) Did the school spend \$70,000 from its National School Pride funding to have a black 2.1-metre high security fence installed across the front of the school and part of its side boundary that interfaces with the Glossodia Shopping Centre?
- (2) Has the school long suffered a high incidence of vandalism prior to the erection of the fencing and noticed an improvement in school safety because of the fence?
- (3) When will the remaining section of security fencing be provided to Glossodia School as there have been several attacks of vandalism recently due to youths scaling the older section of the fence that remains at the back of the school?

Answer—

- (1) Glossodia Public School spent \$67,100 of its \$125,000 National Schools Pride funding to have the security fence installed.
- (2) I am advised that the incidence of vandalism at Glossodia Public School before the installation of the fence was not high and fell to zero following the installation of the fence.
- (3) The Department of Education and Training's Safety and Security Directorate conducts regular risk assessments of NSW government schools. I am advised that, based on the Directorate's current risk assessment for Glossodia Public School, there are no plans to extend the security fence at this time.

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12553 BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12554 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES—PROPOSED NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12555 SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Have any studies been undertaken by your department to ascertain whether school playing fields should be kept outside any fencing installed around schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Training has not undertaken any specific studies regarding school playing fields being fenced separately to the school.

However, as part of recent NSW Government initiatives to enhance school security, many schools have had security fencing installed. Schools with security fences are able to use them to limit or restrict unauthorised access to school premises thereby supporting our child protection strategies and protecting school assets from damage, vandalism and theft. Some schools have had security fencing to the school playing fields installed separately to the security fencing surrounding the school buildings and playgrounds to allow community access to these playing fields in out of school hours.

The Department of Education and Training's Community Use of School Facilities Policy enables community groups to access school facilities, including school playing fields, out of school hours, for appropriate purposes. Subject to the availability and suitability of facilities, school principals generally have the authority to allow access to facilities for approved purposes.

12556 WHITE BAY OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

12557 WYANGALA DAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

12558 COOTAMUNDRA HOSPITAL PROPOSED STRIKE ACTION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12559 RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Education and Training—

With reference to statements by NSW Department of Education and Training spokespersons that Rugby Public School will remain open during 2011 if 10 students are enrolled, and given that the Rugby Progress Association has encouraged the families of at least 10 (possibly 12 to 17) primary school age children to relocate to the village, will the school not be placed in recess so these 10 students can enrol at Rugby Public School during Term One, 2011?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education and Training monitors student enrolments on a regular basis to ensure viable educational settings are maintained to support the learning of all public school students.

I am advised that earlier this year a decision was made to place Rugby Public School into recess from the beginning of 2011 based on projected enrolment of only two students.

Subsequent promotion by the local progress association and continuing discussions with departmental officers has led to nine additional anticipated enrolments being identified for the 2011 school year. These enrolments have now been confirmed.

As such, the decision has been made that the school will continue to operate as normal from the start of the 2011 school year.

12560 THREE PHASE POWER METERS FOR BUSINESSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

*12561 THREE PHASE POWER METERS FOR BUSINESSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) (a) Is there a shortage of 3 phase power meters for new bakeries, manufacturers, restaurants, garages or other potential new commercial electricity consumers?

(b) If so:

(i) How many businesses are being affected?

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- (ii) How long is the delay?
- (iii) Has the shortage been caused largely by demand from existing businesses under the Solar Panel Scheme?

- (2) (a) Is there a monopoly supplier arrangement involving Energy Australia for the meters?
(b) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) Energy Australia has advised that at December 6 it had around 400 outstanding requests for three phase meters. Energy Australia further advised it was scheduled to receive 1000 meters in early December and a further 3000 meters in December and January.
- (2) (a) and (b) No. EnergyAustralia has a multi-vendor procurement policy for electricity meters to help secure supply of meters. EnergyAustralia presently is contracted to three different suppliers for domestic and small commercial meters.

*12562 REDUNDANCIES IN DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) How many redundancies from the Department of Premier & Cabinet were there in the last 12 months?
(2) How many equivalent Full Time Employees are there now in this Department?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were four voluntary redundancies in the last 12 months.

There are 617.92 Full Time Employees in the Department as at 6 December 2010.

*12563 SMART METERS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Do "smart" meters currently allow customers to check their own power usage for discrete time periods, and if not, when will this become possible?

Answer—

It is already possible to install in-home displays, which can provide consumers with detailed information and analysis of their energy usage, irrespective of whether a premises has a smart meter installed or not.

An Australian functional specification for smart meters has recently been determined. The provision of detailed energy consumption information to energy consumers is one of the key features addressed in the functional specification. Smart meters that comply with the national specification will have provision for an in-home display that collects detailed information from the meter, and will allow the consumer to examine their energy consumption and costs over a range of time periods, as well as providing real-time energy and cost data.

12564 BUS SERVICES IN THE LAKE MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12565 COST OF TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

12566 RESPIRATORY SERVICES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12567 STUDENTS OVER 18 IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

How many over 18 students are enrolled in the following State High Schools in the Tweed electorate:

- (a) Kingscliff High School;
- (b) Banora Point High School;
- (c) Tweed River High School?

Answer—

At 26 November 2010 there were seven students enrolled at the following schools who were 18 years of age or older:

- (a) Kingscliff High School - 4
- (b) Banora Point High School - 3
- (c) Tweed River High School - 0

All seven students are expected to complete their HSC studies in 2011.

12568 PROPOSED POLICE STATION AT KINGSCLIFF—Mr Geoff Provost to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*12569 SANDON AND WOOLI CATCHMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given advice that the Colong Foundation's nomination of the Sandon and Wooli Catchments for assessment under Section 7 of the Wilderness Act would continue to be assessed (Question 5497):

- (1) What DECC resources were allocated in the following financial years to assess the Colong Foundation's nomination of the Sandon and Wooli Catchments under Section 7 of the Wilderness Act:
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08;
 - (c) 2008-09;
 - (d) 2009-10?
- (2) What was the expenditure on this project for each of the following years, and how many staff hours were devoted to it:
 - (a) 2006-07;
 - (b) 2007-08;
 - (c) 2008-09;
 - (d) 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) In 2006-07, the then Department of Environment and Climate Change undertook a desktop assessment of these wilderness proposals with the estimated resources of one staff member for one month.
 - (b) to (d) The areas nominated for consideration as wilderness are already protected in perpetuity under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. The Department identified more pressing priorities for staff with skills required to progress the wilderness assessments, including assessment and analysis of conservation values involved in the recent River Red Gum forest and Cypress process.
- (2) (a) Approximately \$30,000.
 - (b) Nil.

12570 PLATFORMS ON THE CARLINGFORD LINE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12571 PROPOSED BUS T-WAYS ON SHOWGROUND ROAD—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12572 INTEREST PAID ON RENTAL BONDS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12573 PENSIONER TRAVEL VOUCHERS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12574 BULAHDELAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE FUNDING—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12575 PRIMARY CARE CENTRE—FORSTER—Mr John Turner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

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- (1) Since the date of the answer to Question 7023, what is the current position in relation to the provision of a Primary Care Centre on the grounds of the Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital & Health Association's land at Forster?
- (2) Have any funds been allocated to this project?
- (3) If so, how much and when were the funds allocated?
- (4) If so, what were the funds allocated for?
- (5) If no funds have been allocated, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) Planning for the development of HealthOne Forster-Tuncurry is progressing. The Service Plan was completed and submitted to the NSW Department of Health in September 2010 and the capital works Project Brief will be submitted shortly for approval. Concept plans for the building have been developed.

Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital and Health Association has completed preliminary works in preparation for commencement of capital works. Funding has been cash-flowed for this project, subject to formal approval to progress.

The NSW Department of Health has allocated \$220,000 for the planning and development of the project in 2010/11. The allocation of further funds for the development of HealthOne Forster-Tuncurry will be made on approval of the Project Brief.

12576 EMPLOYMENT BUDGET OF THE MINISTRY OF WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12577 THE OFFICE OF WESTERN SYDNEY WEBSITE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12578 MINISTRY OF WESTERN SYDNEY STAFF—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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*12579HYDRAULIC ROCK FRACTURING TECHNIQUE—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

In relation to coal seam gas mining:

- (1) What advice has the Minister received on the environmental impact of the hydraulic rock fracturing technique used in coal seam gas mining?
 - (a) Has any advice specifically addressed the issue of water contamination by the hydraulic rock fracturing technique?
 - (b) Has any advice specifically addressed the implications of the hydraulic rock fracturing technique near Warragamba dam?
 - (c) If no advice has been received on the environmental impact of the hydraulic rock fracturing technique, will the Minister commission a study, including specific investigation of water contamination and the effect on Warragamba dam?
- (2) (a) Has the Minister been provided with a list of chemicals used in hydraulic rock fracturing by companies operating in New South Wales, and which would be used in any hydraulic rock fracturing near Warragamba dam?
 - (b) If not, will the Minister ask for such a list?
- (3) Will the Minister undertake public consultation before the use of the hydraulic rock fracturing technique is approved near Warragamba dam?
- (4) (a) Has the Minister met with mining or exploration companies to discuss the use of the hydraulic rock fracturing technique near Warragamba dam, or at any other location in New South Wales?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Industry and Investment NSW has advised me in relation to the process of hydraulic fracturing.

- (a) Yes. References have been made to overseas reports and reports from Queensland concerning water contamination and fracking.
- (b) The Minister for Planning is the responsible authority in relation to this matter.
- (c) No. See answer to (1) (b).
- (2) (a) Yes.
- (b) N/A
- (3) The Minister for Planning is the consent authority for the Warragamba Dam proposal.
- (4) (a) No. The Minister for Planning is the consent authority for the Warragamba Dam proposal. At other locations in NSW, any application to undertake exploration activities, not subject to Part 3 A or Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), including fracking activities is subject to rigorous and comprehensive environmental assessment by Industry and Investment NSW before approval is granted. For those activities subject to Parts 3A or 4 of the EP&A Act, assessment is made by the relevant approval authority.
- (b) See answer to (4) (a) .
- 12580 PLANNED TRAIN STABLING YARD AT EMU PLAINS—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12581 PENRITH BUS/RAIL INTERCHANGE—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12582 CANCELLATION OF PVC ALLOWANCE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12583 THIRLMERE RAIL TRANSPORT MUSEUM—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12584 PAMBULA INDOOR AQUATIC CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
- *12585 INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFORM OF THE SHARED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES SECTOR—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- (1) When will the Minister report back on the deliberations of the Interdepartmental Committee on Reform of the Shared Private Residential Services Sector established in 2008?
- (2) (a) Has there been any public consultation?
- (b) If so, with whom?
- (c) If not, who will be engaged?
- (d) Will this be completed by Christmas?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of the PWD in relation to the lack of access for boarding house residents to advocacy and services?
- Answer—
- The work of the Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) on the Shared Private Residential Services Sector is part of the process the NSW Government has initiated to put in place a new regulatory framework for the sector. As announced in "Stronger Together: The Second Phase", a report on the options for such a framework is due in the first half of 2011, following consultations which have already commenced.
- 12586 DRUNK AND DISORDERLY OFFENCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12587 OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG MEMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12588 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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12589 BED OCCUPANCY RATES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12590 AMOUNT OF CLAIMED OVERTIME BY NURSES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12591 INITIATIVES/ONE2FOUR CAMPAIGN—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12592 NUMBER OF INTENSIVE CARE, HIGH DEPENDENCY AND CORONARY CARE UNITS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12593 INCIDENTS ATTENDED TO BY FIRE STATIONS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many incidents did NSW fire stations attend to in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

(2) How many incidents did the average fire station in NSW attend to in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

(3) How many incidents did Ryde's Blaxland Rd fire station attend to in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

Answer—

The total number of responses and responses broken down by area, zone and brigade is reported each year in the NSW Fire Brigades' Annual Reports by financial year.

The NSW Fire Brigades does not have a definition of an "average fire station".

*12594 MONETARY LOSS SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF STRUCTURAL FIRE—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

What was the monetary loss suffered by the Ryde community as a result of structural fire in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;

- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

Answer—

The NSW Fire Brigades does not hold information on the monetary loss suffered by the Ryde community as a result of structural fires.

*12595CHILD KNOWN TO DOCS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

With reference to a recent media report in the Daily Telegraph on 19 November 2010, which indicated that a 23 month old girl was found unconscious and not breathing in a home in Unanderra:

- (1) (a) Was this child known to DOCS?
- (b) If so, what were the circumstances that led to DOCS being in contact with the girl?
- (2) Did DOCS take any action?

Answer—

As the matter is subject to Court proceedings, it is inappropriate to provide further comment at this time.

*12596FOSTER CARER VISITS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What is the average number of visits foster carers in NSW receive from a community services caseworker each year?
- (2) How many foster carers in NSW did not receive an annual visit from a community services case worker in each year 2007 - 2010 to date?
- (3) What are the reasons as to why foster carers are not receiving annual visits by a community services caseworker?

Answer—

- (1) This data is not collected in the form requested.
- (2) This data is not collected in the form requested.
- (3) Where a matter is allocated, annual placement reviews for children and young people in care may be conducted with a carer in person, or by telephone contact with the carer, depending on the circumstances of the placement and the individual needs of children and young people.

*12597DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) In relation to salary expenses incurred by the department, what was the total cost of directors and management salaries (inclusive of superannuation) for the years:
 - (a) 1996;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2010?
- (2) In relation to salary expenses incurred by the department, what was the total of cost of Child Protection Caseworkers' salaries (inclusive of superannuation) for the years:
 - (a) 1996;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2010?
- (3) What were the total funding costs for running the department for the years:
 - (a) 1996;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2010?
- (4) What were the total wage and salary expenses to the department (inclusive of contracted, seconded and administrative workers) for the years:
 - (a) 1996;

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- (b) 2003;
(c) 2010?
- (5) What were the total financial costs to the department of hiring consultants for the years:
(a) 1996;
(b) 2003;
(c) 2010?
- (6) Under what circumstances are child protection case records changed after they have been signed off in KIDS?
- (7) If this practice does occur, how often has this occurred for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010, and upon whose authority?

Answer—

(1) (a) & (b) and (2) (a) & (b) Information prior to 2005 is not held in a format that would answer this question. There is a range of information about Community Services' employee related expenditure and employee numbers available in the relevant Annual Report.

(1) (c) In 2009-10 the gross annual income for employees holding a position at Grade 11 or higher was \$46,872,372. This excludes positions such as Casework Managers (Grade 9) and Service Support Managers (Grade 5/6). This amount is inclusive of Employee contributions to superannuation. Employer contributions to superannuation were not readily available for this response.

(2) (c) In the 2009-10 the gross annual income for employees holding a position Caseworker was \$139,291,430. This amount is inclusive of Employee contributions to superannuation. Employer contributions to superannuation were not readily available for this response.

(3) to (5) Information about Community Services' financial performance, total employee related expenditure, and expenditure on consultants is available in the relevant Annual Report www.community.nsw.gov.au

(6) Client related assessment and legal records cannot be altered, once they have been approved on KiDS, without going through System Administration. Records relating to placements and case plans require the approval of a manager if the record is edited.

(7) This data is not collected in the form requested.

12598 SUTTON FOREST COAL LEASE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

*12599 COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE AT NYNGAN—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Is the Community Services (CS) office at Nyngan staffed and open at the current time?
(2) Was it closed while the CS worker was on long service leave?
(3) If so, how long was it closed for?
(4) If it is still closed, when will it re-open?
(5) Why wasn't replacement staff provided?

Answer—

(1), (3) and (4) Community Services' Nyngan office, in its current capacity, closed on 17 September 2010.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is currently examining opportunities for the co-location of office accommodation in Western NSW to improve integrated service delivery for clients. This will also help create work opportunities in communities and a better work environment for staff that may otherwise be isolated. One of the locations is Nyngan; which is currently in the community consultation phase.

The co-location program will see the establishment of generic Human Services Officers to assist people coming into the shopfront to access services from any DHS agency. As part of the implementation process key DHS agencies will collocate to improve service delivery outcomes for the community. The Community Services office (previously known to the community as the DoCS office) at 67 Cobar St Nyngan has been recently renovated and now has the room and updated facilities to accommodate a team of DHS agency staff.

Whilst each agency provides specialist, core services to individual clients or families, there are benefits for both the community and agencies in the proposed Nyngan Human Services Centre that include:

- One location for clients to access DHS agencies.
 - By combining administration services it is expected that there will be staff presence in the new centre during normal business hours providing a greater level of accessibility.
 - Offering an integrated service for clients requiring services from multiple agencies
 - Provision of office space for other government agencies.
- (2) Yes; however the Community Services worker on leave was an administrative officer, not a caseworker.
- (5) Community Services continues to provide services to the people of Nyngan through other regional offices.

*126001996 DOCS STATISTICS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) In 1996 how many DOCS directors/managers (including acting positions) were earning:
- (a) more than \$250,000 per annum;
 - (b) between \$100,000 - 249,999 per annum;
 - (c) less than \$100,000 per annum?
- (2) How many Child Protection Caseworkers (either temporary or permanent) were employed and working in the department in 1996?
- (3) What is the best estimate for the total number of children (under 16 years of age) living in NSW in 1996?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Community Services does not hold this information in the form requested.
Information about staffing statistics and employee related expenditure is available in the annual report www.community.nsw.gov.au
- (3) Information relating to population statistics is available at www.abs.gov.au

12601 STAFF AT THE MINISTRY FOR THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

*12602CRISIS ACCOMMODATION BEDS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many crisis accommodation beds were provided in the Terrigal electorate during:
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2010 year to date?
- (2) How many crisis accommodation beds were provided in the The Entrance electorate during:
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-2010;
 - (c) 2010 year to date?
- (3) How many crisis accommodation beds were provided in the Wyong electorate during:
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2010 year to date?
- (4) How many crisis accommodation beds were provided in the Gosford electorate during:
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2010 year to date?
- (5) Do any plans exist to provide more crisis accommodation beds in any of the four above listed electorates?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Reportable data on services is not collected by electorate.
- (5) Regional Homelessness Actions Plans for 2010-14 have been developed under the NSW Homelessness Action Plan. Each plan includes information on needs and current service provision, and outlines new projects that are being funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness with the Commonwealth.

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Copies of the Regional Homelessness Action Plans can be accessed at:

<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Changes+to+Social+Housing/Homelessness/>

12603 PARKING FINES REVENUE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12604 USE OF BARANGAROO DOCKS AS AN OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

What planning legislative or regulatory provisions exist, if any, that limit the capacity to use Barangaroo docks as an overseas passenger terminal either:

- (a) currently; or
- (b) in the future

after development of the site?

Answer—

Plans for the development of Barangaroo do not include an overseas passenger terminal.

*12605 CONSERVATION AS A STATE PARK—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Will the Minister for Lands honour the promise made by the former Minister for the Environment to ensure conservation, as a State Park, of the catchment lands around Narrabeen Lagoon?

Answer—

Yes. A proposal to create a new State Park over Crown lands within the Narrabeen Lagoon waterway and catchment is currently being progressed by the Land and Property Management Authority.

12606 WAKEHURST PARKWAY/FRENCHS FOREST ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12607 HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE FIT OUT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

12608 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT MOONEY MOONEY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12609 NIGHT STAFF AT NAREEN LODGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12610 PUBLIC INQUIRIES INTO LOCAL COUNCILS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

In relation to information on the Department of Local Government website on public inquiries into councils up to April 2008:

Why have no further inquiries been conducted since April 2008?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

No council has warranted a public inquiry under section 740 of the Local Government Act 1993 in the period since April 2008.

12611 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS STAGE 5—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

*12612 ACDP AND SAFE FAMILIES PROGRAM—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) (a) Are there any AA NSW staff currently employed on the ACDP project?

- (b) If so, what is the nature of their role(s)?
- (2) How many AA NSW staff are employed as part of the Safe Families program and what is the nature of each of their roles?
 - (3) Please provide an update on the Safe families program, i.e has it now been established in all five areas?
 - (4) Also, have there been any further hindrances to the program as previously identified, i.e delays in recruitment and securing and fitting out suitable office locations as well as interagency red tape?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) AA NSW currently does not have any staff employed on and/or funded by the Aboriginal Community Development Program (ACDP).
- (2) There are currently nine staff employed by AA NSW as part of the Safe Families program.
The specific role of the AA NSW Safe Families Team is to work with Aboriginal communities in collaboration with key partners, to increase understanding about child sexual assault and establish prevention plans.
- (3) Work is underway across all five locations.
- (4) Service delivery to remote areas of the State presents clear challenges in recruitment and retention of skilled staff. It can also create difficulty in securing suitable office accommodation.

*12613CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION AND NON-DET EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Ombudsman's guidelines and the NSW legislation on Child Protection do not include the young students of the Regional Conservatoria of Music?
- (2) Are there any other (non-DET educational) organisations within NSW whose young members are not covered by the legislation?
- (3) If the students of such non-DET organisations are not covered by the legislation, does that mean that teachers of those students who are accused of inappropriate dealings with the students are also not protected by the legislation?
- (4) Does this mean that a teacher of a non-DET educational institution, who is falsely accused, is not protected from incompetent investigations?
- (5) When a teacher, employed by a non-DET institution, accused of inappropriate dealings with a student or students is exonerated, what action can that person take to ensure that their lives are returned to some semblance of normality?
- (6) What action, if any, can be taken against the accuser when accusations are found to be false and malicious?
- (7) What actions must be taken by a non-DET employer of that teacher to ensure that the accused is able to return to their employment immediately after the exoneration?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that matters of teachers in non-DET employment, accused of inappropriate dealings with students can, under present State laws, be investigated by inexperienced personnel of the employer of the accused or designated investigators appointed by the employer?
- (9) If a non-DET educational employer, such as a Regional Conservatorium of Music or the Catholic Schools Office, takes inappropriate actions within an investigation process, allowing for conflicts of interest to exist, what rights are available to the accused?
- (10) What are the timelines for an investigation into teachers accused of inappropriate dealings with students in non-DET educational institutions?
- (11) (a) Is the Minister aware that investigations carried out under the present guidelines can take several years to finalise?
(b) Has there been a case where after four years a teacher, proven innocent of the accusations, was suspended without pay until a deed of mutual release was signed, while unable to have any recourse under the NSW Child Protection Legislation?
- (12) In both DET and non-DET educational institutions, should such concerns be treated as a matter of urgency, investigated by experienced and well trained investigators to enable the falsely accused an opportunity to be reinstated in employment, reputation and self esteem?
- (13) Is it appropriate that non-DET educational institution employers and/or agencies granted the right to investigate and report on matters of a reportable allegation against a teacher, are not held responsible for breaches of the NSW Ombudsman's Working With Children legislation and the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) Act?
- (14) Who monitors breaches of the Act and holds these non-DET agencies accountable?
- (15) (a) What responsibilities do non-DET educational institutions (such as private schools and the Regional Conservatorium of Music) which are partially Government funded, have to ensure that

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matters of child protection and accusations against teachers are handled in the same efficient and sympathetic manner as you have indicated DET matters are handled?

(b) Will you consider making funding of such non-DET institutions dependent on their guarantee that such matters will always be dealt with properly and in accordance with the legislation, and with similar referral to the Independent Commission Against Corruption if corruption is evident?

Answer—

(1) to (15) This is not a matter I can comment on. The Department of Education and Training is not responsible for the administration of child protection legislation in New South Wales. That legislation is administered by NSW Community Services. The questions asked in relation to the administration of child protection should be referred to the Minister for Community Services.

Any concerns about child protection investigation processes with respect to employees of non-government schools should be referred to the NSW Ombudsman. It should be noted that the jurisdiction of ICAC is limited to NSW public sector and local government officials.

12614 CALD CREDIT AND DEBT CONCERNS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12615 SYDNEY EXPLORER AND BONDI EXPLORER BUS SERVICES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12616 GOLD MEMBERS CAR PARK—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

12617 HOMOPHOBIA PROGRAMS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

12618 INDIVIDUAL WATER METERING IN APARTMENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

*12619 HOMOPHOBIA PROGRAMS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Noting the recent Roy Morgan research identifying levels of unreasoning fear or hatred of homosexuals (homophobia) in Australia, which identifies higher levels in males 14-17 years old, some regions and people with less schooling:

- (1) What programs does the Government provide to address homophobia in young males, particularly students?
- (2) How many schools provide these programs in NSW, and how many of these are Government schools?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that students in non-Government schools have the opportunity to take part in homophobia programs?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that people with less schooling have the opportunity take part in homophobia programs?
- (5) Based on this research, what action will the Government now take to address homophobia in schools?

Answer—

(1) to (5) NSW government schools are committed to providing safe and supportive environments that are inclusive of all students and respect and value diversity.

Homophobia in government schools is managed within the framework of the student welfare policy. Anti-homophobia initiatives are implemented through the curriculum, the policies and the day-to-day practices in schools and through messages communicated to staff, students and the school's community.

The Department of Education and Training has implemented a number of initiatives and projects in this area including:

- the Boys and Girls Education Strategy;
- Values in NSW Public Schools;
- support of the NSW Anti-homophobia conference That's So Gay held in April 2008;
- anti-homophobia workshops held at State Student Representative Council Conferences; and
- School-Link, a professional learning collaboration between the Department of Education and

Training and NSW Health.

All NSW government schools must develop an Anti-Bullying plan to address bullying of any type and follow up complaints of bullying, harassment, intimidation and victimisation.

All schools in NSW, non-government and government, must teach the mandatory Key Learning Area, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, which includes addressing homophobia and related issues.

NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education and Training are committed to continuing the Teaching Sexual Health Phase 2 - Affirming Diversity professional learning program. This training has been made available to all Personal Development, Health and Physical Education teachers free of charge and will be offered during 2011.

Non-government schools have access to professional learning and resources available through the Teaching sexual health program and website.

The Department supports government and non-government agencies that have responsibilities to raise awareness and educate the broader community about anti-homophobia and to provide appropriate support services.

The Department is represented on the Network of Government Agencies (NOGA) Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Issues and the NSW Anti-homophobia Interagency. Government and non-government agencies on these groups are committed to working together to involve the broader community in strategies to stop violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

The Department is also a partner agency in the Strategic Framework 2007-2012 Working Together: Preventing Violence Against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People.

12620 SALE OF WSN ASSETS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12621 SALE OF WSN ASSETS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What irregularities, if any, have been uncovered relating to the WSN Belrose site, through due diligence and audit processes associated with the potential sale of WSN assets?
- (2) Which authorities are investigating matters as a result of any such irregularities?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Some irregularities in both reporting and waste delivery have been identified at Belrose. These irregularities were discovered independent of the sale process.
- (2) WSN reported the irregularity to the EPA and the ICAC.

*12622 TOPSOIL AT WSN BELROSE SITE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What is the depth of topsoil required to be placed on top of the completed landform at the WSN Belrose landfill site?
- (2) Has this requirement been complied with, or has old rubbish fill been partly utilised instead of topsoil?
- (3) If so, what affect on odour levels would this have?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The depth of topsoil required to be placed on top of the completed landform at the WSN Belrose landfill site is 300 mm.
- (2) WSN has complied with this requirement.
- (3) Not applicable.

*12623 TWEED DOCS CARERS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What is the total number of Tweed DoCS carers reported to the Commission for Children and Young People in the following years:

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- (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) Year to date?
- (2) How many of the complaints were sustained?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) This data is not available by electorate. State-wide data on the Agency's response to reportable conduct allegations are published in the Annual Report www.community.nsw.gov.au

*12624 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the total number of students enrolled in the following schools in the Tweed electorate in 2010:
- (a) Kingscliff High School;
 - (b) Banora Point High School;
 - (c) Tweed River High School?
- (2) What is the total number of students who are enrolled in the following schools in the Tweed electorate in 2011:
- (a) Kingscliff High School;
 - (b) Banora Point High School;
 - (c) Tweed River High School?
- (3) What is the number of students enrolling in these high schools for the first time in 2011?

Answer—

- (1) The principal of each school submitted actual student enrolments for 2010 on the February census day of:
- (a) 1,320 students
 - (b) 670 students
 - (c) 895 students
- (2) Anticipated student enrolments are submitted in Term 3 each year to allow the allocation of teachers to a school to be determined. Actual student enrolments for 2011 will be submitted by principals on 16 February 2011 for Eastern Division schools and 23 February 2011 for Western Division schools.
- The principal of each school has submitted anticipated enrolments for 2011 of:
- (a) 1,336 students
 - (b) 634 students
 - (c) 915 students
- (3) The following anticipated Year 7 enrolment has been submitted by the principal of each school for 2011:
- (a) 201 students
 - (b) 102 students
 - (c) 150 students

*12625 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the total number of students enrolled in Kindergarten in the following schools in 2010:
- (a) Pottsville Beach Public School;
 - (b) Bogangar Public School;
 - (c) Kingscliff Public School;
 - (d) Durambah Public School;
 - (e) Cudgen Public School;
 - (f) Fingal Public School?
- (2) What is the total number of students enrolled in Kindergarten in the following schools in 2011:
- (a) Pottsville Beach Public School;
 - (b) Bogangar Public School;
 - (c) Kingscliff Public School;
 - (d) Durambah Public School;
 - (e) Cudgen Public School;
 - (f) Fingal Public School?

Answer—

- (1) The principal of each school submitted actual Kindergarten enrolments for 2010 on the February census day of:
 - (a) 95 students
 - (b) 34 students
 - (c) 75 students
 - (d) 7 students
 - (e) 24 students
 - (f) 10 students (note this school is called Fingal Head Public School).
- (2) Anticipated student enrolments are submitted in Term 3 each year to allow the allocation of teachers to a school to be determined.

Actual student enrolments for 2011 will be submitted by principals on 16 February 2011 for Eastern Division schools and 23 February 2011 for Western Division schools.

The principal of each school has submitted an anticipated Kindergarten enrolment for 2011 of:

- (a) 93 students
- (b) 45 students
- (c) 80 students
- (d) 3 students
- (e) 22 students
- (f) 7 students (note this school is called Fingal Head Public School).

*12626 CLASS SIZES FOR ACCELERATING HSC STUDENTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Education and Training—

When will the Minister stop penalising high schools for accelerating their students by insisting that Year 9 and 10 students who do HSC subjects should be taught in classes of 30 students when students studying exactly the same courses in Years 11 and 12 are taught in classes of just 24 students?

Answer—

Senior officers from the Department of Education and Training have met with the Secondary Principals' Council to discuss issues in relation to secondary students who are accelerated from Stage 5 to Stage 6. Any changes to the current secondary staffing formula that require additional funding will be considered in the context of competing priorities for the resources available.

12627 ACCIDENTS ON SHOWGROUND ROAD—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

*12628 SERVICE STATIONS SELLING E85—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) How many service stations are currently selling E85?
- (2) Where are they located?
- (3) How many service stations will offer this fuel by the end of 2011?

Answer—

- (1) Ten service stations in NSW are currently selling E85.
- (2) They are the Caltex service stations located in Moorebank, Manly, Gosford West, Heathcote, Tempe, Casula, Hamilton, Richmond and Drummoyne; and the United service station located in Rozelle.
- (3) Approximately 30 service stations in NSW are expected to offer E85 by the end of 2011.

*12629 NSW GOVERNMENT SOLAR REBATE—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many people, in the Lane Cove Electorate, have successfully applied for the NSW Government Solar Rebate in the 2009-10 financial year and the financial year to date?

Answer—

Information on the number of connections under the Solar Bonus Scheme by postcode is provided in the Distributors' reports at www.industry.nsw.gov.au/energy

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- 12630 GLADESVILLE HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12631 HUNTLEY'S WHARF FERRY SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12632 NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO IN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12633 MEDICAL IMAGING PACS/RIS STATEWIDE ROLL-OUT—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12634 CLINICAL CODERS AND HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12635 NOT READY FOR CARE CATEGORY—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12636 NURSE OVERTIME COSTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12637 MANNING BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12638 COST OF ELECTRONIC SECURITY MONITORS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12639 RECEPTOR-TARGETED RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12640 EX GRATIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12641 EX GRATIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 12642 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 12643 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- *12644 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Education and Training—
- When will the Minister reply to my representations on behalf of Mr William Haszard dated 28 September 2010 (reference RML 10/5726 18266)?
- Answer—
- A response to this correspondence has been sent.
- *12645 LOCAL COUNCIL RESTRICTIONS ON PHOTOGRAPHY—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- In relation to restrictions, fees and licences on photography imposed by local councils:
- (1) What criteria is used to determine whether a person is a professional photographer and is required to apply for a licence and pay a fee?
 - (2) Are Sydney City Council rangers approaching people using photographic equipment near tourist destinations demanding to see licences and/or proof of payment of fees?
 - (3) Are the controls imposed an impediment to tourism and the promotion of Sydney both nationally and internationally?

- (4) What has the State Government done to assist in the development of uniform regulations across local government areas in relation to photographic licences and fees?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) Criteria are determined by local councils and are set out in their annual management plan or operational plans. The Local Government Act 1993 requires councils to prepare these plans in consultation with local communities.
- (2) Councils are not required to report this information to the Division of Local Government. This question should therefore be directed to Council.
- (3) I have received no evidence that the policies of local councils has been an impediment to tourism and the promotion of Sydney. However, the NSW Government is currently considering ways in which the concerns of commercial photographers may be addressed.
- (4) Under the Local Government Act councils can set fees and charges, including for the use of public land under their care and control. The amount of the fees and charges is a matter for each council to determine based on each council's particular circumstances. Screen NSW, in collaboration with the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, is currently consulting with councils, commercial stills photographers and the film industry to determine whether commercial stills photography should fall within the provisions of the Local Government Act regarding approvals for filming and the associated Local Government Filming Protocol.

12646 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY FOR WESTERN SYDNEY WEBSITE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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12647 WORKERS INJURED PRIOR TO THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 2002—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

12648 CYCLE ACCESS ON PARRIWI ROAD, MOSMAN—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12649 MANLY FAST FERRY SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

12650 SCUTTILING OF THE EX-HMAS ADELAIDE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12651 REPORTING OF CRIME—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*12652 GRAFFITI VANDALISM—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given the NSW Government's Graffiti Action Plan imposes Clean Up Orders on graffiti vandals and bans the juvenile possession of spray paint cans unless for education, employment or legal art:

- (1) How many vandals have been ordered to clean up graffiti since November 2009?
- (2) How many juveniles have been charged with the possession of spray paint cans since November 2009?
- (3) (a) Is it Government policy to advise the parents or guardians of juveniles of any graffiti-related offences committed by those juveniles?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The BOCSAR does not collect this data from court statistics. I refer the Honourable Member to the Minister for Juvenile Justice regarding those offenders who have been required to remove graffiti as a result of Youth Justice Conferencing and to the Minister for Corrective Services regarding those offenders who have been required to remove graffiti under Community Service Orders.
- (2) This data is not yet available from the BOCSAR. The BOCSAR will publish this data in April 2011.

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(3) This is a question for the Minister for Police and the Minister for Juvenile Justice.

*12654NSW WORKFORCE PROFILE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice that the collection of the workforce profile for 2009-10 will be released in the final quarter of 2010 (Question 11266), on what date in the final quarter of 2010 will the 2009-10 workforce profile be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2009-2010 workforce profile was released on 14 December 2010.

12655 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12656 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

*12657FUNDING FOR FIRE STATIONS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How much funding did the government allocate to NSW fire stations in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

(2) How much funding did the government allocate to fire stations in the Ryde electorate in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

(3) What was the average funding for a fire station in NSW in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

(4) What was the funding for Ryde's Blaxland Road fire station in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;

- (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?
- (5) What was the funding for Smithfield fire station in:
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?

Answer—

The NSW Fire Brigades advised that the level of detail requested in the question is not readily available and would require a considerable diversion of public resources to collate. Such a diversion of resources cannot be justified.

*12658 NUMBERS OF UNDETERMINED CAUSES OF FIRE—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many incidents were there where the cause of fire was reported as "undetermined" in:
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?
- (2) How many incidents were there in the Ryde electorate where the cause of fire was reported as undetermined in:
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?

Answer—

- (1) Not all incidents attended by the NSW Fire Brigades involve fire. Statistics reporting the number of fires investigated by the NSW Fire Brigades' specialist Fire Investigation and Research Unit, including those where the cause was "undetermined", are reported by financial year in the NSW Fire Brigades' Annual Report.
- (2) The NSW Fire Brigades does not record statistics on the number of incidents involving a fire where the cause of the fire was undetermined by electorate.

*12659 FIRE STATION RESPONSE TIME—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) What was the average response time to structural fires by NSW fire stations in:
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;

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- (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?
- (2) What was the average response time to structural fires by Ryde fire station in:
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?

Answer—

- (1) This information is reported in the NSW Fire Brigades' Annual Report by financial year.
- (2) The NSWFB does not currently report on responses times to structural fires by individual fire stations.

*12660DOCS STAFF STATISTICS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) In 2003 how many DoCS directors/managers (including acting) were earning:
 - (a) more than \$500,000 per annum;
 - (b) between \$250,000 - 499,999 per annum;
 - (c) between \$100,000 - 249,999 per annum;
 - (d) less \$100,000 per annum?
- (2) How many Child Protection Caseworkers (either temporary or permanent) were employed and working in the department?
- (3) What is the best estimate for the total number of children (under 16 years of age) living in NSW in 2003?
- (4) Currently in 2010 how many DoCS directors/managers are earning:
 - (a) more than \$500,000 per annum;
 - (b) between \$250,000 - 499,999 per annum;
 - (c) between \$100,000 - 249,999 per annum;
 - (d) less than \$100,000 per annum?
- (5) How many Child Protection Caseworkers (either temporary or permanent) are employed and working in the department?
- (6) What is the best estimate for the total number of children (under 16 years of age) living in NSW in 2010?

Answer—

- (1) Community Services does not hold this information in the form requested for 2003.
Information about employee related expenditure is available in the annual report
www.community.nsw.gov.au
- (2) and (5) Staffing statistics are available in the annual report at www.community.nsw.gov.au for 2003 and www.humanservices.nsw.gov.au for 2010.
- (3) and (6) Information relating to population statistics is available at www.abs.gov.au
- (4) (a) None.
- (b) 6*
- (c) 341,* of which 290* were earning between \$100,000 and \$149,999 per annum and 51* were earning between \$150,000 and \$249,999.

* Figures include SES, Senior Officer and Clerk graded Directors and Managers in both frontline and

non-frontline positions.

*12661 INVESTING IN A BETTER FUTURE NSW STATE PLAN—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

Why is the 2009 "Investing in a Better Future NSW State Plan" not published on the State Plan website?

Answer—

The most recent version of "Investing in a Better Future - NSW State Plan" is available on the State Plan website.

*12662 STATE PLAN CABINET COMMITTEE—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) Who are the current members of the State Plan Cabinet Committee?

(2) Who are previous members of the State Plan Cabinet Committee?

Answer—

The Cabinet Committee on State Plan Performance includes the most senior members of the Cabinet with other Ministers invited to attend as their portfolio issues are discussed.

In addition there are three Independent Advisors to the Cabinet Committee on State Plan Performance: John Stuckey, Professor Brian McCaughan and Wendy McCarthy.

12663 OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12664 DEBTS OUTSTANDING FOR MORE THAN 60 DAYS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12665 WIND FARM FORUM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With reference to the public forum being held by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water "Landholders and Wind Farms", which will be held at the Yass Soldiers Club Auditorium on Monday 6 December 2010 between 9 am and 4 pm:

(1) Why is this forum being held in Yass?

(2) Is this forum specific to Yass or is it part of a wider program to inform the public about wind farms?

(3) Is this forum being held at the request of a company connected with a proposed wind farm in the Yass Valley Shire?

(4) What is the expected cost to the Department of running this forum?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1) Six Wind Renewable Energy Precincts have been established in areas of the State with the best known wind resources to provide the community with information and to build community understanding about investment in clean energy generation and state-wide planning reforms to promote renewable energy. The six precincts are: the New England Tablelands, Upper Hunter, Central Tablelands, NSW/ACT Border Region, South Coast and Cooma-Monaro. Yass was selected as the location as it is central to the community of the NSW/ACT Border Region Precinct.

(2) This forum is part of a wider program to provide landholders with practical information about hosting wind turbines on their properties.

(3) No.

(4) \$6,800.

12666 SCHOOL BUS ROUTE EXTENSION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12667 TALLOWA PIPELINE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

12668 SEAT BELT EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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12669 YOUNG HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12670 INQUIRY INTO SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES FOR NON-METROPOLITAN NSW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

12671 HYDRO ALUMINIUM WORKERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12672 TRUMPER PARK STREET TREE PROTECTION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

With respect to the zoning of land in Trumper Park:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to negotiate a new lease and charge market rent for the commercial operations at the Paddington Bowling Club?
- (2) What conditions have been included in the new lease to ensure this land remains used for "recreational and sporting club" purposes?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to gazette a road reservation for the extension of Quarry Street in Trumper Park?
- (4) Will the Government agree to Woollahra Municipal Council's proposed parking layout to protect street trees in the extension of Quarry Street opposite Paddington Bowling Club?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to protect open space, public access and green landscaping at this location?

Answer—

- (1) A new 50-year commercial lease of land occupied by Paddington Bowling Club was executed on 30 November 2010 with an annual market rent of \$52,000. As a registered club, the leaseholder is eligible to receive a 50% rental rebate in accordance with existing policy.
- (2) The new lease confines the use of this Crown land to the public purposes of Access, Community and Sporting Club Facilities, and Tourist Facilities and Services.
- (3) Action to progress the acquisition of Crown land containing the formed roadway within Trumper Park to facilitate the extension of Quarry Street rests with Woollahra Council. The Land and Property Management Authority has conveyed its agreement in principle to the acquisition to Council, however I understand that Council has not commenced acquisition action at this stage.
- (4) The Land and Property Management Authority is unaware of Council's proposed parking layout.
- (5) Open space, public access and green landscaping are issues for Woollahra Council, as the appointed Manager of the Trumper Park Reserve Trust.

12673 VIENNA DECLARATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12674 WASTE TREATMENT AT LANDFILLS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How will the Government ensure that all new landfills and expansions to existing landfills in NSW provide world's best practice waste extraction and recovery technology?
- (2) What targets will the Government set for waste extraction and recovery at new landfills?
- (3) What targets does the Government have for waste extraction and recovery at existing landfills?
- (4) What education of existing landfill operators has the Government conducted on the retrofitting of waste extraction and recovery technology?
- (5) What assistance will the Government give to existing landfill operators to install world's best practice waste extraction and recovery technology?
- (6) To what extent is the waste levy invested in recycling and waste recovery programs?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Government does not require landfill operators to install particular types of technology, rather, it sets the environmental outcomes that are required and allows operators to achieve those outcomes using the operational practices and technologies that best suit the facility. The State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 requires proponents for the construction, operation or maintenance of a landfill to provide information on whether there is a suitable level of recovery of waste, such as by using alternative waste treatment or the composting of food and garden waste, to

minimise the volume of waste sent to landfill. This is a factor that must be considered by the consent authority before granting consent for the proposal.

- (2) The Government has set strong targets for waste avoidance and resource recovery, as required by the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001. The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2007 sets waste diversion targets, to be achieved by 2014, of 66 per cent for municipal waste, 63 per cent for commercial and industrial waste and 76 per cent for construction and demolition waste. These targets apply to all waste streams in NSW.
- (3) Please see the answer to question 2 above.
- (4) The Government does not require landfill operators to install waste extraction and recovery technology, as this is essentially a business decision for those operators. However, the planning process requires proponents to address this issue, and the Waste and Environment Levy provides a strong economic incentive for operators to recover waste and avoid disposal.
- (5) The Waste and Environment Levy, the resource recovery exemption process and sustainability programs make investment in waste extraction and recovery technology more economically viable for landfill operators.
- (6) The Waste and Environment Levy encourages waste generators to review their practices in order to decrease their costs of disposal of waste by reducing the quantity and nature of waste generation (waste avoidance). It encourages waste generators to seek extraction and recycling options for their waste, or be prepared to pay more.

Waste and Environment Levy funds have enabled the Government to deliver some of the State's longer term environmental priorities, including waste sustainability programs for local government, and grants for local government in partnership with local businesses and communities.

12675 RECEIPTS FROM SPEED AND RED LIGHT CAMERAS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12676 PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER/STUDENT RATIO—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What is planned to be done to reduce the average public primary school teacher/student ratio from 15.9 to one, to closer to the national average of 15.5 to one?

Answer—

Research conducted on the effect of class sizes indicates that class size reduction efforts are most effective when they start in Kindergarten, as an early intervention strategy.

The 2010 class size audit shows that the NSW Government has successfully achieved the class size targets for the early years of schooling. The audit also shows that there has been an overall reduction in average class sizes for students in Years 3-6.

The NSW Government is committed to strengthening teacher and school leader quality.

Teacher quality is recognised nationally and internationally as the most significant determinant of student learning outcomes and it is a critical issue for parents and students.

The NSW Department of Education and Training has developed a comprehensive suite of professional learning programs and courses to meet the needs of teachers and school leaders at every career stage as articulated in the NSW DET Professional Learning Continuum. Schools are supported to develop the capacity of their teachers through the distribution of professional learning funds each semester.

12677 TRANSITION TIME FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

*12678 ADOPTIONS IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

How many adoptions have there been in the following postcodes (2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) in the Tweed in the years:

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) year to date?

Answer—

This information is not available by postcode.

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Information relating to the number of children adopted is available in the Annual Report at www.community.nsw.gov.au (2007-08) and www.humanservices.nsw.gov.au (2009-10).

- 12679 REPORTED SUICIDE CASES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 12680 CONSULTATION ON BUS SERVICES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12681 SERVICE STATIONS SELLING E85—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—
- *12682 SHOWERHEAD REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given that the report into the Energy Savings Scheme showerhead replacement program identified "very high rates of non-compliance with the rule due to the installation of replacement showerheads at ineligible households":

- (1) How many instances have been detected of representatives of companies installing water-efficient showerheads in ineligible households?
- (2) What penalties have been imposed against these companies?
- (3) Have any companies been banned from participating in the program because they have deliberately been flouting the rules?
- (4) What steps are you taking to address the 'inherent difficulty' in auditing the requirement that the existing showerhead is inefficient?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) (as the Scheme Administrator and Scheme Regulator) has responsibility for the administration of the Energy Savings Scheme (the Scheme) including monitoring the compliance of companies accredited to carry out energy saving activities. Audits are regularly conducted, and whenever instances of ineligible activities are discovered, any claims for certificate creation are revoked. The Compliance and Operation of the NSW Energy Savings Scheme during 2009: Report to the Minister provides further details of IPART's audit activities

(see <http://www.ess.nsw.gov.au>).

Where invalid certificate creation is identified, companies are required to surrender any certificates created from those activities and may have restrictions applied to further certificate creation.

(3) No.

(4) Requirements for Showerhead replacement activities under the Scheme are being strengthened in new Scheme Rules to come into effect on 24 December 2010.

- *12683 HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What remuneration does the chairman of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority receive?
- (2) What remuneration do the board members of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority receive?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) \$51,500 plus \$4,635 superannuation per annum. In addition, travel and out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (2) \$18,900 plus \$1,700 superannuation per annum. In addition, travel and out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Remuneration for Governing Boards (including Catchment Management Authorities, Advisory Boards and Quasi Judicial Boards) is determined on a case by case basis by the Premier. Remuneration for Chairs and other Board members is the same across all Catchment Management Authorities.

- 12684 MIDWIFE GROUP PRACTICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12685 EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC SUPPORT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12686 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MATERNITY WARD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12687 CONSOLIDATION OF OBSTETRIC MATERNITY SERVICES AT MANLY HOSPITAL?—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- *12688 POWER DISRUPTIONS IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the increasing prevalence of power disruptions in the Pittwater electorate?
- (2) What was the cause of the power outage during the morning of Wednesday 24 November 2010 that affected suburbs including Newport and Avalon?
- (3) What action is the NSW Government taking to reduce the prevalence of power disruption in the Pittwater electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. The number of interruptions experienced in the Pittwater electorate has been declining in recent years as follows:
 - 2006-2007 - 243
 - 2007-2008 - 177
 - 2008-2009 - 123
 - 2009-2010 - 98
- (2) The outage was the result of a possum coming into contact with a piece of equipment at a High Voltage customer substation, causing an EnergyAustralia 33kV feeder to trip.
- (3) Around 60 per cent of all interruptions on EnergyAustralia's network are caused by external factors including trees and animals.

In order to improve reliability, EnergyAustralia is currently undertaking important ongoing switchgear replacement work. However, during this work the network may be vulnerable to outages caused by a single event as a result of the network being abnormally configured.

EnergyAustralia is carrying out targeted reliability projects in the Pittwater area. It has recently replaced around 500m of overhead High voltage mains with underground cable and have replaced 300m of overhead mains with high voltage CCT conductor.

Over the next 12 to 18 months EnergyAustralia will be replacing more than 6700m of overhead mains with high voltage underground cable. These works will take place around the Newport, Mona Vale and Narrabeen Zone substations.

EnergyAustralia is also investing a further \$301 million in the Northern Beaches area over the next few years, this investment includes:

- The replacement of Manly zone and North Head zone substation equipment
- Balgowlah zone substation replacement
- Brookvale zone substation and feeder upgrade

EnergyAustralia will continue to work as quickly and as effectively as possible to minimise any disruptions caused to residents.

- 12689 CHANGES TO CBD DEPARTURE POINTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12690 OBSTETRIC AND NEONATAL EMERGENCY TRAINING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12691 MIDWIFE GROUP PRACTICE—PRIVATE PATIENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

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- 12692 MONA VALE TO MACQUARIE PARK CORRIDOR STRATEGY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12693 NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN THE GLOSSODIA AREA—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12694 ROAD SUBSIDENCE ON BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12695 ST GREGORY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 12696 PROPOSED EMU PLAINS STABLING FACILITY—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12697 EXISTING STABLING YARD AT PENRITH—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- *12698 SUBDIVISION PLANNED FOR FERN BAY—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the 700-lot subdivision planned for Fern Bay?
- (2) What is the Government doing to ensure adequate services and infrastructure are in place to accommodate the subsequent population growth?

Answer—

On the 28 June 2010, approval was granted for a 411 lot community title residential, commercial and retail subdivision at Fern Bay.

The conditions of approval require the proponent to provide on-site infrastructure and make a Section 94 contribution to the provision of services and facilities in the broader area.

- 12699 ADDITIONAL POLICE IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12700 INTERIM BUS PASSES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- *12701 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) (a) How many public schools in the Port Stephens electorate have interactive whiteboards?
 - (b) Of those, how many does each school own?
 - (2) What is the average cost of an interactive whiteboard?
 - (3) Does the State Government have a policy regarding the use of interactive whiteboards in public schools?
 - (4) (a) Does the State Government provide interactive whiteboards to private schools?
 - (b) If so, how many interactive whiteboards did the Government provide to private schools in the Port Stephens region, and which schools received them?
- Answer—
- (1) (a) Eighteen public schools in the Port Stephens electorate have interactive whiteboards.
 - (b)

Medowie Public School - 8
 Grahamstown Public School - 4
 Hunter River High School - 3
 Anna Bay Public School - 3
 Raymond Terrace Public School - 7
 Irrawang Public School - 8
 Irrawang High School - 7
 Soldiers Point Public School - 7
 Wirreanda Public School - 12
 Shoal Bay Public School - 2
 Karuah Public School - 2
 Mayfield West Public School - 8
 Tomaree Public School - 6
 Tea Gardens Public School - 1
 Tanilba Bay Public School - 7
 Tomaree High School - 6
 Bobs Farm Public School - 1
 Salt Ash Public School - 2

(2) An interactive whiteboard bundle includes an interactive whiteboard, projector, all cables, installation to Department of Education and Training standards, four year warranty and next day swap out costs, ranging on average from \$6,200 to \$6,800.

(3) The Department's policy on use of departmental equipment and facilities applies. Teaching and learning and information technology and communications devices provided are for business use only. It is an employee's responsibility to be lawful, ethical and efficient in the use of these devices.

(4) (a) No.

(b) Not applicable.

12702 KEEP LEFT UNLESS OVERTAKING RULE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12703 KEEP LEFT UNLESS OVERTAKING RULE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

12704 REZONING PROCESS FOR KINGS HILL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

*12705 EXPANSION OF HIGH SCHOOLING IN WEST PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Given advice that the working party's report into the expansion of high schooling in west Port Stephens has been received and is under consideration (Question 11943), when will the Minister make the report public?

(2) When will the Minister respond to the working party report into the expansion of high schooling in west Port Stephens?

(3) When will the Minister respond to the 1,300 local residents who signed a petition for a middle or high school in Medowie?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The report is under consideration.

*12706 VISITS BY MINISTER FOR AGEING AND DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

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Given advice that a Minister for Ageing and Disability Services has visited the Port Stephens electorate on numerous occasions since 2007 to attend to various matters pertaining to the portfolio (Question 12200), what are the exact dates of the Minister's "numerous" visits to the Port Stephens electorate since April 2007 and what was the reason for each of these visits?

Answer—

The Government continues to deliver for the people of the Port Stephens electorate.

Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) allocates funding for programs and services by Local Planning Area (LPA) across its six Regions. The Hunter LPA, which includes the electorate of Port Stephens, currently receives recurrent funding in excess of \$300 million for disability services.

ADHC has a budget of \$36 million in the Hunter LPA to directly deliver respite and accommodation services, intake and referral services, community support, therapy and behaviour intervention teams, and sector development and planning activities.

\$43.2 million of this funding is provided through the Home and Community Care program, for people with a disability and their families and carers living in the community, including Home Care services such as personal care and domestic assistance.

In addition, \$149 million of this funding provides specialist services for people with a disability delivered through our non-government partners who provide a wide range of programs, such as accommodation support, day programs, respite services, early intervention, family support services for children and their families, therapy, and advocacy.

In addition, ADHC has a budget of \$36 million in the Hunter LPA to directly deliver intake and referral services, community support, therapy and behaviour intervention teams, centre-based respite and accommodation and sector development and planning activities.

Recently, the \$44 million Tourle Street Bridge was completed, and opened to traffic on 7 May 2009.

A new Ambulance Station at Nelson Bay is under construction and is expected to be completed in early 2011.

At Raymond Terrace, a new police station is under construction, and a new hall is being built at Wirreanda Medowie Public School. Science lab upgrades are also taking place at Hunter River High School Irrawang High School and Tomaree High School.

Roads funding in the 2010-11 Budget for Port Stephens includes \$400,000 for repair of the Fitzgerald Bridge over Williams River at Raymond Terrace; \$639,000 for road repairs at the Richardson Road and Medowie Road roundabout in Campvale; \$300,000 for repairs of the Hexham Bridge over the Hunter River on the Pacific Highway; and \$400,000 for pavement realignment and widening on Nelson Bay Road, on both approaches to Boyces Track at Bobs Farm.

The State Government is also supporting jobs in the electorate, with the \$18 million Volgren bus building plant opened at Tomago in March 2010. This plant will deliver 150 new articulated buses as part of a \$112 million State Government contract. The plant will support 250 jobs in the region.

12707 PORT STEPHENS LAC AND NEWCASTLE LAC—OVERTIME WORKED—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*12708 TANILBA BAY FORESHORE EROSION—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given advice that officers from the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water have met with Port Stephens Council, and concerned residents, to begin formulating a management plan for the Tanilba Bay foreshore erosion (Question 12076):

- (1) What is the time frame for the management plan?
- (2) When is it expected to be completed?
- (3) Who is involved in the development of the management plan?
- (4) What will the development of the management plan involve?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) to (4) Following further meetings between officers of Port Stephens Council and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water it has been determined that it is not necessary to prepare a management plan for Tanilba Bay. Instead, Council will implement the recommendations of a previous study of the erosion problem.

The study, which was prepared in 1997 with State Government assistance, recommended that the worst eroding sections of foreshore be managed through the construction of low revetments and the placement of imported sand on the beach. Council has also identified the need to control stormwater discharges across the beach.

Council is preparing the necessary environmental assessments and approvals with a view to commencing works in early 2011.

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water will continue to assist Council with the management of this problem.

*12709HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many hazard reduction burns have there been in the Port Stephens electorate in preparation for summer?
- (2) When did those hazard reduction burns take place?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service does not collect this data by electorate, only by Local Government Area. For the local government areas of Port Stephens and Great Lakes:

- (1) Ten (10).
- (2) Works end date:
 - (a) 6-12-2009
 - (b) 27-03-2010
 - (c) 6-04-2010
 - (d) 29-04-2010
 - (e) 1-07-2010
 - (f) 22-09-2010
 - (g) 30-09-2010
 - (h) 1-10-2010
 - (i) 23-10-2010 (2 works undertaken on this date)

12710 SMALL HIVE BEETLE—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

12711 NIPAH VIRUS—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12712 WORKLOAD COMPARED TO AUTHORISED STRENGTH—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

12713 AREA HEALTH SERVICE 2010-11 BUDGETS—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12714 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE SAAP POLICY UNIT—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

12715 NSW GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY POLICY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

*12716DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) (a) What productivity improvements were budgeted for the Department of Premier and Cabinet for 2009-10?
- (b) Were those improvements achieved?
- (2) What productivity improvements are budgeted for the Department of Premier and Cabinet for 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised:

Productivity improvements achieved by the Department of Premier and Cabinet in 2009-10 were consistent with those provided for in the Department's 2009-10 Budget Papers.

Productivity improvements for 2010-11 are provided for in the Department's 2010-11 Budget Papers.

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*12717MOORE PARK TRAFFIC CONGESTION—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given the Premier's commitment to funding measures to reduce traffic congestion at Moore Park as a result of not supporting the transfer of management of Moore Park to the SCG Trust:

- (1) How does the Premier propose to reduce traffic congestion at Moore Park?
- (2) Will the Premier consider the introduction of Light Rail to reduce traffic congestion to and from Moore Park?
- (3) What is the total amount of funding committed to reducing traffic levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

Traffic congestion will be addressed through the introduction of a package of physical and operational improvements announced in the Premier's News Release of 19 November 2010. The package is supported by funding of \$5.3 million.

The Government has announced improved bus services in the Eastern Suburbs, including Metro Bus Routes, as part of the implementation of the Metropolitan Transport Plan. Improving bus services is the most effective and flexible way of enhancing public transport capacity and mitigating congestion in the Moore Park precinct. There are no current plans to provide a light rail connection to Moore Park.

*12718CONTAINMENT OF FIRES—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) What was the percentage of fires contained in the object of origin by NSW fire stations in:
 - (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?
- (2) What was the percentage of fires contained in the object of origin by Ryde fire station in:
 - (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?
- (3) What was the percentage of fires contained in the room of origin by NSW fire stations in:
 - (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007;
 - (h) 2008;
 - (i) 2009;
 - (j) 2010?
- (4) What was the percentage of fires contained in the room of origin by Ryde fire station in:
 - (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;

- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

Answer—

Information about the percentage of fires contained to object of origin and the percentage of fires contained to room of origin for NSW is reported in the NSW Fire Brigades' Annual Report by financial year.

The NSW Fire Brigades does not currently collate the percentage of fires contained to object of origin or the percentage of fires contained to room of origin by individual fire stations.

*12719 FIRE STATIONS EXTINGUISHING AN INCIDENT—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What was the average time taken for the average NSW fire stations to extinguish an incident in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

(2) What was the average time taken for Ryde fire station to extinguish an incident in:

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006;
- (g) 2007;
- (h) 2008;
- (i) 2009;
- (j) 2010?

Answer—

The NSW Fire Brigades does not have a definition of an 'average fire station' and does not collect data on the time taken to extinguish an incident.

12720 MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

12721 MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

12722 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEPP—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

*12723 AUTISM CLASSES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many autism classes are there in the Western Suburbs of Sydney?
- (2) At what schools are they located?

Answer—

- (1) The establishment and location of support classes and related specialist positions are part of the annual process of regional planning. Decisions about the location of support classes are made by

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assessment of need within regions. If there is an increase in the number of students who qualify for special class placement and whose parents request that placement in a particular area, then the NSW Government will provide where needed additional classes through the annual planning cycle.

In 2010 there are 44 support classes for students with autism in the Department of Education and Training Western Sydney Region.

- (2) These classes are located at Caddies Creek, Glenmore Park, Hebersham, Lalor Park, Lethbridge Park, Madang Avenue, Marayong, Rouse Hill, Rydalmere East, Seven Hills West, Sherwood Ridge, Springwood, Surveyors Creek, Winston Hills, and York Public Schools; Baulkham Hills, Blaxland, Crestwood, Evans, Glenmore Park, Glenwood, Kellyville and Model Farms High Schools; Chifley College, Shalvey Campus and Nirimba, Wyndham College.

12724 LICENCE FEES FOR TRADESMEN—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12725 TAXIS ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

*12726 REPORTS OF CHILDREN AT RISK OF HARM—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many reports of children at risk of harm were received regarding children residing on the Northern Beaches in each of the last five years?
(2) How many of those reports resulted in a visit to the home of the child, or a face to face visit elsewhere, in each of the last five years?

Answer—

Sydney's Northern Beaches are located within the Community Services' Metro Central Region. Regional data is contained in the relevant Annual Statistical Report, which can be accessed at www.community.nsw.gov.au

*12727 JENOLAN CAVES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With reference to the 3 November 2010 letter from the JMA Action Group to the Minister alleging wrongdoing on the part of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water regarding the proposed sale of Caves House at Jenolan Caves:

- (1) Will the Minister investigate these allegations?
(2) Is the Minister satisfied that the 30 June 2006 Jenolan Deed is valid?

Answer—

- (1) No. I am advised that the administration of Jenolan Caves is not the responsibility of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. The subject matter of the allegations relates to the statutory appointment of an administrator to the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust rather than to the performance of the administrator pursuant to that appointment. As such, the subject matter of the complaint relates to legal issues rather than service delivery issues.
(2) The Deed was executed before I was appointed Minister. I am advised that both the Jenolan Deed and the lease to operate Jenolan Caves House have been the subject of litigation in recent years which was resolved prior to hearing. I therefore do not intend to comment further.

12728 YASS HOSPITAL AMBULANCE SUPPORT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12729 CENTROC WATER SECURITY STUDY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

12730 POLICE OFFICERS INJURED WHILST ON DUTY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

12731 THE BATLOW ROAD AND SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12732 MINISTRIES OF WESTERN SYDNEY, ILLAWARRA, CENTRAL COAST AND HUNTER—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12733 NSW GOVERNMENT BRANDING STYLE GUIDE AND REVISED LOGO—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

*12734 LICENSED BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

Given the concerns of People With Disability that some licensed boarding house operators claim the new Regulation allows them to refuse service providers and advocacy groups access to premises and residents, and to take out retribution against residents:

- (1) What legal advice has the NSW Government sought on this matter?
- (2) What action will the NSW Government take to ensure that all licensed boarding house operators permit service providers and advocacy groups to access premises and residents?
- (3) What action will the NSW Government take to ensure that licensed boarding house operators do not take retribution against residents, including for using services, not using services or expressing choice?
- (4) Will the NSW Government work with People With Disability to ensure the Regulation protects residents of licensed boarding houses?

Answer—

The Youth and Community Services Regulation 2010 (YACS Regulation), made pursuant to the NSW Youth and Community Services Act 1973 (YACS Act), contains the provision that the Licensee or Licensed Manager of a licensed residential centre (LRC) is obliged to provide residents with information on advocacy services and other support services available to them and that any resident who wishes to access such services must be assisted and not obstructed from doing so in any way.

The YACS Regulation also contains a number of provisions to ensure that LRC operators do not take retribution against residents. Relevant clauses are outlined below:

- Clause 13 provides that residents must not be subject to abuse or neglect this includes: misconduct that could adversely affect the health, comfort, safety or proper care of the resident; derogatory, obscene or threatening conduct or language against or towards the resident; or failure to ensure the resident has adequate food, clothing, shelter, health care and supervision;
- Clause 15 (5), (6) and (7) state that residents must: have access to family and friends; friendships between residents must not be obstructed; and residents are not to be required to undertake tasks of a domestic nature (unless the resident has volunteered to undertake the tasks); and
- Clause 16 (2) states that residents making a complaint must not suffer retribution.

ADHC is responsible for ensuring that LRCs operate in accordance with the requirements of the YACS Act and the Conditions of Licence relevant to the licensed premises. ADHC monitors LRCs regularly, undertakes full service reviews against the YACS Regulation and all Conditions of Licence on a three-year cycle and implements action plans to resolve residents' complaints.

In addition, Official Community Visitors appointed by the Minister for Disability Services under the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act 1993 visit LRCs to ensure the well being of residents and liaise with the Minister, the Ombudsman and ADHC to address complaints and concerns.

ADHC is not aware of any residents who have been obstructed from accessing services they have specifically requested or to which they have been specifically referred. ADHC is not aware of any residents who have experienced retribution for accessing services, not using services or expressing choice.

ADHC will continue to work with government and community agencies, including PWD, to protect and promote the wellbeing, safety and rights of people living in LRCs. In addition, ADHC funds People With Disability Australia (PWD) \$203,000 per annum to provide advocacy services to the residents of LRCs in NSW.

12735 GST REVENUE—COAG AGREEMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12736 DISCRETIONARY HEALTH BUDGET—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

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12737 CBD METRO COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12738 COUNTRYLINK BUS SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12739 TWEED HEADS HOSPITAL INFECTION RATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12740 KNIVES AT SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many incidents involving knives were reported at primary schools in the Tweed electorate in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?
- (2) How many incidents involving knives were reported at high schools in the Tweed electorate in the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that in 2008, 2009 and 2010 no primary schools in the Tweed electorate reported any incidents involving knives to the Department of Education and Training's School Safety and Response Hotline.
- (2) I am advised that in 2008 and 2009 no high schools in the Tweed electorate reported any incidents involving knives to the School Safety and Response Hotline.

In 2010 (to 30-11-2010), five high schools in the Tweed electorate reported six incidents involving knives to the School Safety and Response Hotline.

No injuries were sustained by anyone in any of the reported incidents.

*12741 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What remuneration does the chairman of the Environment Protection Authority Board receive?
- (2) What remuneration do board members of the Environment Protection Authority Board receive?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) \$49,503 per annum.
- (2) \$29,466 per annum.

*12742 NPWS ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What remuneration does the chairman of the NPWS Advisory Council receive?
- (2) What remuneration do the board members of the NPWS Advisory Council receive?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The sitting fees paid are in line with the Premier's Guidelines on Boards and Committees, which sets the rates for sitting fees for Advisory Councils.

- (1) \$342 for a full day meeting or \$171 for a half day meeting. A preparation fee of \$171 is also paid for each meeting.
- (2) \$207 for a full day meeting or \$104 for a half day meeting. A preparation fee of \$104 is also paid for each meeting.

*12743 NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) What remuneration does the chairman of the NSW Heritage Council receive?
 (2) What remuneration do the board members of the NSW Heritage Council receive?

Answer—

- (1) The Chair of the NSW Heritage Council receives an annual remuneration of \$30,000.
 (2) The board members of the NSW Heritage Council who do not hold ex-officio positions receive an annual remuneration of \$7,717.

12744 CONSTRUCTION OF CYCLE WAYS—Mr Allan Shearan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12745 RE-ZONING OF SHELL COVE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

12746 NEW CLINICAL SUPPORT CLUSTERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12747 NSW HEALTH HEAD OFFICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12748 PROPOSED FRENCHS FOREST HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12749 NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE CLINICAL COUNCIL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12750HAZARD REDUCTION ACTIVITIES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

How many hazard reduction activities have been conducted in the Pittwater electorate during 2010 in preparation for the 2010-11 bushfire season?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service does not collect this data by electorate, only by local government area. For the Local Government Areas of Pittwater and Warringah, twenty-five (25) hazard reduction works were completed from 1 January to 30 November 2010.

12751 EX GRATIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12752 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12753 ROADWAY ON MARTIN BRIDGE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12754 CRIMINAL COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

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12755 GRAFFITI VANDALISM—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12756 PUBLIC SECTOR WORKFORCE STRATEGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12757 NSW GOVERNMENT CAR FLEET—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12758 PROPOSED GOSFORD MEDICARE OFFICE RELOCATION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

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12759 UNREGISTERED VEHICLES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

*12760 MELVILLE STREET, KINCUMBER—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What community consultation has the Minister made regarding the proposed upgrade to the conductor wires and change of insulators along the power line in Melville Street, Kincumber?
- (2) How much will it cost to erect replacement poles, new poles and cross-arms on existing and new poles to accommodate the new wires in Melville Street, Kincumber?
- (3) How much will it cost for the upgraded powerlines to be placed underground along Melville Street, Kincumber?
- (4) Why is the Avoca-Bensville line being erected above ground, whilst the new Woy Woy-Empire Bay powerline will be constructed underground for its entire length?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) EnergyAustralia has been consulting with the community on this project since March 2010.

Energy Australia issued newsletters to all residences along Melville Street on 18 March 2010 and 7 July 2010 and held three community information sessions including a night time session on 24 and 25 March at three locations.

Announcements were published in the Central Coast Advocate on 19 February 2010 and 12 March 2010. EnergyAustralia's first announcements were made on local radio on 11 March 2010 with further stories and announcements being subsequently made throughout the year.

- (2) The estimated cost for the new power line at Melville Street is around \$110 000.
- (3) EnergyAustralia has not undertaken a feasibility study of undergrounding this section of power line as there is no benefit in doing so. The new power line is replacing an existing power line and EMF levels under normal operating conditions will be reduced from the current EMF levels. As the new 66kV power line is replacing an existing power line the existing poles will be used and there will be little to no changes to the visual amenity of the street.

A high level estimate for undergrounding around 1 km of power line would be approximately \$3 million.

- (4) The proposed 66kV power line in Melville Street Kincumber is not being built as a new power line. It is replacing an existing power line and will be using existing poles, which were constructed for a 66kV power line in 1976 and as per question (3) there is no benefit undergrounding this section of power line. The power line to Woy Woy has been placed above-ground as it is the most practical technical solution.

12761 MAINTENANCE AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12762 MAINTENANCE AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12763 MAINTENANCE AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12764 COLLEGE CRESCENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

12765 RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12766 NSW MARITIME LICENSING SOFTWARE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12767 ASSISTANT PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Can you confirm that Assistant Primary School Principals in ACT, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory all receive release time (free from face to face teaching)?
- (2) Why do Assistant Primary School Principals in NSW not receive any such release time each week?

Answer—

- (1) Education Departments in the ACT, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory all offer release time from face to face teaching each week to their Primary Assistant Principals or the relevant equivalent position.

Allocation of the release time differs from state to state but is based on either school enrolments or is determined at the individual school level.

- (2) Assistant Principals in NSW primary schools do receive release time from face to face teaching each week.

The allocation is either 2 hours per week for schools with enrolments less than 505 students or 1 full-time equivalent position for schools with greater than 505 students.

*12768 GOVERNMENT LICENSING PROJECT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the current status of the Government Licensing Project (GLS) in terms of:

- (a) money spent to date;
(b) estimated date of completion;
(c) estimated final cost?

Answer—

- (a) Gross expenditure to 30 June was \$72.4 million.
(b) The estimated date of completion for the project is 30 June 2014.
(c) The estimated final cost of the project is \$86 million.

*12769 CLASSROOMS DELIVERED UNDER THE BER—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the total number of classrooms delivered in NSW under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program?
- (2) What is the total number of classrooms delivered in NSW under the BER with air-conditioning, broken down by region if possible?
- (3) What is the total number of classrooms delivered in NSW under the BER without air-conditioning, broken down by region if possible?
- (4) What is the total number of outstanding air-conditioning maintenance issues in NSW as at 23 November 2011?

Answer—

(1)

New Classrooms	1,639
Refurbished classrooms	1,785
Total:	3,424

(2) Classrooms delivered in NSW under BER with air-conditioning (NB: new classrooms only):

Hunter/Central Coast	58
Illawarra	14
New England/North Coast	97
Northern Sydney	30
Riverina	73
South Western Sydney	2
Sydney	21
Western NSW	56
Western Sydney	4
Total:	355

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(3) Classrooms delivered in NSW under BER without air-conditioning (NB: new classrooms only):

Hunter/Central Coast	189
Illawarra	163
New England/North Coast	59
Northern Sydney	144
Riverina	1
South Western Sydney	336
Sydney	179
Western NSW	20
Western Sydney	193
Total:	1,284

BER also refurbished 1785 classrooms across the state. In these cases, schools utilised existing cooling arrangements, as per the Department of Education and Training's air cooling policy.

(4) Air conditioning maintenance, repairs on break down and replacement of systems is ongoing as the need arises.

*12770EX GRATIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Regarding the provision of ex Gratia Legal Assistance for Ministers, Public Officials and Crown Employees in the (a) Department of Education and Training, (b) TAFE NSW and (c) Board of Studies NSW (listed separately):

- (1) What was the number of instances/cases that ex gratia assistance was provided, broken down by financial year from 2007-08 to date?
- (2) What was the total expenditure (in dollars) incurred for the provision of ex gratia assistance, broken down by financial year from 2007-08 to date?

Answer—

There were nil matters for the Board of Studies during this period.

(1) No. of Cases	DET		TAFE	
	AVOs	Other Matters	AVOs	Other Matters
2007-2008	11	1	0	0
2008-2009	12	0	0	0
2009-2010	10	4	1	0
2010-2011 as at 2-12-10	4	3	1	0
(2) Total Expenditure	DET		TAFE	
	AVOs	Other Matters	AVOs	Other Matters
2007-2008	\$7,808	\$8,802	0	0
2008-2009	\$20,841	0	0	0
2009-2010	\$12,925	0	0	0
2010-2011 as at 2-12-10	\$1,175	\$2,651	\$5,867	0

This data on AVO cases relate to the number of occasions legal advice is provided in relation to a staff member considering an AVO. It differs from other published data on the number of AVOs taken out because although advice is provided it is not always decided to pursue such an order, or the application to court to obtain an order may be granted.

Apart from AVOs, Crown representation is approved for employees facing legal action arising from the course of their employment. Of these (listed as "Other Matters"), six of the eight employees were school based staff while the remaining two were state office employees.

12771 ROAD FATALITIES ON NSW ROADS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*12772SECURITY FENCES IN SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many schools in the Tweed electorate have been provided with security fences?
- (2) Are there future plans to provide all schools with security fences?

Answer—

- (1) Security fences have been provided to Bogangar Public School, Caldera School, Centaur Public School, Kingscliff High School, Kingscliff Public School, Tweed Heads Public School, Tweed Heads South Public School and Tweed River High School.
- (2) No. Schools are recommended for inclusion in the security fencing program based on the number of security breaches and on the results of onsite risk assessments carried out by the Department.

12773 NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING STRATEGY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12774 ENERGY SAVINGS CERTIFICATE—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What has been the average cost of an Energy Savings Certificate this year?

Answer—

I am advised that the average price of an Energy Savings Certificate is approximately \$22.00 for 2010.

This may not be reflective of actual prices paid by retailers as it does not include information from confidential bilateral arrangements.

12775 COMMUNITIES NSW STAFF—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12776 PICASSO EXHIBITION—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

*12777 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) Have there been any hazard reduction burns in the Lane Cove National Park in preparation for summer?
- (2) If so, how many have taken place and how many hectares were burnt?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) The RFS has on record three hazard reduction burns, covering an area of 11.599 hectares.

*12778 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

I refer to my letter to the Minister dated 2 August 2010, and follow-up letters dated 7 October 2010 and 26 October 2010 and 22 November 2010 on behalf of Mr David Symonds from the Pastures Protection Board and ask when will the Minister reply?

Answer—

The letter from The Hon John Turner MP to the Minister for Primary Industries, which was sent on 2 August 2010, regarding Mr David Symonds, was received by the State Management Council of the Livestock Health and Pest Authority on the 14 October 2010. The response to this letter was forwarded to the Minister's office through Industry and Investment NSW and was sent on 13 December 2010. No other correspondence on this matter was received by the State Management Council.

It should be noted that the title of the correspondence referred to the Pastures Protection Board. The organisation, now known as the Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LHPA), has not been known as the Pastures Protection Board since the proclamation of the Rural Lands Protection Act in 1989. This may have led to confusion in allocating the correspondence to the LHPA for response.

12779 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

*12780 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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I refer to the Minister's acknowledgement to me (reference EA1606518) and ask when will the Minister reply to my letter to him dated 8 September 2010, and follow up letters dated 6 October 2010 and 26 October 2010 and 22 November 2010 on behalf of Mr Chris Shewsbury concerning traditional access to Booti Booti National Park for horse riding?

Answer—

A response to the letter dated 8 September 2010 was sent on 9 December 2010.

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12781 TENANT ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12782 PRIVATE CERTIFIERS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12783 MANAGEMENT OF 16-30 BUNN STREET, PYRMONT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12784 ALBURY WODONGA HUME FREEWAY LANDSCAPING—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12785 LOSS OF REGIONAL JOBS UNDER GOVERNMENT HEALTH RESTRUCTURE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*12786 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many demountable buildings are currently in use in public schools in the Albury electorate?
- (2) Which public schools have demountables?
- (3) How many of the demountables are used as classrooms and at which locations?
- (4) How many are used as libraries and at which locations?
- (5) Is there a program to decommission these demountables?
- (6) How many demountables were replaced under the BER program?

Answer—

- (1) Twenty-four.
- (2) Billabong High School, Corowa South Public School, Culcairn Public School, Gerogery Public School, Glenroy Public School, Jindera Public School, Kandeer School, Lavington East Public School, Table Top Public School, Thurgoona Public School and Wewak Street School.
- (3) Eighteen are demountable classrooms and are located at Billabong High School, Corowa South Public School, Jindera Public School, Kandeer School, Lavington East Public School, Table Top Public School, Thurgoona Public School and Wewak Street School.
- (4) Two are demountable libraries and are located at Corowa South Public School and Gerogery Public School.
- (5) This year the Department of Education and Training's annual Demountable Replacement Program has spent \$21 million on refurbishing, maintaining, replacing and upgrading demountable buildings.
- (6) Demountable buildings in six schools in the Albury electorate are being replaced under the BER Program:
 - Jindera Public School - a new building with two classrooms will release one demountable
 - Kandeer School - a new classroom will release one demountable
 - Lavington East Public School - 2 new classrooms will release one demountable
 - Thurgoona Public School - 3 new classrooms will release 3 demountable classrooms
 - Corowa South Public School - a new library replaced a demountable library
 - Culcairn Public School - a new library replaced a demountable library.

*12787 CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOLS—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Regarding Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High:

- (1) What extra resources are committed to the Performing and Creative Arts schools in New South

- Wales to assist them in fulfilling their specialist role?
- (a) What extra resources are provided to Campbelltown Performing Arts High?
 - (b) What extra resources are provided to the Hunter School of Performing Arts?
 - (c) What extra resources are provided to the Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High?
 - (d) What extra resources are provided to the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts?
 - (e) What extra resources are provided to the Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High?
 - (f) What extra resources are provided to the Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts?
- (2) Why, when Nepean High was named a Creative and Performing Arts High in 2009, have funds only now been allocated to planning and consultation on a project to construct a Performing Arts Centre at the school?
 - (a) How much money has been allocated for this planning and consultation phase?
 - (b) Which groups and individuals are being consulted?
 - (c) How are they made aware of the consultation?
 - (d) What is the consultation process?
 - (3) When will the planning and consultation phase of the project to construct a Performing Arts Center at Nepean High be completed?
 - (4) How many flexible teaching staff to be allocated to schools with unique circumstances are available to the Regional Director responsible for Nepean High?
 - (a) How many of these positions were available in 2009-10?
 - (b) How many flexible school administrative and support staff to be allocated to schools with unique circumstances are available to the Regional Director responsible for Nepean High?
 - (c) How many of these positions were available in 2009-10?
 - (d) How many of these positions were utilised within the region in 2009-10?
 - (e) How many of these positions are projected to be utilised within the region in 2010-11?
 - (5) If no extra specialist staff have been provided to Nepean High to teach the Creative and Performing Arts stream within the school:
 - (a) Which staff will manage this stream?
 - (b) What qualifications will the staff managing that stream have?

Answer—

(1) Specialist schools in Creative and Performing Arts generally do not receive any additional funding from the School and Regional Financial Operations Unit for this specific purpose. However, occasionally schools have received financial assistance for their auditions. The Performing Arts Unit also provides reimbursement of short term relief costs for teachers involved in the annual Schools Spectacular.

To assist Creative and Performing Arts High Schools fulfil their specialist role, the Department of Education and Training has allocated the following resources:

- A new size I gym (hall) as part of the Building Better Schools Halls and Gyms Program was handed over on 22 February 2010 at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School to assist it in its specialist role. Cost \$2.5 million.
 - Upgrades and a new performance space were provided to the Hunter School of Performing Arts. Handover took place in March 2007. Total cost \$7.2 million.
 - As yet no additional resources have been committed to Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School to assist it in its specialist role.
 - A rehearsal space and music rooms were provided to Newtown High School of the Performing Arts under the joint funding program. Total cost \$1.9 million. Handover took place in April 2009. At the time of its establishment, Newtown High School of Performing Arts was granted 2.0 full time equivalent above establishment teacher positions in recognition of the extensive audition program associated with the enrolment of students in the school.
 - Two rooms at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School have been converted to a dance and drama space to assist it in its specialist role.
 - An upgrade to a new performing arts facility is in progress at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. Anticipated final cost of this project is \$3.75 million.
- (2)
 - (a) Sufficient funds have been released to develop an agreed master plan, including associated design documentation.
 - (b) All members of the school community will be invited to participate in the planning process.

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- (c) A Project Control Group will be formed, consisting of representatives of the key stakeholders, including the Principal and representatives of the school community. This Group will determine the best manner in which to involve interested parties in the planning process.
- (d) Refer to (2) (c).
- (3) The Department anticipates that the master planning and consultation phases of the project will be completed by the middle of 2011.
- (4) A limited amount of teacher supplementation and school administrative and support staff supplementation is available for distribution to schools each year. The use of this resource is to be determined by the regional director, in consultation with school education directors and principals.
- (a) In 2009 and 2010, Western Sydney Region was allocated 3.9 full time equivalent teacher positions for the regional director to distribute to schools with identified needs.
- (b) and (c) In 2009 and 2010, Western Sydney Region was allocated 4.1 full time equivalent positions for school administrative and support staff for the regional director to distribute to schools with identified needs.
- (d) 780 days.
- (e) 100% of available days.
- (5) (a) The creative and performing arts stream is being managed by the Principal and the Deputy Principal.
- (b) These staff have appropriate teaching qualifications.

*12788 MIDDLE YEARS CHILDREN—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

With regards to the 'Middle Years' report by the Parliament's Children and Young People Committee:

- (1) (a) What funding was made available in 2009-10 for community and/or NGO run after-school programs?
- (b) What funding will be available in 2010-11?
- (2) What modelling has been conducted on the demand for after school services?
- (a) If any modelling has been undertaken, does the current funding take account of this modelling?
- (b) If any modelling has been undertaken, does the current funding meet demand?
- (c) If any modelling has not been undertaken, why not?
- (3) What progress has been made to realign target groups within "Brighter Futures" to meet the needs of the 9-14 age target group?
- (4) (a) What consultation has taken place in evaluating the programs funded under "Better Futures"?
- (b) Why have service providers not been consulted?
- (5) (a) Will funding under "Better Futures" be maintained into 2011-12?
- (b) If not, what funding will be available to maintain support for the 9-14 age target group?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) These matters come within the responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.
- (4) The views of service providers, peak bodies and young people were obtained as part of the review of Better Futures.
- (5) Yes.

*12789 BATEMANS MARINE PARK—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

When will the Department of Environment and Climate Change release the 3D mapping they have of the floor of the Batemans Marine Park?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

Maps of the area of the seafloor within Batemans Marine Park that have been surveyed to date will be published by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water in a detailed report in early 2011.

Additional mapping has occurred as part of the 2010-11 research project 'Mapping and classification of continental shelf seabed habitats in the Batemans Marine Park'. This project will be ongoing through to

2012 and consolidated results will be available to inform the review of the zoning plan for Batemans Marine Park in 2012.

*12790 ADHC PAYMENTS TO BUSINESSLINK—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) How much did ADHC spend on all services provided to the department by Businesslink in 2009-10?
- (2) How much did ADHC spend on all services provided to the department by Businesslink in 2008-09?
- (3) How much did ADHC spend on all services provided to the department by Businesslink in 2007-08?
- (4) Will the Minister supply me with a copy of the standard price list for every type of service provided to ADHC by Businesslink, including the individual cost of each phone call regarding incorrect payments of wages?

Answer—

Businesslink is a proprietary limited company registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and is responsible to the NSW Minister for Community Services. Requests for information on its fees and charges should be directed to that Minister.

12791 GRAFFITI VANDALISM—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

*12792 CLIMATE CHANGE FUND—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water website details that the Climate Change Fund has grown from \$340 million to \$700 million, and in light of recent concern money from the Climate Change Fund is being directed towards programs delivering only minimal cuts to greenhouse gas emissions:

- (1) What is the process for assessment of applications to the Climate Change Fund for funding?
- (2) With some successful applicants only delivering minimal cuts to greenhouse gas emissions, will the Minister consider reviewing the application process to ensure a minimal benchmark is met?
- (3) What is the overall targeted reduction rate in greenhouse gas emissions the Climate Change Fund is legislated to achieve?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The assessment process for applications to the Climate Change Fund is tailored according to the objectives of each specific water, energy or greenhouse gas reduction funding program. All applications undergo technical assessment by water and/or energy savings specialists within the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. A further review is then carried out by an independent evaluation panel of relevant industry and Government experts, which makes funding recommendations to the Minister.
- (2) Not all programs are focussed solely on greenhouse gases. For example, some are focussed on water savings. Programs typically deliver multiple benefits including: reductions in greenhouse gases; reductions in water and energy bills; commercialisation of new technologies; and community education. While programs with low cost carbon reductions are preferred, sometimes other benefits also make projects good value for money.
- (3) There is no legislated reduction target for the Climate Change Fund.

12793 CLEAN COAL COUNCIL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

12794 RESTAURANT PRICE DISPLAY—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

*12795 FIRE INCIDENTS IN MAQUARIE PARK—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many major incidents of fire were reported in the Macquarie Park business precinct during:
 - (a) financial year ending 2005;
 - (b) financial year ending 2006;
 - (c) financial year ending 2007;
 - (d) financial year ending 2008;
 - (e) financial year ending 2009?

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- (2) Which fire station(s) attended reported incidents of fire in the Macquarie Park business precinct during:
- financial year ending 2005;
 - financial year ending 2006;
 - financial year ending 2007;
 - financial year ending 2008;
 - financial year ending 2009?
- (3) (a) On how many occasions were crews from stations other than Ryde fire station required to attend reported incidents of fire in the Macquarie Park business precinct during:
- financial year ending 2005;
 - financial year ending 2006;
 - financial year ending 2007;
 - financial year ending 2008;
 - financial year ending 2009?
- (b) Of these occasions, how many times did fire crews from other stations attend in company with Ryde fire station crew?
- (c) How many times did fire crews from other stations attend in the absence of Ryde fire station crew?

Answer—

The NSW Fire Brigades does not hold information on the number of major incidents of fire reported in the Macquarie Business precinct.

Information about the number of responses attended by the NSW Fire Brigades, including Ryde Fire Station, is reported annually in the NSW Fire Brigades' Annual Report by financial year.

- 12796 RYDE HOSPITAL NURSES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12797 RYDE HOSPITAL NURSE WORK TYPE—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12798 RYDE HOSPITAL REGISTERED NURSES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12799 NURSE BREAK TIME—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12800 MAINTENANCE AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- *12801 AUTISM CLASSES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

How many autism classes operate on the Northern Beaches and at which schools?

Answer—

I am advised that there are two support classes for students with autism in the Department of Education and Training's Northern Beaches area. These classes are located at Arranounbai School and Mona Vale Public School.

The establishment and location of support classes and related specialist positions are part of the annual process of regional planning. Decisions about the location of support classes are made by assessment of need within regions. If there is an increase in the number of students who qualify for special class placement and whose parents request that placement in a particular area, then the NSW Government will provide where needed additional classes through the annual planning cycle.

- 12802 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE LEVIES IN GROWN CENTRE COUNCILS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
- *12803 YASS PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—
- Given the extensive waiting lists for public housing in Yass what is the reason that the Department of Housing residence at 7 Nash Place, Yass has been vacant for at least 2 to 3 months?
 - If the residence is awaiting repairs why have these repairs not yet been started and when will they be completed?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The property at 7 Nash Place, Yass is owned by the Aboriginal Housing Office and managed by Housing NSW. This property was not vacant for the entirety of this timeframe. Housing NSW's "Being away from your home" fact sheet describes the acceptable reasons for tenants being away from their property. This can include:
- caring for sick or frail family members;
 - hospitalisation, institutional care, nursing home care or rehabilitation;
 - escaping domestic violence;
 - assisting with immigration matters;
 - tenants going to prison.

The tenancy was ended in late November 2010 and is currently under maintenance prior to being re-let.

- 12804 BARTON HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12805 GOULBURN OFFICE OF WATER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12806 CROWN LANDS OFFICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
- 12807 SYDNEY WATER IT PROJECTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12808 MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE IN HOSPITALS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12809 SPECIAL RATE LEVY—Ms Sonia Horner to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 12810 PRISONERS WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS OR ON REMAND—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12811 WOMEN PRISONERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12812 YOUNG OFFENDERS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 12813 INTEGRATED SERVICES PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- *12814 HAZARD REDUCTION ACTIVITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many hazard reduction activities have been conducted in the Davidson electorate in preparation for the 2010-11 bushfire season?
- (2) Where have those hazard reduction activities taken place?
- (3) How many more areas are planned for hazard reduction in preparation for the 2010-11 bushfire season?
- (4) When and where are those hazard reduction activities scheduled to be undertaken?

Answer—

The RFS collects data by Local Government Areas (LGAs) not by electorates. There are two LGAs within the Davidson electorate - Warringah and Ku-ring-gai.

- (1) 22 hazard reduction works have been completed in Warringah and Ku-ring-gai LGAs between 1-12-2009 to 30-11-2010.

(2)

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1. Crown land
 2. Warringah - Farrier Place, Frenchs Forest
 3. Warringah - Hilversum Crescent, Belrose
 4. Warringah - Harper Place, Frenchs Forest
 5. Ku-ring-gai - Dalrymple-Hay Nature Reserve
 6. Warringah - Glenaeon Avenue, Belrose
 7. Warringah - Morgan Road, Belrose
 8. Ku-ring-gai - Garigal National Park
 9. Ku-ring-gai - Dalrymple-Hay Nature Reserve
 10. Ku-ring-gai - Gould Avenue, St Ives Chase
 11. Ku-ring-gai - Bushland bounded by Ormonde Road, The Kingsway and Middle Harbour Creek, Roseville Chase
 12. Warringah - Garigal National Park
 13. Warringah - Garigal National Park
 14. Warringah - Grace Avenue, Frenchs Forest
 15. Warringah - Grace Avenue, Frenchs Forest
 16. Warringah - Lurnea Crescent, Forestville
 17. Warringah - Garigal National Park
 18. Warringah - Haigh Avenue, Belrose
 19. Warringah - Forestville
 20. Ku-ring-gai - Dalrymple-Hay Nature Reserve
 21. Warringah - Belrose
 22. Warringah - Reserve - Hilversum Crescent, Oxford Falls
- (3) There are 15 planned hazard reduction works from 30-11-2010 to 30-06-2011.

(4)

1. Crown land
2. Warringah - Farrier Place, Frenchs Forest
3. Warringah - Harper Place, Frenchs Forest
4. Warringah - Hilversum Crescent, Belrose
5. Warringah - Morgan Road, Belrose
6. Ku-ring-gai - Gould Avenue, St Ives Chase
7. Ku-ring-gai - In bushland bounded by Ormonde Road, The Kingsway and Middle Harbour Creek, Roseville Chase
8. Ku-ring-gai - Follies Park, Lindfield
9. Warringah - Forestville
10. Warringah - Haigh Avenue, Belrose
11. Ku-ring-gai - Dalrymple-Hay Nature Reserve
12. Warringah - Belrose
13. Warringah - Reserve - Hilversum Crescent, Oxford Falls
14. Warringah - Oxford Falls Road, Oxford Falls
15. Warringah - Madang Road, Ingleside

The timing of hazard reduction works is dependent upon weather conditions.

- 12815 BELROSE BUS SERVICE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12816 DISPLACED EMPLOYEES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12817 COMPANIES FAILING TO NOMINATE SPEEDING DRIVERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

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*12818 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to student numbers in the schools in the Tweed electorate:

- (1) Which schools have gained demountables in the Tweed electorate and which have lost them?
- (2) What are the reasons for this?

Answer—

(1) The following schools in the Tweed electorate have gained and lost demountables due to changing enrolments from 2007 to 30 November 2010:

	2007	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009	2010	2010
	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Terranora Public School	1		2		1			
Pottsville Beach Public School	2		3		1		1	
Banora Point Public School		1		1	2	2	1	
Tweed River High School		1	2			2		1
Kingscliff Public School	1		1					
Bogangar Public School			1	1				1
Centaur Public School				1				2
Tumbulgun Public School			1			1		
Bilambil Public School				1		1		
Condong Public School				1				
Burringbar Public School						1		1
Fingal Head Public School								1

(2) The Department of Education and Training uses demountable buildings to help manage the constantly changing patterns of enrolment in NSW government schools. Demountables are also provided as emergency accommodation following fires or natural disasters.

12819 PATIENTS WITH SERIOUS ILLNESSES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12820 IMMUNISATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

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12821 AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM TRUST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

12822 POLICE OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*12823 AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN NSW—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given that 2007 was the warmest year in NSW since record-keeping began in 1910, with an average temperature 1.1oC above the 1961-90 mean, how hot was 2009 relative to the 1961-90 mean?
- (2) How hot has 2010 been relative to the 1961-90 mean?
- (3) Is this consistent with departmental and CSIRO predictions?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) 2009 was the hottest year on record for NSW. The mean temperature anomaly for the year was +1.32°C above the 1961-1990 average.
- (2) It is not possible to give an average temperature for 2010 as it is yet to end. The average temperature will not be known until the 2010 summary report is released by the Bureau of Meteorology in January 2011.
- (3) Neither organisation made predications for NSW for 2010.

*12824 ANIMALS DECLARED EXTINCT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How many animals have been declared extinct in NSW in the last 10 years?
- (2) Are any of these species found in other States and if so, what account has been taken of this fact in declaring the animal extinct?
- (3) How many animals have been declared extinct in NSW in the last 100 years?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Four animals have been declared extinct in NSW in the last 10 years.
- (2) Yes. Two species listed as presumed extinct are also found in other Australian states. However, these species are listed under the Fisheries Management Act 1994, which is administered by the Minister for Primary Industries.
- (3) In NSW in the last 100 years 44 animals have been declared extinct.

*12825 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) What remuneration does the Chairman of the Local Government Grants Commission receive?
- (2) What remuneration does the Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Grants Commission receive?
- (3) What remuneration does a Member of the Local Government Grants Commission receive?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) The Chairperson of the Local Government Grants Commission receives a total remuneration package of \$25,353.40 per annum. This package consists of \$23,260 salary and \$2,093.40 superannuation.
- (2) The Deputy Chairperson is an employee of the Division of Local Government and consequently receives no additional remuneration for being appointed to Local Government Grants Commission.
- (3) The Local Government Grants Commission has two Members. Each Member receives a total remuneration package of \$14,822.91 per annum. This package consists of \$13,599 salary and \$1,223.91 superannuation.

12826 HOSPITAL VISITS BY THE MINISTER—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12827 NSW MARITIME MOORING LEASES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- 12828 COAG FEDERAL HEALTH AGREEMENT—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12829 BEEF OFFICER TOCAL—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 12830 MURRAY REGIONAL TOURISM BOARD—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—
- 12831 PICASSO EXHIBITION—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
- 12832 MISCONDUCT OF RTA STAFF—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12833 WARRELL CREEK TO URUNGA UPGRADE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12834 HIRE AND MAINTENANCE OF INDOOR/OUTDOOR PLANTS/FLOWERS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 12835 DISPOSAL OF COROWA POLICE RESIDENCE 1—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12836 ALBURY WODONGA HEALTH—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12837 PARKING FINES REVENUE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12838 24-HOUR BUS LANE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12839 GRIDLOCK AT THE PORT BOTANY TERMINAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 12840 ULMARRA SPEED CAMERA—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12841 COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAMS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12842 NSW PUBLIC SECTOR APPRENTICESHIP STRATEGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12843 CO-ORDINATED GRAFFITI REMOVAL APPROACH TRIAL—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- *12844 EXTENT OF GRAFFITI—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Which five LGAs had the most reports of graffiti vandalism on NSW government assets during the last 12 months?
 - (2) How did the number of reports of graffiti vandalism on NSW government assets in the Ryde LGA compare to others?
 - (3) How many incidents of graffiti vandalism were recorded at each of the train stations in the Ryde LGA during the last 12 months?
 - (4) How many incidents of graffiti vandalism were recorded at the Buffalo Road bus depot during the

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last 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

The BOCSAR data does not separately identify graffiti on government and private assets.

The BOCSAR data on graffiti incidents is sourced from the NSW Police Force. Police do not record graffiti by particular train station or bus depot

- 12845 COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS IMPOSED ON GRAFFITI OFFENDERS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 12846 TRANSFER OF SERVICES TO HOUSING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—
- 12847 PAYMENTS FOR MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12848 SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12849 LITTLE FOREST ROAD/PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12850 DUPLICATION OF THE PRINCES HIGHWAY AT SOUTH NOWRA—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12851 CENTRAL STATION PLATFORMS—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12852 ANALYSIS OF SCHOOL BUS ROUTES—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12853 NEBAX CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—
- 12854 POLICE STATION CLOSURES—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12855 JERRAWANGALA TRUCK REST STOP—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12856 SHOALHAVEN RIVER BRIDGE—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12857 OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO HIGHWAY PATROL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12858 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE LEVIES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- *12859 NEWCASTLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given that most visitors to Newcastle arrive by train, what evidence is there that Newcastle City Council's decision to move the visitor information to Honeysuckle will encourage tourists to the Hunter?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

This is a matter for Newcastle City Council to consider and determine in consultation with the local community.

This question should therefore be directed to Newcastle City Council.

- 12860 CHAMBER REGISTRAR SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 12861 GAS CONNECTIONS IN HOUSING UNITS IN WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—
- 12862 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE ACCESS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12863 BANK STREET PYRMONT PUBLIC RECREATION SITE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12864 ORAL HEALTH—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12865 COST OF DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12866 SHOROC BUSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12867 COST OF TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- *12868 AUBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to Auburn Public School:

- (1) Of the P2 ranked schools in NSW how many have a split campus?
- (2) Will the Minister give an undertaking to build an overhead pedestrian bridge linking the two campuses of Auburn Public School to allow safe passage of the staff and students between Campuses?
- (3) Does the Minister acknowledge that the current Principal is a correct match for the needs of Auburn Public School?
- (4) Would the Minister agree with the request of the school community to leave the current Principal with her level of expertise at Auburn Public School, as above establishment if necessary, when her leadership has resulted in improved academic outcomes at both ends of the academic scale?
- (5) Why was the Principal's compassionate transfer application to stay at Auburn Public School denied when she is undergoing chemotherapy treatments until late 2011 following a diagnosis of breast cancer and after a mastectomy?
- (6) Given that a P2 ranking involves a lower global budget than a P1 ranking, what will these cuts mean overall to Auburn Public School which needs above establishment considerations of a P2 ranking owing to their 98% Non English Speaking Background enrolment and the split campus?
- (7) Given that it took four years to return to P1 level enrolment during the last review why has the reclassification occurred after two years on this review?
- (8) Given that Auburn Public School has been through the reclassification review process in 2000-2004, why is this current review over a two year period (when the last review was conducted over a four year period) especially given that the fluctuating enrolment history of the school is well known to the DET?
- (9) Does the Minister acknowledge that the enrolment in the Kindergarten Year in 2010 shows an upward trend in enrolments and that this trend needs time to develop?

Answer—

- (1) Eleven including Auburn Public School.
- (2) The construction of an overhead bridge is primarily a responsibility of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA).
- (3) to (8) The actual student enrolments submitted early in Term 1 of each school year determines the classification band into which a school falls. An enrolment of 701 students is required for a principal level one position.

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The Primary Executive Review Committee, which includes representatives from the Department of Education and Training's Staffing Services area, the NSW Primary Principals' Association and the NSW Teachers Federation, recommended the principal position at Auburn Public School be classified as primary principal level two for 2011. It considered the school's enrolment history and projections and recommendations provided by the principal and school education director.

Enrolments at Auburn Public School have not fluctuated in recent years. They peaked in 2006 at 827 students, and enrolments have been decreasing since that time. The actual enrolment in 2010 is 640 students. The anticipated enrolment for 2011 of 634 students represents the lowest enrolment figure at the school over the last nine years.

Following a review of the current principal's circumstances, she has been granted nominated transfer status at the level of primary principal level one for appointment to schools in the Granville staffing area and the three adjoining staffing areas to the west of Granville.

The current principal will remain at Auburn Public School pending a suitable vacancy arising at the level of primary principal level one. If a suitable alternative vacancy does not arise before the commencement of the 2012 school year the principal's salary and status will be maintained at the level of primary principal level one for twelve months to 27 January 2012, on which date it will revert to the classification of Auburn Public School, i.e. primary principal level two.

The global budget of a school is predominantly determined by student enrolments. The staffing entitlement is also based on the total student enrolment. A survey is undertaken to determine the level of additional teacher resources that will be provided to support students of non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2010 Auburn Public School received six additional specialist teaching positions. A lower English as a Second Language allocation is anticipated for 2011 as a result of a smaller enrolment of students, not the school's reclassification.

(9) There are 95 Kindergarten students enrolled at Auburn Public School in 2010 with the same number of Kindergarten students anticipated for the 2011 school year. There were 79 Kindergarten students respectively in each of the 2008 and 2009 school years.

These Kindergarten enrolments must be placed within the context of whole school student enrolment figures. Auburn Public School has had a declining trend in student enrolments since 2006. In 2006 there were 827 students enrolled at the school and each subsequent year the enrolments have fallen to the current level of 640 students, with 634 students anticipated to be enrolled at the school in 2011.

*12869 REPORTS OF MISCONDUCT BY DET STAFF—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many incidents of bullying, harassment and discrimination were reported by DET staff in the following years (listed separately):
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010 to date?
- (2) From 1 January 2009 to 30 October 2010, how many proven allegations of DET staff misconduct were there and for each allegation, what was the:
 - (a) nature of allegation;
 - (b) employment outcome and/or action taken by the DET (ie. Contract terminated, warning, resignation etc);
 - (c) staff SES level;
 - (d) DET area?

Answer—

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Calendar Year	Number of Claims Reported
2008	150
2009	112
2010 to date	119

The information provided shows the number of incidents reported to the Department's Fund Manager, GIO, which have resulted in workers' compensation claims. These claims have been classified by the Fund Manager as arising through work related harassment/bullying or other harassment.

The figures are based on information reported as at 30 November 2010.

The table above shows approximately a 25 per cent reduction in the number of claims reported since 2008. As the Department of Education and Training employs the equivalent of approximately 90,000 full time staff across approximately 3,000 worksites in New South Wales, the total number of claims reported represents less than one per cent.

(2) The information sought is not readily available in the requested format.

However, during the time period in question there were approximately 1,400 Department of Education and Training employees against whom allegations have been sustained. The outcomes ranged from taking no action against the employee for less serious matters up to dismissal where this was warranted by the misconduct.

*12870NSW ETHICS COURSE TRIAL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to the NSW ethics course trial:

- (1) What are the costs incurred by the Department of Education for conducting the trial, including:
 - (a) the overall cost;
 - (b) remuneration packages;
 - (c) travel;
 - (d) catering;
 - (e) resources;
 - (f) training;
 - (g) any other expenses?
- (2) What are the costs incurred by the Department of Education for commissioning the report into the trial, including:
 - (a) the overall cost;
 - (b) remuneration packages;
 - (c) travel;
 - (d) catering;
 - (e) distribution;
 - (f) printing;
 - (g) any other expenses?

Answer—

- (1) (a) to (g) The Department of Education and Training did not provide any funding to the St James Ethics Centre for the ethics trial and no additional funding was provided to the ten schools which participated in the trial.
- (2) (a) to (g) The contract with Dr Knight to provide the evaluation of the ethics trial was \$30,000. It was agreed that the Department would meet reasonable expenses incurred by the evaluation team, which amounted to \$5,660, including:
 - Travel - \$4,164
 - Catering - \$455
 - Accommodation - \$1,041

12871 FIRST HOME BUYERS—REDUCTION IN STAMP DUTY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12872ENROLMENTS AT KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) How many full-time enrolments were there at the Kingscliff TAFE for the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) Year to date?
- (2) How many part-time enrolments were there at the Kingscliff TAFE for the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) Year to date?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 421

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- (b) 423
(c) 517 (as at 5 December 2010)
(2) (a) 4,227
(b) 4,615
(c) 4,849 (as at 5 December 2010)
- 12873 IMMUNISATION LEVELS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12874 HIP REPLACEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12875 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM TRUST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—
- 12876 PARRAMATTA PARK TRUST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
- 12877 HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—
- 12878 COUNCIL FINES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- *12879 YOUNG PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES FORUM—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- In relation to Question Number 11929 (part 2), could the Minister please provide the total cost of hosting the Young People in Emergency Services Forum, hosted on 28 August 2010 at Luna Park, inclusive of any hire fees paid to Luna Park?
- Answer—
- Some transport and accommodation costs for young people from the Rural Fire Service were met by the Rural Fire Service Association.
- Some transport and accommodation costs for young people from the State Emergency Service were met by the NSW SES Volunteer Association.
- 12880 HOSPITAL BEDS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12881 HOSPITAL BEDS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12882 REQUESTS FOR TENDER—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12883 BIRTHS AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12884 MONA VALE HOSPITAL WORKS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12885 REVENUE FROM PRIVATE PATIENTS AT MATERNITY UNITS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12886 MIDWIFE GROUP PRACTICE AT RYDE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12887 RYDE HOSPITAL'S MIDWIFE GROUP PRACTICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12888 RELOCATION OF MONA VALE HOSPITAL'S MATERNITY WARD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12889 BIRTHS AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- 12890 PITTWATER EXPRESS BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12891 MONA VALE ROAD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12892 MARULAN HEAVY VEHICLE CHECKING STATION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12893 RTA FLEET HIRE AND LEASE CHARGES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12894 RTA TRAVEL TIMES COMPETITION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12895 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 12896 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 12897 FORSTER/TUNCURRY BRIDGE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12898 STANDARD FUEL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12899 MOTORCYCLES EXCLUDED FROM BUS LANES ON THE M2—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- *12900 SAND CLEARING AT LAGOON ENTRANCES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) (a) Did the State Government previously provide funds to Councils for sand clearing work at Lagoon entrances?
(b) If so, why were they withdrawn?
- (2) Is the Government concerned about the impact of this work no longer being done?
- Answer—
- (1) (a) Yes.
(b) Funds have not been withdrawn. Councils continue to be eligible to apply for funding for sand clearing work at lagoon entrances through the Coastal, Estuary and Floodplain Management Programs.
- (2) Not applicable.
- 12901 YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- *12902 TOMAREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) Can the Minister provide details on the \$253,000 allocated to Tomaree Community College?
(2) When was this money announced?
(3) What will the money be used for?
(4) Is this recurrent funding or additional funding?

Answer—

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- (1) The NSW Government has allocated nearly \$16 million to 49 community colleges across the State in 2011 under the Adult and Community Education Program. Tomaree Community College is one of these colleges and in 2011 it will receive funding of \$253,255, which includes:
 - \$171,255 for general vocational education and training programs, which represents a 7.5% increase on 2010 funding; and
 - \$82,000 under the Social Inclusion Program, which is at the same level as in 2010.
- (2) I notified all colleges about their 2011 funding under the Adult and Community Education Program in a letter dated 2 November 2010.
- (3) The general vocational education and training funds will be used to provide nationally recognised training and pre-vocational programs. Funding under the Social Inclusion Program will be used to deliver programs targeting youth, Aboriginal people and migrants, who need additional support to participate in vocational education and training.
- (4) The vocational education and training funds are recurrent. The Social Inclusion funds are allocated following an application process.

12903 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12904 RAYMOND TERRACE POLICE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

12905 NELSON BAY POLICE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*12906 SAND SHIFT AT HALIFAX POINT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given the recent sand problems at Halifax Point (Nelson Bay), what measures is the State Government putting in place to ensure this build up of sand does not re-occur?
- (2) (a) Has the Government carried out any studies into the cause and/or prevention of the sand shift at Shoal Bay?
 - (i) If so, what are the details of the study?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
- (b) Will the Minister considering carrying out such a study?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) to (3) The management of sand movement within Port Stephens is primarily a matter for Port Stephens Council.

The Council, with financial and technical assistance from the NSW Government, has formulated a management plan for its foreshores. The Plan formally endorsed the findings and recommendations of previous coastal process and hazard definition studies for Shoal Bay. These studies found that sand moves from the eastern end of the beach to the western end, through the action of wind and waves.

The recommended management strategy for Shoal Bay involves trucking sand from the western end of the beach to the central and eastern end of the beach, as required. This strategy addresses both the build up of sand on the western end of the beach and Halifax Point, and the erosion problems on the eastern and central sections of the beach.

The NSW Government will continue to assist Port Stephens Council with the implementation of their management plan for Shoal Bay.

12907 BULAHDELAH HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12908 AIRPORT LINK LINE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12909 GRAFTON BRIDGE PROPOSAL—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

12910 EXTENT OF GRAFFITI—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

12911 EXTENT OF GRAFFITI—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

*12912HOUSEHOLDS AND FIRE STATIONS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many households does the average fire station in NSW cover?
- (2) How many households does the Ryde fire station cover?
- (3) How many industrial/commercial premises does the average fire station in NSW cover?
- (4) How many industrial/commercial premises does the Ryde fire station cover?
- (5) (a) Are fire stations located near large industrial/commercial areas provided with additional staff and resources?
(b) If so, how is the allocation of these resources determined?

Answer—

- (1) Based on 2006 Census data, the average number of households in each fire station area within the Greater Metropolitan Region (i.e. includes Sydney, Newcastle, the Central Coast, the Illawarra and the Blue Mountains) is 8,904. The average number of households in each fire station area within the Sydney urban area (as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics) is 12,895.
- (2) Based on 2006 Census data, the number of households within the Ryde Fire Station area is 15,925.
- (3) The NSWFB does not collect data on the individual number of specific properties and their particular use within its area of operations. It does however use a hazard categorisation process to assist in making decisions about the most strategic and efficient location for a fire station, and the resources (staff, trucks, equipment, etc.) that may be required in that area. The average number of Category 1 hazard premises (i.e. highest category of hazard) in each fire station area across Sydney is 30.
- (4) The Ryde Fire Station area contains 27 Category 1 hazard premises.
- (5) In major metropolitan areas such as Sydney, fire stations are located within an integrated network, with support for major incidents - such as the need for specialised aerial, rescue or hazardous material units - being available from strategically located stations across the network.
 - (a) Fire stations located near large industrial/commercial areas are often provided with additional staff and resources, for example specialised aerial, rescue or hazardous material units, staffed by trained firefighters.
 - (b) An annual budget allocation process is used to determine the allocation of resources.

12913 HILL TOP RIFLE RANGE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

*12914SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many staff within the Department of Community Services looked after/administered service provider contracts (ie. NGO contracts) in:
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007;
 - (i) 2008;
 - (j) 2009;
 - (k) 2010 to date?
- (2) How much in total is spent on salaries for these workers in:
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;

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- (c) 2002;
- (d) 2003;
- (e) 2004;
- (f) 2005;
- (g) 2006;
- (h) 2007;
- (i) 2008;
- (j) 2009;
- (k) 2010 to date?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Data is not held by Community Services in a format that would answer this question. The relevant Annual Reports contain a range of information about Community Services employee related expenditure and employee numbers www.community.nsw.gov.au
- 12915 MINISTERS RECEIVING LEGAL SETTLEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 12916 SLOW DOWN ROAD SHOW—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12917 POLICE STAFFING LEVELS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
- 12918 NEW FACILITIES FOR NORTHERN BEACHES LAC—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- 12919 CNG BUSES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- 12920 AGE OF BUSES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
- *12921 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—
- What is the average expenditure for maintenance per student in:
- (a) Government schools in NSW in the last financial year;
 - (b) Government schools in Wakehurst?
- Answer—
- Approximately \$378 million was spent on maintenance of NSW government schools in the 2009-10 financial year. Funding for school maintenance is allocated on the basis of a school's needs, not on its enrolment.
- Maintenance contractors are currently engaged under contract packages, often covering several electorates, or parts of electorates, with attached funding assigned per contract package. It is therefore not practicable to provide a total for schools in the Wakehurst electorate.
- 12922 LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN THE LAND—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 12923 LOWER MACQUARIE WATER UTILITIES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 12924 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
- *12925 BRIGHTER FUTURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—
- (1) As of 1 December 2010, how many families from what locations within the Burrinjuck electorate are

receiving assistance through the Brighter Futures program?

- (2) For each of the above locations, how many families are currently waiting for assistance through the Brighter Futures program?

Answer—

Quarterly data on the Brighter Futures program are available at www.community.nsw.gov.au

12926 ROCLA OPERATIONS AT CALGA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

*12927 URANQUINTY POWER STATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the unit price for electricity that NSW State Owned Power Utilities pay for electricity generated by the Uranquinty Gas Fired Power Station?

Answer—

Generators in the National Electricity Market are paid the half-hourly settled pool price based on generation dispatched. Since Uranquinty commenced operation, the average NSW half-hourly pool price has been \$38.01.

*12928 NSW FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Regarding recent media coverage about the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations (eg. Daily Telegraph on 1 December 2010):

- (1) What action is being taken by the Government to require the Federation to introduce improved governance and transparency in consideration of Government funding, including requirements that:
 - (a) councillors serve for fixed terms and no longer than a maximum period?
 - (b) councillors publicly state their affiliations and conflicts of interests in relevant debates and voting?
- (2) What action is being taken by the Government to otherwise reform the NSW Federation of P&C Associations?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations is an incorporated association independent of the NSW Government and subject to its own governance as per its constitution. The NSW Government has no power to amend the Federation's constitution.

The NSW Government has provided grants-in-aid to the Federation as it does with a range of non-government organisations. These grants are subject to Federation meeting conditions made in relation to the provision of the grant.

12929 LATEST COST FOR THE CBD METRO—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

12930 ROAD FLOODING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

*12931 EPPING TAFE ON CHELMSFORD AVENUE—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the number of enrolments in Certificate II and III in Horticulure (Wholesale Nursery) courses delivered at the Epping Annex of Ryde College for the last three years (listed separately)?
- (2) What is the justification for relocating the staff and students currently based at Epping Annex to the main Ryde College?
- (3) Which body made this decision and when was the decision made?
- (4) How and when were the Epping Annex teachers and students notified of this decision?
- (5) When will this relocation take place?
- (6) How many students and teachers will be affected by the decision to cease operating the course from Epping?
- (7) Was there any prior consultation with affected stakeholders?
 - (a) If yes, what are the details of consultation?

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- (b) If not, why not?
- (8) What are the NSW Government's plans for the Epping Annex site?
- (9) Will the NSW Government sell the site?
- (a) If yes, please provide details of the proposed sale.
- (b) If not, please provide details as to how the NSW Government will continue to use the Epping Annex.

Answer—

- (1) In the Certificate II in Horticulture (Wholesale Nursery) delivered at Epping Annex there were 27 enrolments in 2008, 19 in 2009 and 21 in 2010. In the Certificate III, there were 25 enrolments in 2008, 21 in 2009 and 13 in 2010.
- (2) As well as the decline in enrolments in nursery courses, there has been a shift in the delivery of nursery training from the classroom to the workplace. This has happened in response to the needs of the industry, much of which has dispersed from the northern Sydney region to outer metropolitan suburbs.

There has recently been a \$5 million refurbishment at the main Ryde College site, which provides students with greatly improved training facilities suitable for the delivery of general horticulture courses.

The facilities at Epping Annex are old and run down. The cost of a major refurbishment to return these facilities to the standard required for training could not be justified.

- (3) The TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute Executive Committee made the decision on Tuesday 2 September 2010.
- (4) The Ryde College Director informed the Horticulture teaching and support staff at Epping Annex of the decision to relocate at a meeting on 22 September 2010. Students were immediately informed by the head teacher and teaching staff.
- (5) The relocation has already started. Staff at Epping Annex recently moved their offices to Ryde College. The Institute will relocate all plant and equipment prior to the commencement of Semester 1, 2011.
- (6) One head teacher and four teachers will have their offices relocated to the main campus of Ryde College. It is estimated that 27 students currently located at Epping Annex will continue their studies at the main campus of Ryde College in 2011. A number of other students are expected to complete their studies at the Epping Annex before the relocation.
- (7) I understand Northern Sydney Institute has been discussing the future of the Epping Annex with staff for many years.

The Institute conducted a built facilities review of Ryde College in 2007, which included a meeting with teachers, head teachers and Institute planning staff on 4 December 2007. The viability of the Epping Annex and the opportunities available through the consolidation of nursery and horticulture training at the main Ryde campus were discussed.

In 2009 a master plan of Ryde College grounds was prepared in consultation with teaching staff. The master plan, which incorporated nursery training facilities at the main Ryde College site, was presented to staff in August 2010.

- (8) Northern Sydney Institute intends to continue to use the grounds of Epping Annex for some aspects of horticulture delivery.
- (9) The NSW Government has no plans to sell the Epping Annex site. Northern Sydney Institute plans to continue to use the site for some horticulture delivery.

*12932 THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Has a response been provided to Janet Ball, president of The Junction Public School P&C Committee regarding her letter dated 9 April 2010?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) When will a response be provided?
- (2) Given that a classroom block was demolished following the Newcastle earthquake, does the DET have plans to construct brick classrooms to address their rising school enrolment levels (and not modular design rooms)?
- (3) What are the future plans to deal with rising enrolment levels at this school?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. Ms Ball wrote to myself and representations were also received from her local member, the Hon J L McKay MP. A response was sent to the representations on behalf of Ms Ball on 3 May 2010 (RML10/1488 refers).
- (2) The Junction Public School has benefited from a number of capital works projects in recent years. I am aware that the school community would like to see further construction work at the school. At this stage, no further capital works projects have been recommended by the Department of Education and Training for the school.
- (3) The school currently has a large number of non-local enrolments. The Principal is aware of the enrolment policy and will adhere to this to manage future student intake.

A project to replace further demountable buildings with permanent accommodation will continue to be considered against competing state and regional priorities.

*12933 WARILLA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Given that Warilla North Public School is to be refurbished due to significant asbestos located in the school, how much will this cost?
- (2) When will this refurbishment be completed?
- (3) Who has been employed to undertake these refurbishment works?
- (4) (a) Are there any administration/management fees imposed by DET for this work?
(b) If so, what are those fees as a percentage and a dollar figure?
- (5) Will the cost of refurbishment come from their BER funds or from the wider NSW Government budget?

Answer—

- (1) The total estimated project cost for remediation work and the refurbishment of Warilla North Public School is \$4.5 million.
- (2) The project is being undertaken in several stages and it is anticipated that students will return to Warilla North Public School in late February 2011. It is also anticipated that the refurbishment of all remaining school buildings will be finalised by 30 June 2011.
- (3) The remediation work of the project will be carried out by Beasy Pty Ltd of Lidcombe. Refurbishment works will be undertaken by B & A Peterson, Building Contractors of Balgownie.
- (4) Project management fees are payable to the Department of Services, Technology and Administration in the agreed amount of \$230,000, which is approximately 5.1 per cent of the total estimated project cost.
- (5) Funding for this project is included in the Department of Education and Training's 2010-11 School Maintenance Program.

*12934 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many children in out of home care in the Tweed electorate are under 24 hours/7 days a week supervision?
- (2) What is the total cost of care for these children?

Answer—

- (1) Total supervision requires a Supreme Court Order. There are generally no more than 4 children or young people at any one time in this care arrangement across NSW.
- (2) This information is not collated in a reportable format.

12935 NATION BUILDING ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

12936 VACANT MEDICAL STAFF POSITIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

12937 HUDSON PEAR—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

12938 FINE REVENUE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 12939 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12940 INSURANCE CLAIMS MADE AGAINST MINISTERIAL CARS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 12941 SPEEDING FINES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 12942 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12943 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12944 EXTERIOR WINDOWS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 12945 OPRAH'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 12946 MAA LIST OF CONSULTANCIES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—