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#### (Paper No. 220)

\*5717 MANUFACTURE OF NEW BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has the Government entered into any new contracts for the manufacture and delivery of buses in addition to the buses that had been ordered by the previous Government?
- (2) What is the total cost of the new buses?
- (3) Where will these buses be manufactured?
- (4) How many people will be employed in New South Wales to ensure the manufacture of these new buses?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) Yes. Transport for NSW established the Bus Procurement Panel in 2012. The Bus Procurement Panel was established in accordance with the Government Procurement policies and guidelines.

Bus operators have the choice to select any bus from the Bus Procurement Panel. Bus operators select new buses based on value for money, past product performance and after sales service and product support.

(2) Refer to budget paper 3.

(3) Transport for NSW acquires finished buses (consisting of chassis and body) through the Bus Procurement Panel.

(4) The Government's record investment in transport infrastructure and services has and will continue to benefit the New South Wales economy through the direct and indirect creation of thousands of jobs.

- \*5718 TRAIN SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Were any additional trains provided for the Maitland Steamfest event in April 2014?
  - (2) Have any additional train services been provided for this event in previous years?
  - (3) What is the threshold or criteria used to determine whether or not additional train services will be offered to special events?
  - (4) When additional services are being provided for special events, does this come as a result of a request by the event planners or does it come as a result of proactive intervention by Transport for NSW?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Yes.

(3) NSW Trainlink relies on a combination of patronage data from past events, customer feedback, and forecasts from event organisers.

(4) For existing regular events, planning for the next event starts with all parties as soon as the current event finishes. For new events, NSW Trainlink relies on advice from the organiser on the event's expected public transport needs.

\*5719 SCHOOL SPEED ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS-Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education-

(1) Will every school in New South Wales have speed zone flashing lights installed prior to the start of Term 1, 2015?

(a) If not, which schools will not?

(2) Is there a list and schedule for the installation of the flashing lights currently available to the public? Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council.

\*5720 PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE POLICIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Does the Department of Education and Communities have a blanket insurance policy in place to cover all New South Wales public school students for accident/injury?

- (2) Does the Department of Education and Communities have a blanket insurance policy in place to cover all New South Wales public school staff for accident/injury?
- (3) Are all staff and students covered for ambulance services?
- (4) Are all schools covered for public liability?
- (5) Are any individual schools required to independently purchase the appropriate policies to cover both staff and students?

Answer-

(1) No, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has never provided this cover.

(2) The Department maintains a current policy of insurance covering its liability under the Workers Compensation Scheme through the Treasury Managed Fund.

Through the Treasury Managed Fund, all Departmental employees are covered for accidents and injuries that occur at work.

(3) Students enrolled in all public schools in New South Wales are covered through a single central annual agreement with the NSW Ambulance Service, for all student accidents or illnesses either at school or on a school arranged activity.

Employees would be covered for workplace injury and illness through the Department's workers compensation insurance arrangements.

(4) Yes, all government schools are covered. The cover applies if the injury or loss arises during the course of Department approved activities.

(5) No.

\*5723 COMMITTEE VISIT TO UPPER HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) Did the Regional Assistance Advisory Committee visit the Upper Hunter?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If so, what locations did the committee visit?
- (2) What are the objective measures used to determine "drought"?
- (3) How did the Upper Hunter conditions compare at the time of the committee visit?

Answer-

(1) No.

(2) The Regional Assistance Authority (RAAC) does not provide advice to determine drought. It provides advice to the Government on seasonal conditions based on scientific data around rainfall, soil moisture and pasture growth and on-ground information provided by Local Land Services.

(3) The RAAC did not visit the area and provides advice to the Government based on the information identified as above.

- \*5726 ULTIMO PYRMONT WALKWAY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) What cleaning and maintenance program is in place for the pedestrian walkway over Harris Street from Fig Street to the Western Distributor?
  - (2) What will be done to ensure there is adequate lighting for this walkway?
  - (3) Will the Darling Harbour Live plans to link with this walkway require pedestrians to travel by lift or stairs to the ground level, travel south in Darling Harbour and then north to the CBD?
  - (4) Was a direct link from this walkway to the CBD removed as part of the Cross City Tunnel project?
  - (5) Will the Government reinstate this above ground walkway to the CBD?
  - (6) How will the Government improve pedestrian and cycling access on this route?
  - (7) What further action will the Government take to improve direct pedestrian access between Ultimo/Pyrmont and the CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Leighton Boral Arney performs maintenance on the walkway fortnightly and the lifts weekly.

(2) Leighton Boral Arney maintains the existing lighting and reports lighting deficiencies to Roads and Maritime and will be advised to adhere to minimum lighting guidelines.

(3) Lifts and stairs will be provided.

(4) Access to the CBD from this walkway still exists. The access was modified by the installation of lifts during the construction of the Cross City Tunnel.

(5) The development consent for the Sydney International Convention Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct core facilities, issued by the then Department of Planning and Infrastructure in 2013, does not provide current scope to reinstate the above ground walkway to the CBD.

(6) The Environmental Impact Statement lodged for the Sydney International Convention Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct in 2013 proposes relocating the lift and stairs on the Fig Street/Harris Street pedestrian footpath to improve pedestrian connectivity.

(7) Public domain improvements will be delivered as part of the Sydney International Convention Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct development. Improvements include:

- New north-south and east-west connections, which will improve pedestrian access between Ultimo/Pyrmont and the CBD.
- A new wayfinding and signage strategy, connecting the Sydney International Convention Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct to surrounding areas.
- A pedestrian and cyclist link via the Goods Line, which will connect the Sydney International Convention Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct to Central Station.
- \*5727 BRIDGE OVER ANZAC PARADE IN MOORE PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Will the Government build a cyclist and pedestrian path within the light rail cut and cover tunnel to connect Moore Park east and west as an alternative to the planned bridge?
  - (2) Has the cost of such a proposal been researched?(a) If so, by who and what is the expected cost?
  - (3) Who will maintain the bridge and ensure it is free from litter and graffiti?
  - (4) Will the bridge be free of advertising?
  - (5) How will the Government ensure safety for cyclists coming off on the eastern side of the bridge attempting to connect with the shared path on Anzac Parade?
  - (6) Was there a tender process to select the contractor to design the bridge?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If not, what process was used to select the contractor?
  - (7) When was the contract to build the bridge drafted?
  - (8) When was the contract to build the bridge signed off?
  - (9) Will the Government review this project given strong community and council opposition?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) - (2) A cyclist and pedestrian path will not be constructed within the tunnel as an alternative to the share path bridge because:

- The tunnel for light rail will be a jack box construction, not cut and cover. There would be construction issues with building a structure wide enough to accommodate light rail, cyclists and pedestrians, and it is not feasible to build a separate tunnel for this purpose.
- The land required for a tunnel of an appropriate grade would substantially impact property within Moore Park. Excavation would have the potential to impact archaeological heritage items below the ground.
- The cost of a tunnel in this location would likely exceed the cost of the proposed bridge.
- (3) Roads and Maritime.
- (4) Yes.

(5) Roads and Maritime will provide improvements to safety for cyclists, which may include upgraded signage and pavement markings.

(6) An Alliance model contract is being used to develop the detailed design of the bridge and plan for early works construction. The Alliance contract was established in line with the NSW Government Procurement Methodology Selection Guidelines for Construction. Part of the ongoing process will involve the bridge construction being included within the contract.

(7) Initial design and assessment contracts for the bridge were in place in late 2013. Other contracts

relating to early works and site establishment were executed in early 2014.

(8) Various material, design and construction contracts involved in the building of the bridge will be progressively approved.

(9) Considerable stakeholder and community engagement was undertaken as part of the development of this proposal, including the City of Sydney since 2006 and Bicycle NSW since 2012.

The Review of Environmental Factors was released for public display from 21 March to 13 April 2014. Several design changes were made in consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage, the Heritage Council and stakeholders.

Stakeholder reference groups will be ongoing with key parties, including Centennial Park & Moore Park Trust and the City of Sydney Council. This will ensure land and project owners will be part of ongoing design solutions, including dealing with path connections and landscape.

\*5728 OXFORD STREET CYCLEWAY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the proposed separated cycleway for the southern side of Oxford Street adjacent to Centennial Park?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of proposed safety improvements at the Woollahra Gates that would allow a continuous high quality cycleway through the intersection?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of proposed safety improvements at the Paddington Gates to allow a continuous high quality cycleway through the intersection by realigning medians?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of improving access to Oxford Street west of the parklands from the proposed cycleway?
- (5) What design changes will the Government make to the proposed cycleway for the southern side of Oxford Street to improve safety?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve safety and amenity for the proposed Oxford Street Cycleway?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This link forms part of the strategic cycle link between Bondi Junction and Sydney CBD identified in Transport for NSW's Sydney's Cycling Future.

Roads and Maritime has allocated funding of up to \$1.65 million under the Strategic Cycleways Program. This funding is for the Centennial Park Trust to design and construct cycle and pedestrian facilities along the southern side of Oxford Street, between the Paddington and Woollahra Gates, Centennial Park.

Roads and Maritime is the project sponsor and a key stakeholder and member of the working party. Community consultation was undertaken at the concept stage in early 2014.

(2) - (4) Roads and Maritime will investigate the feasibility of changes to intersection layouts at the Oxford Street intersections adjacent to the Paddington and Woollahra gates, with a view to providing a cycle connection outside the park boundary as part of a longer-term project to continue improving cycle connectivity through this corridor. Investigations will progress through 2014-15.

(5) - (6) The cycleway design on the southern side of Oxford Street will conform with Austroads and NSW Bicycle Guidelines. The new paths will run next to Oxford Street and take advantage of the existing street lighting.

The route through Centennial Park will pass between trees and next to water reservoirs to minimise impacts on the parklands. This project is about improving safety and access for all road users between Bondi Junction, the eastern suburbs and the city.

- \*5729 DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
  - (1) How many people with a disability in New South Wales are unemployed and seeking work?
  - (2) What programs are provided by the Government to help people with a disability get skills, work qualifications, employment experience and paid work?
  - (3) How does the Government ensure that people with a disability have access to public sector jobs?

(4) How does the Government ensure that people with a disability have access to jobs in nongovernment organisations who are contracted to provide infrastructure, services or programs for the Government?

(5) What action will the Government take to help people with a disability gain employment? Answer—

(1) This data is publically available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

(2) - (5) Under the National Disability Agreement, the federal Government is responsible for employment services for people with disability; however the Government continues to work towards its targets as outlined in Goal 14 of the NSW 2021 State Plan. It funds a number of initiatives that assist people with disability to find employment including:

- Support for young people with disability to become work ready through the successful Transition to Work program. Further details are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.
- The Employment Enablement Strategy, with \$6 million over three years from 2014/15 for employment enablement strategies to support and promote employment of workers with intellectual disability.
- Employability is a Government initiative that aims to increase the percentage of employees with disability within the NSW Public Service. The purpose of this strategy is to ensure equitable access to attraction, retention and career development opportunities for people with disability.
- Under the Public Works and Procurement Regulation 2014, NSW public sector agencies can procure goods and services directly from disability organisations, supporting people with disability in employment, without the need to go to competitive tender or seek approval from the State Contracts Control Board.
- \*5730 CLUSTERING OF LICENSED PREMISES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
  - (1) What assessment has the Government made regarding the cumulative impacts of alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour being linked to the clustering of licensed premises in concentrated areas?
  - (2) What did the 2013 Environment and Venue Assessment Tool (EVAT) trial indicate about location risk and venue risk?
  - (3) What did the EVAT trial indicate about the impacts of liquor licence density and strategies to reduce risks?
  - (4) Will the Government use the EVAT for liquor licence applications and assessment?
  - (5) What will the Government do to prevent impacts from clustering of licensed premises?
  - (6) What further action does the Government plan to take to address these impacts?

Answer—

(1) The cumulative impacts associated with the clustering of licensed premises were considered during 2012 in the development of the Environment and Venue Assessment Tool (EVAT). A trial of the tool has informed decisions on new liquor licences in the Sydney and Newcastle local government areas during 2013 and early 2014. An evaluation of the trial is being undertaken by independent consultants engaged by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing.

(2) The evaluation of the 2013 EVAT trial is being finalised. It would premature to comment on the outcomes of the evaluation before it is considered by the government.

(3) See answer to question 2 above.

(4) A decision on the future use of the EVAT will be informed by the evaluation of the EVAT trial that is being finalised.

(5) The government has introduced a freeze on high risk licensing applications for the Sydney CBD Entertainment precinct, and has extended the existing freeze applying in the Kings Cross precinct, until 5 February 2016. The freeze assists in preventing impacts from more intensive clustering of licensed premises. Further action on the clustering issue will be considered in the light of the evaluation of the 2013 EVAT trial.

The Liquor Act 2007 requires that the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority must not grant high impact licensing proposals unless it is satisfied that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community. I am advised that the Authority takes density issues into consideration when considering social impact.

(6) See answer to question 5 above.

\*5733 311 BUS SERVICE-Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter-

- (1) What are the monthly patronage numbers for the 311 bus service since October 2012 (ref Q.3127)?
- (2) What patterns in patronage have been identified for the 311 bus service by the State Transit Authority of NSW since March 2011?
- (3) Has the trend for increased patronage continued since March 2011?
- (4) Will the Government increase bus services on this route and return to a 20 minute service?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have to improve the 311 bus service?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (5) Route 311 patronage is reasonably constant on a monthly basis.

There are no reported instances of overloading on this service at any time of day.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor this service to ensure it is meeting customer needs.

\*5734 LGBTI YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Government reviewed the February 2014 "Growing Up Queer: Gender Variance and Sexuality Diversity" research report?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the reported 64 per cent of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) young people experiencing verbal abuse and the 18 per cent experiencing physical abuse?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the reported 41 per cent of LGBTI young people who have thought about self-harm and/or suicide, the 33 per cent that have harmed themselves, and the 16 per cent that have attempted suicide?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the report's conclusion that schools were identified as the major site of harassment and abuse, with abuse from teachers most damaging?
- (5) What are the implications for schools in New South Wales as a result of the report?
- (6) What programs are provided by the Government to prevent these impacts in schools?
- (7) What programs are provided by the Government to inform and support teachers to address violence and abuse against LGBTI young people?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to prevent future violence and abuse of LGBTI young people in schools?

Answer—

(1) - (6) No.

(7) The Department of Education and Communities' Bullying: Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools policy requires all New South Wales public schools to have an anti-bullying plan that includes prevention, early intervention and response strategies to address bullying of any type. The policy and resource materials can be found at the following web address:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student serv/discipline/bullying/PD201 00415.shtml

In New South Wales, students learn about diversity, anti-discrimination, bullying, respectful relationships, violence and challenging homophobia as part of the mandatory Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) learning area. PDHPE is a mandatory subject for students in Kindergarten to Year 10. Students learn to examine and clarify personal values, challenge negative community attitudes related to diversity and investigate the impact of discrimination, harassment and vilification.

In Years 11 and/or 12, students in government schools are required to complete the Crossroads: personal development, health and physical education course for Stage 6 students. This course provides opportunities to develop skills to make positive health decisions and reduce risks to self and others in a range of different situations. This includes supportive relationships, affirming diversity, accessing support, supporting others and resilience.

The Department recognises that bullying can often be based on bias, including bias about socioeconomic status, cultural and linguistic diversity, religion, gender, sexuality, ability or personal characteristics, and it provides information to support staff in identifying and addressing issues with bias within their school communities. This is done specifically through the process of developing, implementing, evaluating and reviewing the school's anti-bullying plan. Information on the Department's approach to bias based bullying can be found at:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student serv/discipline/bullying/biasbased.pdf

The NSW Sexual Health in Schools project is a partnership between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and the NSW Ministry of Health. This project offers resources, teaching and learning programs and professional learning for teachers to provide key strategies for increasing inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex students in New South Wales government schools.

(8) As a part of the Department of Education and Communities' anti-bullying policy, schools are required to regularly review and update their anti-bullying plans. In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is reviewing its policies across a range of student wellbeing and are areas to ensure they are supporting students' needs.

\*5735 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will an easy access lift be provided at Yagoona Railway Station as part of the 2014-15 Transport Access Program (Ref Q.4393)?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer-

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5736 CHESTER HILL BUS SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

Will additional bus services be provided to the Chester Hill area as a result of the Transport for NSW bus timetable review?

Answer-

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor services in the Chester Hill area to ensure they are meeting customer needs. The Government has added more than 4,900 weekly bus services in Western Sydney since 2011.

\*5737 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

What funding did the Government provide through the Community Transport program across the Bankstown electorate in each of the years from 2011 to 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government committed to increasing Community Transport Program funding by \$12 million over four years, to provide people with special transport needs with access to vital services. This represents a 100 per cent funding increase over the period, and is the first boost to the program since 1998.

Transport for NSW administers funding for over 100 community transport organisations, which provide around 1.4 million trips annually under the Community Transport Program and the Home and Community Care Transport Sub-Program.

\*5738 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

What action has been taken to ensure that institutions applying for vocational education training funding aren't exploiting the system with students who do not attend classes?

Answer—

This matter is not within NSW Fair Trading's administrative responsibilities.

\*5739 ENERGY CONTRACT COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints regarding unfair terms in an energy contract have been received by the Department of Fair Trading in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer-

NSW Fair Trading does not keep records specific to unfair terms in energy contracts.

\*5740 ELECTRICITY PRICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—

Will the Minister guarantee the Bankstown community that removing a maximum chargeable price for electricity will not increase electricity prices?

Answer-

There is no maximum chargeable price for electricity in New South Wales. Regulated retail electricity prices, which are no longer offered as of 1 July 2014, varied across the State and only applied to the approximately 35 per cent of customers who had not yet switched to a competitive market offer as of 30 June 2014.

Furthermore, the amounts set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal were the average amounts by which the two regulated retailers, EnergyAustralia and Origin Energy, could increase their regulated prices.

This means that EnergyAustralia and Origin Energy could increase the regulated price in one area by more than the average amount, as long as they increased the regulated price in a different area by less than the average amount.

To ensure they are receiving the best deal on offer, customers in the Bankstown community should visit the Australian Energy Regulator's independent comparison website Energy Made Easy, at www.energymadeeasy.gov.au. This website allows customers to compare all retail electricity offers in their local area and decide which is the most affordable and which offer best suits their particular needs.

Customers could save significant amounts by switching to the best market deal that suits them. In 2013 the Australian Energy Market Commission highlighted that discounts offered by electricity retailers in their competitive market deals could save NSW households \$300 - \$400 per year, off an average bill of \$2,500, when compared to the 2013/14 regulated price.

The Government introduced legislation into the Parliament to deregulate retail electricity prices, which would deliver customers in the Bankstown community who were on the regulated price as of 30 June 2014 a 1.5 per cent decrease on their electricity bill as of 1 July 2014. This decrease is in addition to the 1.7 per cent decrease in 2014-15 recently announced by the Government as a result of reduced network charges in the Ausgrid distribution area.

The Opposition and The Greens opposed the Bill in the Parliament. Because of this, the Government has instead amended the National Energy Retail Law (2013) Regulation to ensure that Bankstown customers who were on the regulated price will still receive the discounted price in 2014/15.

\*5743 MANAGEMENT OF SES VOLUNTEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

What measures has the Government implemented in the last 12 months to recruit, retain and train volunteers to the New South Wales SES in relation to the deficiencies identified in the Auditor-General's Performance report ("Management of volunteers: NSW State Emergency Service" p.2 ) dated 15 April 2014?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) has advised me that it accepts the findings and recommendations of the performance audit and is taking action to address all identified issues. A specific plan has been outlined for each aspect of the recommendations and the NSW SES has already implemented some changes, including:

- an exit policy;
- a revised induction product; and

- a volunteer charter.
- \*5744 WIN JUBILEE OVAL KOGARAH FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Did WIN Jubilee Oval Kogarah receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
    - (a) If so, how much?
    - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

Answer-

In November 2012 the Government released the NSW Stadia Strategy. The strategy prioritises investment in Government owned or leased stadia to ensure facilities are improved for participants and spectators and to maximise community and multi-purpose use of venues.

Venues identified in the strategy include:

- Sydney Cricket Ground
- Sydney Football Stadium
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- Sydney Showground Stadium
- Hunter Stadium
- · Wollongong Stadium
- Western Sydney (this could involve either redeveloping an existing stadium or developing a new venue)
- \*5745 SPORTINGBET STADIUM PENRITH FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Did Sportingbet Stadium Penrith receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
    - (a) If so, how much?
    - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

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- \*5746 REMONDIS STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Did Remondis Stadium (formerly Sharks Stadium) receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
    - (a) If so, how much?
    - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

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\*5747 BROOKVALE OVAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Did Brookvale Oval receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?(a) If so, how much?
  - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

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- \*5748 WIN STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Did WIN Stadium receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
    - (a) If so, how much?
    - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

Answer—

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- \*5749 CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Did Campbelltown Sports Stadium receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
    - (a) If so, how much?
    - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

Answer—

In November 2012 the Government released the NSW Stadia Strategy. The strategy prioritises investment in Government owned or leased stadia to ensure facilities are improved for participants and spectators and to maximise community and multi-purpose use of venues.

Venues identified in the strategy include:

- Sydney Cricket Ground
- Sydney Football Stadium
- Stadium Australia
- Sydney Showground Stadium
- Hunter Stadium
- · Wollongong Stadium
- Western Sydney (this could involve either redeveloping an existing stadium or developing a new venue)
- \*5750 CENTRAL COAST STADIUM FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Did Central Coast Stadium (formerly Bluetongue Stadium) receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
    - (a) If so, how much?
    - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

### Answer-

In November 2012 the Government released the NSW Stadia Strategy. The strategy prioritises investment in Government owned or leased stadia to ensure facilities are improved for participants and spectators and to maximise community and multi-purpose use of venues.

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- Western Sydney (this could involve either redeveloping an existing stadium or developing a new venue)

\*5751 LEICHHARDT OVAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Did Leichhardt Oval receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
  - (a) If so, how much?
  - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

Answer-

In November 2012 the Government released the NSW Stadia Strategy. The strategy prioritises investment in Government owned or leased stadia to ensure facilities are improved for participants and spectators and to maximise community and multi-purpose use of venues.

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- Sydney Showground Stadium
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- Western Sydney (this could involve either redeveloping an existing stadium or developing a new venue)
- \*5752 BELMORE SPORTS GROUND FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) Did Belmore Sports Ground receive funding from the Government for each of the years from 2011-13?
  - (a) If so, how much?
  - (b) If so, what projects were completed at the venue?

Answer-

In November 2012 the Government released the NSW Stadia Strategy. The strategy prioritises investment in Government owned or leased stadia to ensure facilities are improved for participants and spectators and to maximise community and multi-purpose use of venues.

Venues identified in the strategy include:

- Sydney Cricket Ground
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### \*5753 WORK PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the funding to arrange and manage work placements for New South Wales students been allocated for 2015 and 2016?
  - (a) If so, what is the amount allocated for each of these years?
  - (b) If not, what is the Government doing to ensure that work placements will be available to students so they can fulfil the mandatory requirements of the Board of Studies Vocational Education and Training (VET) requirements for the HSC?

Answer-

- (1) No.
- (a) N⁄A.

(b) The Department of Education and Communities is currently examining a range of options to support the delivery of work placements in 2015.

- \*5754 INDEPENDENT EMPLOYMENT ADVISOR CONTRACT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—
  - (1) How much funding was allocated to the Independent Employment Advisor Contract program?
  - (2) Is this program still operating?
  - (3) Is this program still funded by the Government?
    - (a) If so, when does this funding conclude?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (4) Was this program evaluated?
    - (a) If so, what were the key findings of this evaluation?
    - (b) If so, can the Minister provide a link to the website where this evaluation report can be found?

Answer—

(1) \$6.4 million was allocated to the program.

(2) No.

(3) No. Funding for the program ceased due to the end of the Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership.

(4) Yes.

(a) The key findings of the evaluation regarding program performance and outcomes were that 78.8% of all participants were either still at school or in further education, training or work at the end of the year.

(b) The report has not been published on the web.

\*5755 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What is the proposed maximum length of contracts for courses that will be awarded to private operators under the Smart and Skilled reforms?

The Smart and Skilled Provider Application is expected to open in mid-2014.

Specific details of the Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions will be made available to providers at this time.

### \*5756 SMART AND SKILLED REFORMS TENDER PROCESS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Smart and Skilled reforms commence on 1 January 2015?
- (2) When will the tender process begin for contracts under these reforms?
- (3) When will this tender process conclude?
- (4) Has consideration been given to delaying these reforms, given the announced reduction in education funding in the Federal budget?(a) If so, in what way?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

- (2) The Smart and Skilled provider application process is expected to open mid-2014.
- (3) The Smart and Skilled provider application process will end six weeks after it opens.
- (4) No. The Smart and Skilled entitlement will commence on 1 January 2015.

\*5757 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES-Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education-

- (1) Are students with disabilities entitled to a fee exemption to undertake a course if they have previously completed a Certificate 3 course or above under the Smart and Skilled reforms?
- (2) If a student with a disability completes Certificate 3 course or below can they do a subsequent course at the same qualification level and still be eligible for subsidised training?
- (3) If a person with a disability wants to enrol in a Diploma or Advanced Diploma after completing a Certificate 4 at TAFE, are they entitled to any exemption for this course?
  - (a) Are they entitled to a concession for this Diploma or Advanced Diploma?
- (4) If a person with a disability, as part of their "reasonable adjustment", is granted an extension in time to complete the course do they receive additional loading for the additional time?
- (5) What is defined as a "completion" under the Smart and Skilled reforms?
- (6) Will loading paid in recognition of the additional support for a student with a disability, under the Smart and Skilled reforms, be allocated to that student?
- (7) How will the Minister prevent Registered Training Organisations from exploiting people with a disability by enrolling them inappropriately and therefore incurring large VET FEE-HELP debts?
- (8) Do the Minister and the Department of Education and Communities have a duty of care towards people with disabilities?
- (9) How many formal meetings did the Disability Reference Group have before the recent announcement about changes to the TAFE fee structure?

Answer—

(1) Yes students with a disability are eligible to one exempt course per calendar year, regardless of the previous qualifications they held. Individual eligibility for subsidised training applies.

(2) Yes, they will be eligible for subsidised training at the same qualification level.

(3) The person with a disability is eligible for an exemption for the subsequent course if the person has not had a fee exemption granted in that calendar year.

(a) The fee exemption will also apply for Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas for students with a disability in their first course in a calendar year. Concessions are not available for these qualifications.

(4) Under Smart and Skilled, there is no limit on the time taken to complete a qualification or a course. Loadings are paid per qualification or per course.

(5) The Smart and Skilled Provider Application is expected to open in mid-2014. Specific details of the Smart and Skilled Contract Terms and Conditions will be made available to providers at this time.

(6) Loadings are paid to Smart and Skilled approved providers. Providers will determine, in consultation with the student the best way to provide support and to enable access to training.

(7) The Smart and Skilled Contract will include provisions enabling the Department of Education and Communities to conduct monitoring activities to ensure providers are complying with the contract including ethical marketing requirements.

(8) The Department is committed to keeping its learning environments and workplaces free from unlawful discrimination. It acknowledges its legal obligations to public education and training students, staff and visitors with a disability under State and Commonwealth discrimination legislation.

(9) The Disability Reference Group had one formal meeting before the announcement of the 2015 prices, fees and subsidies.

\*5758 RUSSELL VALE MINE SITE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) When will the Government finish assessing the Wollongong Coal application to expand the operations of the Russell Vale mine site?
- (2) Is the Minister currently waiting for information from the community or Wollongong Coal regarding this application?

(a) If so, what information?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently assessing Wollongong Coal's application for the Underground Expansion Project at Russell Vale Colliery.

- \*5761 DAPTO RESPITE CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
  - (1) Has the review of the Dapto Respite Centre been completed?
  - (2) Will the review be released to the public?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (3) Will the Dapto Respite Centre remain open?
  - (4) Will the Government continue to operate the Dapto Respite Centre?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) - (4) As NSW transitions to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and in line with the Living Life My Way Framework, the Government's focus is on increasing the availability of individualised funding to support people with disability, their family and carers to access a greater range of flexible support options.

There are no plans to close or change the respite centres until all current users and their families are receiving support in the way that they choose. People with disability, their families and carers will continue to have ongoing access to local respite services of their choice, if they choose this type of support as part of their individualised funding arrangements. There will be no changes to current services without consultation.

- \*5762 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICANTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—
  - (1) Which schools in the Shellharbour electorate successfully applied for funding under the Department of Education and Communities Capital Works Program in 2013-14 (ref Q.5241)?
  - (2) Which schools submitted the 37 projects nominated for funding under the Department's capital works program in 2013-14?
  - (3) What were the 37 nominated projects?

Answer-

(1) Balarang Public School, Kanahooka High School, Lakelands Public School, Mount Brown Public School, Oak Flats High School, Warilla High School, and Warilla Public School.

(2) - (3) Nominations for projects in Government schools are based on need and are subject to a needs analysis assessment. All nominated projects continue to be assessed and prioritised for funding by the Department and as such, are subject to change.

\*5763 HOUSING NSW TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many transfer requests have been made and approved for Housing NSW tenants in the Shellharbour electorate to locate to accommodation with fewer bedrooms (ref Q.5425)?
- (2) What is the estimated timeframe for meeting the approved transfer requests?
- (3) Were any of the transfer requests in (1) not approved?
  - (a) If so, on what grounds?

I refer the Honourable Member to Q.5425.

- \*5764 GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—
  - (1) What is the reason for the continued delays in the Going Home Staying Home reform tender process?
  - (2) On what date will the tender outcomes be announced?

Answer-

The details of the Going Home Staying Home reform have been announced. Details are available on the Housing NSW website at:

http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/Going+Home+Staying+Home.htm

- \*5765 MILITARY LEAVE GUIDELINES—Mr John Robertson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
  - (1) Why does the Department of Education and Communities Military Leave Guidelines require reservists to use their own Public Service annual leave entitlements in order to attend and provide support to Defence Force operations?
  - (2) Will the Minister guarantee that the new Guidelines will not require employees who are members of the Australian Defence Force Reserve to take Leave Without Pay or Annual Leave in order to attend and participate in Reserve duties?
  - (3) Will the Minister amend the new Guidelines to ensure that employees who are members of the Australian Defence Force Reserve can contribute to Reserve service without losing income, as per the original intention and spirit of the NSW Government Military Leave and Top up Pay Policy?

Answer-

Please refer to the answer to Q.5766.

- \*5766 REWRITTEN MILITARY LEAVE GUIDELINES-Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Education-
  - (1) Why did the Department of Education and Communities rewrite the Military Leave Guidelines, effective January 2014?
  - (2) Why does the Department of Education and Communities Military Leave Guidelines require reservists to use their own Public Service annual leave entitlements in order to attend and provide support to Defence Force operations?
  - (3) Will the Minister guarantee that the new Guidelines will not require employees who are members of the Australian Defence Force Reserve to take Leave Without Pay or Annual Leave in order to attend and participate in Reserve duties?
  - (4) Will the Minister amend the new Guidelines to ensure that employees who are members of the Australian Defence Force Reserve can contribute to Reserve service without losing income, as per the original intention and spirit of the Government Military Leave and Top up Pay Policy?

Answer-

(1) - (4) Following consultation with the Office of Reserve Service Protection at the Department of Defence, the Department issued new military leave guidelines to clarify the entitlements to military leave of departmental employees who are Reservists.

The guidelines provide clear advice for employees and their managers concerning the application of military leave provisions contained in the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Award and other relevant industrial instruments.

The Department provides paid military leave or top up pay to Reservists to undertake certain types of reserve service including:

- undertaking annual training;
- attending schools, classes or courses of instruction and compulsory parades conducted by the

Reservists' unit; and

• attending a call out for Reservists made by the Governor-General.

When a reservist's unit is not called out or required for service, but a reservist volunteers for additional activities, the employee is not prevented from participating. However, these voluntary activities are not eligible for military leave as contained in the Award. Support for voluntary service is provided by enabling the employee to access other forms of leave.

The amended guidelines have not reduced or removed any Award entitlement for required ADF reserve service.

\*5768 REMOVAL OF BUS STOPS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) At which locations along the Princes Highway at St Peters and Sydenham have bus stops been removed in the past 12 months?
- (2) At which locations along this route will bus stops be removed?
  - (a) When will these bus stops be removed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) No bus stops have been removed along the Princes Highway at St Peters and Sydenham in the past 12 months.

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### (Paper No. 221)

\*5769 FORGACS ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

How many apprenticeships were registered with State Training Services in the last four years with Forgacs Engineering in the Hunter?

Answer-

In the last four years Forgacs Engineering has registered 113 apprentices with State Training Services.

\*5770 HUNTER SCHOOL REPAIRS-Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education-

(1) Will the Minister list the Hunter schools requiring repair, both minor and major, as at 18 June 2014?(a) If not, why not?

(2) Will the schools on the list requiring repair have funding rolled over into the 2014-15 financial year? Answer—

(1) - (2) There is no area formally defined as the Hunter by the Department of Education and Communities. Maintenance in all schools across New South Wales is undertaken on a regular basis throughout the year.

\*5771 MEDOWIE HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Will the Government commit to planning and building a new high school at Medowie?(a) If not, why not?

Answer-

Currently, the Department of Education and Communities has no plans to build a new high school at Medowie.

Hunter River and Irrawang High Schools currently provide secondary education for students in the Medowie area and have adequate capacity to meet existing and projected enrolment demand.

- \*5772 GP CO-PAYMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Does the Government support the introduction of GP co-payments?
    - (a) If not, what action will the Government take against the introduction of these payments by the Federal Government?

I am advised:

(1) The Government will not be implementing co-payments for emergency department services in New South Wales.

Policy responsibility for Medicare and payment arrangements for General Practitioners under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) rests with the Federal Government.

- \*5773 PREVENTION OF SELF HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) How is the Government increasing resources to aid in the prevention of self-harm among young people, particularly those aged 15-24?
  - (2) Will the Government increase funding to Hunter New England Health to increase staff and programs to aid in the prevention of self-harm?
    - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

As this matter falls within the portfolio of the Hon Jai Rowell MP, Minister for Mental Health, the Member's question should be referred to the Minister for Mental Health accordingly.

\*5774 PROCUREMENT POLICY-Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services-

- (1) Will the Minister introduce legislation with respect to a procurement policy, that ensures local content occurs in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer-

The Government is committed to a fair and open procurement policy which looks at all potential procurement options.

- \*5775 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—
  - (1) When will the complete plans for the Government's new "needs based" funding model for homelessness services in New South Wales be released?
  - (2) Which non-government homelessness services in the Hunter were consulted during the formulation of the new funding model?

Answer—

Details of the Going Home Staying Home reform are available on the Housing NSW website at:

http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/Going+Home+Staying+Home/

\*5776 2013-14 ARTS BUDGET—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

What was the total of the Arts budget in the financial year 2013-14?

Answer-

The Government has delivered a significant turnaround in public finances, exemplified by the recent delivery of a stable and secure 2014-15 Budget.

The 2014-15 Budget represented a return to surplus one year earlier than forecast in the Half-Yearly Review and shows that both the Budget, and the State economy are in a strong position.

With three years of sensible fiscal management, the Government is in control of the Budget, and is leading the nation on many leading economic indicators.

The headline budget result delivers a forecast deficit of \$283 million dollars for 2014-15, before an expected return to surplus of \$660 million in 2015-16.

Full details of the Budget can be found at http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/.

\*5777 WALLSEND JUSTICE ACCESS CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Where can Wallsend community members go for a face-to-face meeting following the closure of the Wallsend Justice Access Centre on 30 May 2014?
- (2) How accessible will the new meeting place be for people living in the Hunter's western suburbs?
- (3) What consultation was done prior to the closure of the Centre?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) Wallsend community members who require face-to-face assistance can attend a Local Court registry at either Newcastle, Toronto or Belmont. Wallsend District Library also offers a Legal Information Access Centre service. Alternatively, community members can access court registry services by telephoning the NSW Courts Service Centre or using the NSW Online Registry. They can also find legal information by telephoning LawAccess or visiting its website or the website of LawAssist.

(2) The Local Court registries at Newcastle, Toronto and Belmont are located approximately 12 kilometres, 16 kilometres and 19 kilometres from the Wallsend Justice Access Centre respectively. There is regular public transport from the Hunter's western suburbs to both Newcastle and Toronto.

(3) The primary users of the Wallsend Justice Access Centre were NSW Police Force Local Area Commands and the Department of Human Services. Both of these groups were advised in April 2014 of the anticipated closure and advice was also provided as to alternative arrangements for delivery of services. Similar advice was provided to local legal practitioners at that time.

\*5779 CORRECTIVE SERVICES-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

What estimate, if any, of increased recidivism has been made by Corrective Services because of their cessation of funding to all long-term support post release services?

Answer—

I am advised:

That information regarding estimates and actual funding for long-term support service post release has been made publically available by Corrective Services NSW.

\*5780 COURT REPORTING SERVICES-Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

What are the purported savings created by the outsourcing of Court Reporting Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

For Supreme Court civil transcripts, the estimated savings will be up to \$3.4 million over three years.

## \*5781 COURT REPORTING SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Has the Minister met with representatives of Court Reporting Services?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

No.

(a) The Department is currently consulting with all relevant stakeholders, including the Public Service Association.

## \*5782 SMYTH REVIEW OF THE NSW INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the Government's response to the recommendations of the Smyth Review of the NSW Institute of Psychiatry?
- (2) How many positions will be lost?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Smyth Review confirmed the need for high quality training and professional development. Functions are being progressively transitioned to the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI).

This will improve governance and strengthen mental health education and training by positioning it

within the overall health and education training system.

(2) The transition to HETI is ongoing.

\*5783 NSW INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

What legislative changes are proposed by the Government to the NSW Institute of Psychiatry?

Answer-

This will be addressed following the review of the transition to the Health Education and Training Institute.

\*5784 PLATFORM SEATING AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

When will adequate commuter seating be installed on platform 4 at Liverpool Railway Station (there being only six banks of four seats as opposed to 16 banks of four seats at Revesby)?

Answer-

I am advised:

Seats were installed as part of the construction of the new platform.

\*5785 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION CLOCK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

When will the analogue clock above the concourse at Liverpool Railway Station, which has not been working for 12 months, be repaired?

Answer—

I am advised:

The clock above Liverpool Railway Station is showing the correct time.

- \*5786 LIVERPOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTION INVOICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Does South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) propose to pay the invoice from Liverpool Neighbourhood Connection no.63 dated 27 May 2013 for \$300 for catering?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If not, why were the creditors assured on 27 May 2013, 8 July 2013, 23 October 2013, 4 December 2013, and 12 February 2014 by the SWSLHD that the account would be paid?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The invoice issued by Liverpool Neighbourhood Connection was paid on 30 June 2014.
- \*5787 SYDNEY WATER CLIENT INFORMATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
  - (1) Does Sydney Water supply phone numbers and contact details of people who have contacted them to third parties?
    - (a) If so, which third parties?
    - (b) If so, which financial transactions are involved?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1)(a) - (b) From time to time Sydney Water supplies the phone numbers of people who have contacted them to research organisations in order to obtain customer service focused feedback so as to make improvements and provide the best possible service. This is in line with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) guidelines that allow certain organisations, including research organisations, to call people listed on the Do Not Call register within specified times.

\*5788 PENALTY AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

How many separate agencies in New South Wales can issue penalty notices and/or infringement notices?

The statutory provisions under which penalty notices may be issued are listed under Schedule 1 of the Fines Act 1996.

- \*5789 M2 WINDSOR ROAD JUNCTION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) What are the traffic numbers exiting the M2 motorway at the Windsor Road junction for vehicles travelling:
    - (a) North; and
    - (b) South?

(2) How have these figures changed since the ramps were opened to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The entry and exit ramps on the eastern side of Windsor Road were completed in 1997. The entry and exit ramps on the western side of Windsor Road were completed in 2012.

An average of 2,100 vehicles exit the east-bound lanes of the M2 motorway at Windsor Road and 1156 vehicles exit the west-bound lanes of the M2 motorway at Windsor Road each day.

(2) Roads and Maritime Services do not hold this information.

- \*5790 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) What is the actual strength of the Mount Druitt Police Station as at 29 May 2014?
  - (2) How does this number compare with each of the last three years?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Police positions are allocated to Local Area Commands, not individual police stations.

Information about police numbers, including authorised, actual and operational strength - is available on the NSW Police Force website at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

- \*5791 ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) How many instances of illegal tobacco sales in the Cabramatta electorate did the Department of Fair Trading investigate from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013?

(2) What actions have been taken to prevent the sale of illegal tobacco in Cabramatta since March 2011? Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Questions regarding Fair Trading investigations should be directed to the Minister for Fair Trading.

To prevent the sale of illegal tobacco, Authorised Inspectors across New South Wales currently carry out regular tobacco compliance monitoring and enforcement activities under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008, including checking signage, product display and packaging and ensuring tobacco retailers have notified the Ministry of their intention to sell tobacco.

Since March 2011, the SWSLHD Public Health Unit has received eight (8) complaints, issued six (6) warning letters, conducted seven (7) compliance tests of premises and prosecuted two (2) businesses that sold illegal tobacco in the Cabramatta electorate.

- \*5792 PARKING FEES AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) How much money was received by the International Parking Group for parking fees at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?
  - (2) How much was paid by the International Parking Group to the NSW Treasury from parking funds raised at Liverpool Hospital from July 2013 to December 2013 (ref Q.5477)?

I am advised that:

(1) The International Parking Group does not provide information regarding their revenue receipts.

(2) My response to Question 5477, part 3, dated 1 May 2014 referenced NSW Treasury as receiving some of the revenue from car parking at Liverpool Hospital. The response should have referred to the Ministry of Health, not NSW Treasury.

For the period July 2013 to December 2013, the Ministry received \$400,000 from South Western Sydney Local Health District from revenue that the District received from the car park operator at Liverpool Hospital.

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(Paper No. 222)

\*5793 MEALS ON WHEELS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How much funding does the Government currently provide to Fairfield, Mount Pritchard and Liverpool Meals on Wheels?
- (2) How much funding did the Government provide to Fairfield, Mount Pritchard and Liverpool Meals on Wheels in 2013?

Answer-

This question should be directed to the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services.

\*5794 COMMUNITY SERVICES CASE WORKERS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many Community Services case worker positions are currently vacant in the Cabramatta area?
- (2) What is the Government doing to fill Community Services case worker vacancies in the Cabramatta area?
- (3) What are the reasons for the high vacancy rates for Community Services case workers in the Cabramatta area?

Answer-

Information on caseworker vacancies is published on the Community Services' dashboard which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at:

http:/

/www.community.nsw.gov.au/docs\_menu/about\_us/community\_services\_caseworker\_dashboard.html

\*5795 SPECIAL CARE NURSERY—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many cots are currently funded at the Special Care Nursery at Fairfield and Liverpool Hospitals?
- (2) How many babies were admitted to this nursery in 2013?
- (3) How many of these babies were admitted from the maternity service at Fairfield and Liverpool Hospitals?
- (4) How many were transferred from other units?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (4) The Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery is currently funded for eight cots and the Liverpool Hospital Special Care Nursery is currently funded for 19 cots.

In 2013, there were 370 admissions to the Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery and 872 admissions to the Liverpool Hospital Special Care Nursery. Of these babies, 307 were admitted directly from the Birthing Unit and Post Natal Ward to the Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery and 476 were admitted from maternity services to the Liverpool Hospital Special Care Nursery.

There were 63 babies admitted from other units to the Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery and there were 259 babies admitted from other units to the Liverpool Hospital Special Care Nursery.

- \*5796 GRADUATING POLICE OFFICER PLACEMENTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) How many officers graduated at the NSW Police Attestation ceremony in May 2014?
  - (2) How many of these officers will be placed at the following Local Area Commands (LAC):
    - (a) Cabramatta;
    - (b) Fairfield; and
    - (c) Liverpool?
  - (3) How do these figures compare with each of the three previous years?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 182.
- (2)(a) (c) 8.

(3) From May 2011 to date, 98 probationary constables have been allocated to the three Local Area Commands.

- \*5797 GOVERNMENT ART GRANTS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
  - (1) What grants did the Government provide to arts organisations and arts programs in the Cabramatta electorate in the years 2011, 2012, and 2013?
  - (2) What were the names of the organisations, amounts received and purpose of each project that received the grants in (1)?

Answer-

(1) The Government provides a range of funding opportunities to arts organisations and programs through the Arts and Cultural Development Program. The full list of categories is listed here http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/.

(2) Recipients of all Government funding for arts organisations and arts programs are listed on the Arts NSW website http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/.

- \*5798 GOVERNMENT SPORTING GRANTS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) What grants did the Government provide to sporting clubs and sporting organisations in the Cabramatta electorate in the years 2011, 2012, and 2013?
  - (2) What were the names of the organisations, amounts received and purpose of each project that received the grants in (1)?

Answer-

Information on grants is provided in the Department's annual reports.

- \*5799 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE-Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-
  - (1) What support and recognition does the Government provide to Justices of the Peace (JP) who provide a free service to the community?
  - (2) What support does the Government provide to support JP associations, meetings and training?
  - (3) Are JPs required to download or pay for a copy of the JP Handbook?
  - (4) Are JPs required to pay to receive a Certificate of Appointment?
  - (5) Does the Government plan to provide additional support for JPs?
  - (6) What further action will the Government take to support JPs and recognise their value to the community?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Department of Justice provides:

- the JP Handbook, which helps JPs understand their functions and perform them correctly.
- the JP Infoline (02 8688 7487) which operates during business hours to answer telephone enquiries

from JPs.

- the JP website (www.jp.nsw.gov.au), which provides additional resources and updated information for JPs.
- JP News, the official newsletter for JPs in NSW, which alerts JPs to developments affecting their functions or appointments.
- the JP Code of Conduct, which establishes acceptable standards of conduct for JPs.
- complimentary commemorative certificates for JPs who have achieved 50 years of service to the community.

(2) The Department of Justice:

- consults with JP associations about significant proposed changes affecting JPs.
- lists on its JP website the various scheduled JP services in public places that are coordinated by JP associations.

(3) The JP Handbook is available for download at no cost. Purchase of a professionally printed copy is optional (\$15 including GST).

(4) Yes, although the purchase is optional. JPs do not need a Certificate of Appointment to carry out their functions as a JP. They are provided with a letter of appointment which is primary evidence of the appointment.

(5) Yes.

(6) The Department of Justice is planning to deliver improved online support services and transactions for JPs over the next 12 months.

\*5800 SERIOUS VILIFICATION-Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-

- (1) How many cases of serious vilification have been instigated under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 since these provisions were introduced?
- (2) How many of these cases were successful?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the trigger for vilification to be considered "serious"?
- (4) What changes have been made to ensure that these provisions are effective and can be used to address serious vilification?
- (5) What action will the Government take to ensure that acts of vilification can be addressed?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) The Anti-Discrimination Board has referred 29 complaints to the Attorney General since 1998. Records are not available for complaints prior to this date.

(2) Of the 29 complaints referred, 1 was statute-barred, 27 did not progress to prosecution, and one is still under consideration.

(3) The Government requested the Legislative Council Law and Justice Committee to review New South Wales' racial vilification laws in December 2012. The terms of reference included whether Section 20D establishes a realistic test for the offence of racial vilification in line with community expectations. The Committee released its report on 3 December 2013. The Government is currently considering the important issues raised in the report and is formulating its response.

(4) Refer to answer 3 above.

(5) Refer to answer 3 above.

\*5801 IMPACT OF HERBICIDES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

- (1) On how many hectares of land in New South Wales are Roundup Ready (RR) crops grown?
- (2) On how many hectares of land in New South Wales is the herbicide roundup used?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the levels of roundup used on RR crops?
- (4) Are food crops sprayed with roundup?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the emergence of over 20 RR resistant weeds with over 100 resistant strains identified in Argentina, Brazil and the United States of America?
- (6) Is the Government concerned about the potential for super-weeds to emerge in New South Wales?
- (7) What research has the Government done on increases in the deployment and concentration of herbicides internationally to deal with roundup resistant weeds and whether this is required in Australia?
- (8) What advice does the Government provide to farmers using roundup in relation to potential health

issues and environmental impacts on water and soil resulting from its use?

Answer—

(1) Currently approximately 50,000 hectares of canola and 430,000 hectares of cotton.

(2) The herbicide Roundup is used on over five million hectares of the land area used for cropping in New South Wales, primarily as a pre-sowing herbicide for weed control. It is impossible to estimate the area of land where general landholders such as household gardeners may use Roundup.

(3) Users of Roundup are required by law to adhere to the label which stipulates the amount and frequency of application to Roundup Ready crops such as canola and cotton.

(4) Australia has a strong regulatory process that authorises and controls the use of herbicides on crops.

(5) The Government is aware of international weed resistance issues.

(6) NSW Department of Primary Industries and its industry partners keep a watching brief on all potential threats to agricultural production and respond as required.

(7) The Australian Department of Agriculture, through its agency the Agricultural Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) is responsible for the regulation of the use of herbicides in Australian agriculture.

(8) Australia has one of the most rigorous systems of herbicide regulation in the world. All herbicides have approved use labels that must be adhered to by law.

- \*5802 EDGECLIFF RAILWAY STATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) What changes were made to previous plans in the 2011-2016 Easy Access Program for Edgecliff Railway Station to be upgraded?
  - (2) What was the outcome of the review referred to in Q.1183?
  - (3) Will the Government consult with passengers and the community about plans to upgrade Edgecliff Railway Station?

(a) If so, when?

- (4) Will Edgecliff Railway Station be upgraded to allow full access?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer-

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Edgecliff railway station will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

- \*5803 CROWN LAND—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
  - (1) Does the Government have a complete list of all Crown Land in New South Wales?
    - (a) If so, will the list be made publically available?
    - (b) If not, what action will the Government take to establish a full list?
  - (2) How will the Government ensure that there is a strategic approach to any future sale of Crown Land?
  - (3) How is the Government committed to an open and transparent public process for the sale of any Crown Land?

Answer-

The Government has a centralised register of all Crown land in New South Wales. The details of Crown land, including tenure type and the purpose and location of land, are publicly available.

The Government will continue to follow public notification processes for the sale of any Crown land as per the Crown Lands Act 1989.

\*5804 SPECIAL EDUCATION PARTICIPATION AND EXPENDITURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the Government's expenditure on special schools, support classes and special education in an integrated setting for each of the years from 2011-14?
- (2) How many students participated in special schools, support classes and special education in an integrated setting for each of the years from 2011-14?
- (3) Will the Government increase expenditure on special schools, support classes and special education in an integrated setting?

Answer-

(1) The 2014-15 expenditure for education is \$14.4 billion and is inclusive of costs for special schools, specialist support classes and special education in an integrated setting. In 2011-12 expenditure for education was \$13.4 billion.

The following table shows the expenditure for special schools, support classes and special education in an integrated setting.

Year	Expenditure
2011	\$878,873,124
2012	\$917,086,438
2013	\$1,039,769,548
2014	\$1,124,469,725

(2) The number of students with disability and additional learning and support needs in New South Wales public schools 2011 to 2014 reflects changes following implementation of the reform initiative, Every Student, Every School in 2012. Every Student, Every School provided increased specialist resourcing directly to every regular government school to support students with additional learning needs including students with disability who have lower levels of need. At the same time, students with disability in regular schools who have moderate and higher levels of need continue to be supported through the Integration Funding Support Program, funded separately from Every Student, Every School. Figures are as follows:

Year	Students in special schools		Students with disability and additional learning and support needs in regular classes
2011	4,400	13,382	More than 72,200
2012	4,553	13,909	More than 71,500
2013	4,772	14,429	More than 70,700
2014	4,925	14,952	More than 70,100

(3) The Government is committed to ongoing support for students with disability and additional learning and support needs in New South Wales public schools and increases expenditure to meet need. The increase in the number of students in specialist support classes is consistent with parent or carer choice about the type of specialist support provision they are seeking for their child, in accordance with obligations under disability legislation. Between 2011 and 2014, the Government increased funding to students with a disability by \$246 million.

- \*5805 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—
  - (1) How many of the 60 new literacy and numeracy teachers promised to the Illawarra in 2010 are currently in Illawarra schools as at 18 June 2014?
  - (2) At which schools have these teachers been assigned?
  - (3) When will the remaining teachers be assigned?

Answer-

(1) - (2) Resources equivalent to 19.31 full time equivalent teachers (FTE) under the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan have been allocated to the following public, Catholic and independent schools in the Illawarra:

- Albion Park Rail Public School
- Barrack Heights Public School
- Mount Warrigal Public School

- Nowra East Public School
- Warilla North Public School
- · Warrawong Public School
- · St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Warrawong
- St Michael's Primary School, Nowra
- Illawarra Christian School, Tongara Campus, Albion Park
- Nowra Christian School, Nowra.

(3) The Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan is a five year commitment to improving the literacy and numeracy of our young students most in need. Resources will be progressively allocated to schools in the lowest quartile of NAPLAN performance with schools being identified by the three education sectors using an agreed methodology.

\*5806 FULL-TIME APPARENT RETENTION RATES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

What was the percentage of full-time apparent retention rates in public schools across all regions of New South Wales in 2013 for:

- (a) Years 7-10;
- (b) Years 10-12; and
- (c) Years 7-12?

Answer-

In 2013, the apparent retention rates for New South Wales Government schools were:

- (a) 102% for Years 7 to 10;
- (b) 71.1% for Years 10 to 12; and
- (c) 72.7% for Years 7 to 12.
- \*5807 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
  - (1) How much of the \$20 million allocated for Illawarra Infrastructure Projects in the 2013-14 budget has been dispensed to those selected projects as at 18 June 2014?
  - (2) Will the entire \$100 million that has been allocated to the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund in the 2014-15 budget (ref "Budget Paper 4 Infrastructure Statement" pg.2-9) be allocated to projects by the end of June 2015?

Answer-

(1) The member is directed to my previous response to Q.5546.

(2) The Government is committed to ensuring that the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund delivers quality infrastructure projects that will have a transformative impact on the Illawarra economy. To ensure this, the Government will only release funds to the Restart projects when all necessary approvals are obtained and project milestones are met. Funding will therefore be made available to the successful applicants when projects meet their milestones. Further questions relating to the allocation of funding under Restart NSW should be directed to the Treasurer.

- \*5808 CRONULLA RAILWAY BRANCH LINE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) Will the Government privatise the Cronulla railway branch line from Sutherland to Cronulla which includes the Kirrawee, Gymea, Miranda, Caringbah, Woolooware and Cronulla Railway Stations?
  - (2) Will the Government privatise Sydney Trains?

Answer-

The Sydney rail network is in public ownership. The Government has no plans for privatisation.

- \*5809 F6 EXTENSION—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) What is the cost of the proposed "link road" between Tempe and President Avenue, Kogarah?(a) When will this "link road" be completed?
  - (2) When will the President Avenue, Kogarah to Loftus section of the F6 extension be completed?
  - (3) Will the President Avenue, Kogarah to Tempe and the President Avenue, Kogarah to Loftus sections

of the F6 extension be "shovel ready" in 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (1)(a) WestConnex Delivery Authority are preparing a business case for a southern connection which will include potential timeframes and strategic estimates.

(2) - (3) Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services are developing a feasibility study for this connection. It will be presented to the Government for consideration towards the end of 2014.

\*5810 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL EXPANSION—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What proportion of the \$2.24 million allocated to the "Sutherland Hospital Expansion" in the 2014-15 budget is allocated to planning?
  - (a) What proportion of that figure is allocated to actual construction?
- (2) What is the projected total cost of the Sutherland Hospital Expansion?(a) Has the Government sought professional advice for this projected total?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) The \$2.2 million funding in 2014-15 Budget will enable the project team to complete the final business case by late 2014 and begin enabling works. The business case is currently being developed by the project team in consultation with the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, hospital clinicians, staff, and the community and will determine the project scope.

(2) The projected total cost for the project is commercially sensitive and has not been disclosed in the 2014-15 Budget Papers.

- \*5811 MIRANDA AND SUTHERLAND LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) Will the Miranda and Sutherland Local Area Commands (LAC) be amalgamated?
    - (a) If so, when?
    - (b) If so, how will the total authorised strength and total actual strength of the combined LAC change?

Answer-

I am advised that the structure of the NSW Police Force and allocation of police officers to Local Area Commands is a matter for the Commissioner taking into account operational considerations.

- \*5812 PINCH POINT PROGRAM—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Have funds been allocated in the 2014-15 budget for work on Francis Road, Railway Street, and Duke Street in Rooty Hill as part of the Government's Pinch Point Program (ref Q.5540)?(a) If so, where is this information located in the Budget Papers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes; (a) Page 3-6.

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- \*5813 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH AREA—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Has there been an increase in the number of patients referred to the imaging, scanning and X-ray services in public hospitals within the Hunter New England Health Area?
  - (2) What services are available and at which public hospitals in the Hunter New England Health Area?

(3) Does Hunter New England Health market the availability of these services to general practitioners?(a) If so, what has been the outcome of these actions?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) In 2013-14 a total of 421,592 examinations were performed across HNE LHD, compared to 408,260 in 2012-13, an increase of 3.3%.

Hunter New England Imaging services operate across 33 health services within the Local Health District. Services offered in and around the Cessnock electorate include:

- John Hunter Hospital provides X-ray, MRI, PET, ultrasound, CT scans, nuclear medicine, interventional radiology, digital subtraction angiography and diagnostic mammography.
- Maitland Hospital provides X-ray, ultrasound and CT scans.
- Cessnock District Hospital provides X-ray and ultrasound imaging.
- Kurri Kurri District Hospital provides X-ray imaging.

Hunter New England Imaging meets and communicates regularly with the Hunter Medicare Local to ensure that its services are meeting the needs of referring doctors. As a public service, the focus is on providing quality imaging to the community.

- \*5814 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Are costs associated with Visiting Medical Officers working in hospitals in New South Wales recorded on a per hospital basis?
  - (2) Are they recorded on a per Health District basis?
  - (3) Are they recorded on a state wide basis?
  - (4) Are the records publicly available?
    - (a) If so, where can they be found?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) - (4) Expenditure on Visiting Medical Officers, at both a consolidated state wide basis and by Local Health District and Specialty Health Network, is published as part of the NSW Health Annual Report, which is publicly available on the NSW Health website.

\*5815 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What funds have been made available for the construction of the new Lower Hunter Hospital from:
  - (a) The NSW Health Budget 2014-15;
  - (b) The Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund 2014-15; and
  - (c) The NSW Resources for Regions Program 2014-15?
- (2) Will any funds be sought from private investors during 2014-15?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The Government has committed \$20 million for planning and site acquisition for the New Maitland Hospital in its first term of Government. The 2014-15 NSW Budget included an allocation of \$3.2 million for the project.

No funds will be sought from private investors during 2014-15.

\*5816 RADIOLOGIST REPORT WAITING TIMES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the current average waiting time for a consultant radiologist report on a plain X-ray at the following hospitals:

- (a) Cessnock;
- (b) Kurri Kurri;
- (c) Maitland; and
- (d) John Hunter?

Answer—

I am advised:

The average waiting time for non-emergency plain x-rays is:

(a) 4.08 days at Cessnock District Hospital.

(b) 2.38 days at Kurri Kurri District Hospital.

(c) 4.13 days at Maitland Hospital.

(d) 7.75 days at John Hunter Hospital.

These waiting times are considered average for routine examinations. Waiting times are shorter for emergency and acute cases where urgent treatment needs to be informed by imaging.

The Local Health District continually reviews waiting times and the capacity of the radiology workforce to understand how models of service can be modified to better meet service demand.

\*5817 CLEANING OF TRAIN CARRIAGES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Since the outsourcing of cleaning of the train carriage network, is the contracted time for regular cleaning of each carriage daily, weekly or monthly?
- (2) Are these minimum contracted requirements being adhered to?
- (3) Have complaints from public transport users increased, decreased or remained stagnant since outsourcing commenced?
- (4) How many complaints have been received?
- (5) What is the time frame for completion of complaint cleaning to be finalised?

Answer-

I am advised:

At present, all NSW Trains carriages are cleaned by employees of Transport Cleaning Services, a Government agency.

\*5818 GROWTH BUSES-Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter-

(1) How many of the 91 growth buses announced in this year's Budget will be built in New South Wales?

(a) Of these, how many will be built in the Hunter?

Answer-

I am advised:

Bus orders are not yet finalised for the 91 new growth buses being funded as part of the 2014-15 Budget.

\*5819 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

Since 1 July 2011, which public schools in the Cessnock electorate have had a demountable building:

- (a) Added to their grounds for use;
- (b) Removed and replaced by permanent classrooms; and
- (c) Removed because the student population decreased and the building was no longer required?

Answer-

The demountable classrooms have been on school sites for varied periods, as demountables are moved on and off sites as required.

The Department continues to monitor enrolment growth across New South Wales and provide additional permanent accommodation. Projects are assessed and prioritised for funding against competing priorities in all New South Wales government schools.

Since 2011, 694 new permanent classrooms have been announced, which reduces the need for demountables in our schools.

\*5820 LOWER HUNTER REGIONAL PLANNING STRATEGY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

When will the revised Lower Hunter Regional Planning Strategy, or Growth Strategy as it is known, be finalised and released?

Answer—

I am advised:

A draft regional plan for the Lower Hunter will be exhibited for public comment later this year.

- \*5821 COAL MINING ROYALTIES SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
  - (1) How are coal mining royalties collected in New South Wales?
  - (2) What is the dollar per tonne rate?
  - (3) Is the collection of mining royalties for other minerals the same as it is for coal?
  - (4) What is the dollar per tonne rate for other minerals?

Answer-

The Mining Act 1992 requires the holder of a mining lease to pay royalty to the Crown.

Lease holders are required to lodge a monthly royalty return, summarising coal sales and disposals for the period, and the royalty payment by the 21st of each month, for the previous month.

The information to answer these questions can be found online at http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/compliance-and-reporting/royalties.

- \*5822 FAIR TRADING BUDGET CUTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
  - (1) How will the \$19.2 million dollar cut to the 2014-15 Fair Trading budget affect the following functions of the Department:
    - (a) Consumer complaint handling;
    - (b) Public warnings compliance and enforcement;
    - (c) Enforcement action compliance and enforcement;
    - (d) Home Building operations, compliance and enforcement;
    - (e) Plumbing Inspection and Assurance Services;
    - (f) Energy and utilities electrical and gas;
    - (g) Civil Litigation;
    - (h) Consumer service delivery;
    - (i) Dispute resolution;
    - (j) Compliance and enforcement actions in the area of:
      - (i) Prosecutions;
      - (ii) Inspections;
      - (iii) Investigations;
      - (iv) Penalty notices issued?

### Answer-

The NSW Fair Trading budget has been adjusted to reflect the transfer of certain services from Fair Trading to other agencies, as a result of the establishment of Service NSW and the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

\*5823 COMPLAINTS FINALISED WITHIN 30 DAYS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

What impact has the \$19.2 million cut to the 2014-15 Fair Trading budget had on the forecasted reduction in the number of complaints finalised within 30 days from 90% to 85% (ref. "NSW Budget Paper 3 - Budget Estimates")?

Answer-

The NSW Fair Trading budget has been adjusted to reflect the transfer of certain services from Fair Trading to other agencies, as a result of the establishment of Service NSW and the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

- \*5824 DEPARTMENT OF FAIR TRADING JOB LOSSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
  - (1) How many contract and permanent positions have been removed within the Department of Fair Trading and across branches as a result of the \$19.2 million dollar cut to the 2014-15 Fair Trading budget?
  - (2) Within which sections of the Department will these job losses occur?

Answer-

The NSW Fair Trading budget has been adjusted to reflect the transfer of certain services from Fair Trading to other agencies, as a result of the establishment of Service NSW and the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

- \*5825 TATTOO PARLOUR LICENSE APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
  - (1) How many applications have been received from tattoo parlours for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws between 1 October 2013 and 19 June 2014 (ref Q.5435)?
    - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
    - (b) How many of these applications were from the Bankstown or East Hills electorates?
  - (2) How many applications have been received from tattoo artists for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws?
    - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
    - (b) How many of these applications were from the Bankstown or East Hills electorates?

#### Answer-

(1) NSW Fair Trading received 46 applications from tattoo parlours for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws between 1 October 2013 and 19 June 2014.

(a) As at 25 June 2014, 17 of these applications had been approved.

(b) NSW Fair Trading does not record applications by electorate.

(2) As at 25 June 2014, Fair Trading had received a total of 705 applications from tattoo artists for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws.

(a) As at 25 June 2014, 476 of these applications had been approved.

(b) NSW Fair Trading does not record applications by electorate.

\*5826 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT BIRRONG RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Why have no funds been allocated for the installation of an easy access lift, the construction of increased commuter shelter, and parking at Birrong Railway Station in the 2014-15 financial year (ref. "NSW Budget Paper 4 - Infrastructure Statement")?
- (2) Has funding been set aside for this project?(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

Budget paper 4 details the 2014-15 funding allocation for the Transport Access Program.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5827 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Why have no funds been allocated for the installation of an easy access lift at Chester Hill Railway Station in the 2014-15 financial year (ref. "NSW Budget Paper 4 Infrastructure Statement")?
- (2) Has funding been set aside for this project?(a) If not, why not?

Answer-

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station

upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

Budget paper 4 details the 2014-15 funding allocation for the Transport Access Program.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5828 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Why have no funds been allocated for the installation of an easy access lift at Yagoona Railway Station in the 2014-15 financial year (ref. "NSW Budget Paper 4 Infrastructure Statement")?
- (2) Has funding been set aside for this project?(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

Budget paper 4 details the 2014-15 funding allocation for the Transport Access Program.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

\*5829 DUST EMISSION INSPECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

How many announced and unannounced inspections have been carried out at 81 Gow Street, Padstow regarding dust emissions in each of the years 2011 to 2014 (to date)?

Answer-

I am advised as follows:

The Environment Protection Authority has conducted the following number of site inspections at 81 Gow Street, Padstow:

- (a) 3 inspections during 2011.
- (b) 2 inspections during 2012.
- (c) 2 inspections during 2013.
- (d) 2 inspections during 2014 (year to date).
- \*5830 POLES AND WIRES PRIVATISATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Premier guarantee that the privatisation of 49% of the "poles and wires" distribution network will not result in increased electricity bills for the Bankstown community?

Answer-

Contrary to the scare campaigns of the Opposition, electricity network businesses are strictly regulated for their prices and service standards, regardless of ownership. Evidence shows that network prices for households have fallen in real terms in jurisdictions where the poles and wires have private owners. As a precondition of the Rebuilding NSW plan the Government will discount electricity prices by 1% off the forecast regulated prices until 2019 to put further downward pressure on electricity bills.

\*5831 NSW FOOD AUTHORITY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How will the Government's decision to decrease funding to the NSW Food Authority by 26.7% in the 2014-15 budget impact on the quality of services the NSW Food Authority can deliver to the people of New South Wales?
- (2) Will any public sector jobs be lost as a result of this reduction in funding?

I am advised:

The NSW Food Authority falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Primary Industries. This Question should be redirected accordingly.

\*5832 SPECIAL CARE NURSERY AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

When will the Master Plan for the future development of the Special Care Nursery at Fairfield Hospital be completed?

Answer-

I am advised:

It is anticipated that the Master Plan for the future development of Fairfield Hospital will be completed by the end of 2014. The future requirements of the Special Care Nursery will be considered as part of this process.

\*5833 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How much funding has been allocated to Fairfield Hospital for the 2014-15 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The budget allocation to Fairfield Hospital for the 2014-15 financial year is currently being prepared and will be publicly available online.

- \*5834 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE-Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-
  - (1) How many reports were made to the NSW Graffiti Hotline between 1 November 2013 and 28 February 2014?
  - (2) How many of these reports were from the Holroyd, Bankstown and Fairfield Local Government Areas?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) 287.

(2) Eight were from Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA), one was from Fairfield LGA and none were received from Holroyd LGA.

- \*5835 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE REPORTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
  - (1) How many reports were made to the NSW Graffiti Hotline between 1 July 2013 and 31 October 2013?
  - (2) How many of these reports were from the Holroyd, Bankstown and Fairfield Local Government Areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 427.

(2) 17 were from Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA), two were from Holroyd LGA and none were received from Fairfield LGA.

\*5836 TRANSPORT CLEANING SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

What standards have been set for Transport Cleaning Services to maintain the cleanliness on the trains and stations throughout New South Wales?

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has a set of standards for both station and train cleaning in line with commercial benchmarks. Train and station audits are regularly carried out by an independent verifier to ensure that these standards are being met.

\*5837 NSW BUSES CONSTRUCTION TENDER—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

How is the Government supporting the 130 men and women who lost their jobs at Custom Coaches in Villawood as a result of the Government's decision to hand over the tender for the construction of NSW Buses to a Queensland based company?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW acquire buses from the Bus Procurement Panel. Custom Coaches is a supplier on the panel. Bus operators select buses from the panel.

- \*5838 AMBULANCE HUB STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) When are works due to commence in the Liverpool, Bankstown, and Blacktown Ambulance Hub Stations following the funding allocation in the 2014-15 state budget?
  - (2) How many new vehicles are due to be leased to the Ambulance Hub Stations in Liverpool, Bankstown, and Blacktown?

Answer-

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Health.

- \*5839 REDEVELOPMENT OF PIRTEK STADIUM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
  - (1) When will the final scope of the redevelopment of Pirtek Stadium in Parramatta be determined?
  - (2) When will these plans be finalised?

Answer-

Consultation on the final project scope with key stakeholders has concluded. The Board of Venues NSW is currently finalising the project scope and timeframe.

\*5840 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME-CARE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

How many placements in Out-of-Home-Care for Aboriginal children and young people were delivered by Aboriginal carers and Aboriginal caseworkers within accredited community controlled Aboriginal agencies in each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2013-14?

Answer-

Information on the number of Aboriginal children and young people placed with Aboriginal carers is published in the Community Services Annual Statistical Reports which are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/welcome to docs website.html.

### \*5841 SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FOR YOUNG WOMEN—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

Given the impending closure of the Lillian Howell Project in Erskineville and the Young Peoples Refuge in Leichhardt:

- (1) What gender specific Specialist Homelessness Services for young women exist in the inner west of Sydney?
- (2) What gender specific Specialist Homelessness Services for young women in crisis exist in the inner west of Sydney?
- (3) What Specialist Homelessness Services offering transitional housing services to young women leaving out of home care are provided in the inner west of Sydney?

Details of the Going Home Staying Home reform are available on the Housing NSW website at:

http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/Going+Home+Staying+Home/

\*5842 EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

How will the Minister ensure Aboriginal children in Ballina, Brewarrina, Lighting Ridge, Gunnedah, Campbelltown, Minto, Nowra, Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Doonside and Toronto have continued access to early childhood services, following the Federal Government's decision to cut funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Family Centres (ACFCS)?

Answer—

The Aboriginal Child and Family Centres were an initiative of the former Federal Government. The funding commitment made by the former Government ended in June 2014. No provision was made by the former Government post June 2014.

- \*5843 KINGSGROVE BUS DEPOT SERVICE REVIEW—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) What was the outcome of the Kingsgrove Bus Depot service review?
  - (2) What were the review findings regarding the on time running of Bus Service 413?
  - (3) Will the frequency of Bus Service 413 be maintained?

Answer-

I am advised:

The Kingsgrove Bus Depot service review has delivered reliability improvements for on time running of bus services.

There are no plans to alter Route 413 timetable. Route 413 is expected to benefit from the Inner West Bus Improvement Program.

- \*5844 LITTLE YUIN ABORIGINAL PRESCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—
  - (1) How many children are currently enrolled at the Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool in Wallaga Lake?
  - (2) Is the Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool in receipt of transitional preschool funding from the Department of Education and Communities?
    - (a) If so, what is the current level of transitional preschool funding in each of the financial years 2013-14 to 2015-16?
  - (3) Is the Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool in receipt of viability preschool funding from the Department of Education and Communities?
    - (a) If so, what is the current level of viability preschool funding in each of the financial years 2013-14 to 2015-16?
  - (4) What alternative arrangements exist to ensure children from Wallaga Lakes have access to an early childhood education should Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool close?

Answer-

(1) In the 2013 Annual Preschool Census, the Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool reported 14 enrolled children.

(2) Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool is receiving transition funding from the Department of Education and Communities. If there are no changes in enrolments or operating characteristics, transition funding will be provided in full for the current and next financial year. In 2016, this will be phased down to 50% transition funding.

(a) \$45,021 in the 2013-14 financial year, \$45,021 in the 2014-15 financial year, and \$22,510 in the 2015-16 financial year.

(3) The viability program is due to commence once transition funding has ended.

(4) The Department of Education and Communities is working with Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool and is providing additional funding assistance so that it can continue to operate as a preschool.

- \*5845 LITTLE YUIN ABORIGINAL PRESCHOOL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
  - (1) How many children are currently enrolled at the Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool in Wallaga Lake?
  - (2) What alternative arrangements exist to ensure children from Wallaga Lakes have access to an early childhood education should Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool close?

This question should be directed to the Minister for Education.

- \*5846 MILLERS POINT SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—
  - (1) What consideration has been given to allowing aged and vulnerable tenants to continue living in appropriate Millers Point housing given the poor health and wellbeing outcomes of moving identified in the Social Impact Assessment and the Government's Ageing in Place policy?
  - (2) What action has been taken on my request to ensure relocation officers are offering all tenants access to support services, counselling and legal advice when they contact tenants about relocation?
  - (3) What action has been taken on my request to provide tenants with written confirmation about the number of offers to which they are entitled, their legal rights, support services available and how they can raise concerns about the relocation process?
  - (4) What consideration has been given to relocating longstanding neighbouring tenants in groups so they can continue to provide support and to retain social capital?
  - (5) What consideration has been given to delaying the relocation of tenants until new inner city public housing is built, such as the Cowper Street Glebe development?
  - (6) What other measures will the Government take to reduce the social and health impacts of this relocation?

Answer-

The Government is working to make the social housing system more transparent, fair and sustainable. With specific regard to Millers Point, I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that Housing NSW is working with each tenant to ensure that they are provided with suitable accommodation and are well settled in their new community.

\*5847 ETHICS CLASSES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What percentage of public schools in New South Wales provide ethics classes as an alternative to special religious education?
- (2) What percentage of public schools in the Sydney electorate provide ethics classes as an alternative to special religious education?
- (3) What action will the Government take to encourage more people to train as volunteer ethics teachers to ensure students whose parents choose to opt out of religious education continue to learn during this time?

Answer—

(1) - (2) The Department of Education and Communities is currently developing systems for the annual collection of data on the number of schools delivering special education in ethics.

The Government is not responsible for training teachers of special education in ethics. Training is the responsibility of the approved provider.

- \*5848 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB LEASE REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
  - (1) What is the timeframe for the Paddington Bowling Club lease review?
  - (2) How will the review consider allegations about the lease and those in control of the land and facility?
  - (3) How will the review consider the alienation of Crown Land for private parking?
  - (4) How will the review consider past and current investigations of registered clubs and liquor licence requirements that might indicate breaches of lease conditions?
  - (5) Will the review address changes to the bowling club business model that has resulted in incidents of anti-social behaviour and caused negative noise impacts on local residents?
  - (6) How will the review incorporate community input about the lease arrangements?
  - (7) Will the review documents and final report be made available to the public?

(8) How will the Government inform the community of the review outcomes?

(9) How will the Government assess due diligence and proper oversight of this lease?

(10) What further action will the Government take to ensure protection of this Crown Land?

Answer-

(1) The review is underway.

(2) - (5) The Terms of Reference for the Review were published on the Legislative Council Question and Answer Paper in response to Q.5664. Note that general investigations into the conduct of registered clubs and liquor licence requirements are not relevant to the Terms of Reference.

(6) All material provided by members of the community, including Friends Of Quarry Street in relation to the Terms of Reference has been forwarded to the reviewer.

(7) - (8) This will be decided once the report has been received and considered.

(9) Assessment will be guided by the Review Report recommendations.

(10) A decision on whether any further action is required will be made once the Review Report has been received and considered.

- \*5849 ELIZABETH BAY MARINA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) When was the expression of interest or tender for the lease of the Elizabeth Bay Marina made public, given the former lease expired in 2009 (ref Q.4954)?
  - (2) Has the Government observed any affiliation between previous lessees and persons or entities involved in the ICAC corruption findings?
    - (a) If so, what action was taken in response to these affiliations?
  - (3) What Procurement Policies and Guidelines, ICAC guidelines, and Maritime Authority policies and guidelines apply to the Elizabeth Bay Marina?
    - (a) Do these policies require an open tender or expression of interest process?
  - (4) How will the Government ensure that future leases for this site are open for public tender and awarded in the best interest of the public?
  - (5) How will the Government ensure that tender procedures prevent leases being allocated to corrupt entities or individuals?
  - (6) How will the Government ensure that the safety and amenity of the adjacent precinct and residents is protected under future leases?
  - (7) What community consultation has been undertaken regarding this site and its future, including the lease?
  - (8) What are the Government's plans for the lease on the Elizabeth Bay Marina?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (8) Roads and Maritime Services has management responsibility for the Elizabeth Bay Marina lease. The lease for Elizabeth Bay Marina expired on 31 December 2009 and it is now operating under a Statutory Periodic Tenancy.

Roads and Maritime is developing a strategy for the future management of the Marina before releasing an expression of interest. As part of the due diligence for the strategy, Roads and Maritime will consult with the community and other relevant stakeholders.

Roads and Maritime will manage the release of the expression of interest in line with applicable Government Procurement Policies and Guidelines, taking into consideration relevant Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) guidance. When assessing expressions of interest. Roads and Maritime will undertake appropriate background checking and receive probity advice, in line with similar commercial leasing arrangements entered into by the agency.

Roads and Maritime has and will continue to co-operate fully with all applicable ICAC requests and investigations. Any corrupt activity identified or suspected would be subject of a referral by the relevant authority to the ICAC.

- \*5850 CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL LIBRARY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) Can the Minister outline the services provided to staff and patients at the Campbelltown Hospital

Library?

(2) Are there plans to restructure the operations and staffing levels of the library?

(a) If so, what consultation has the Ministry of Health undertaken with staff and patients?

- (3) Were any recommendations for changes to the library made by independent or internal reviews/reports?
  - (a) If so, what are the names of these reports?
  - (b) If so, will these reports be made publically available?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) - (3) There are no current plans to restructure the operations and staffing levels of the Campbelltown Hospital Clinical Library. There have been no independent or internal reviews reviews/reports undertaken that involve the Campbelltown Hospital Clinical Library.

- \*5851 CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL LIBRARY FTE STAFF—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were budgeted for at the Campbelltown Hospital Library in the 2013-14 financial year?
  - (2) How many FTE staff have been budgeted for at this facility in the 2014-15 budget?
  - (3) What was the total budget for this facility in 2013-14?
  - (4) What is the total budget for this facility in 2014-15?

Answer-

I am advised that:

(1) - (4) The 2014-15 budget for Campbelltown Hospital has not been finalised, however no reductions in FTE are planned for the Clinical Library.

- \*5852 ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
  - (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are currently employed in the food services department, managed by Health Share, at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) hospital?(a) What plans exist to reduce this number?
  - (2) What consultations regarding staff reductions did Health Share management engage in with:
    - (a) administration at RPA;
    - (b) any affected staff; and
    - (c) the relevant union(s)?
  - (3) Will additional staff be required in the food services department in order to service the new Missenden Mental Health Unit when it opens?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) Currently there are 86.83 FTE equivalent HealthShare NSW staff employed at RPA Hospital in the food services department. All RPA Food Services staff have been informed of the review. There has been ongoing consultation with the Health Services Union, which commenced on 10 March 2014.

Staffing will be required for the Mental Health Unit when it opens in November 2014. Plans for this are currently being finalised by the Local Health District.

\*5853 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many children have died as a result of domestic violence in New South Wales for each of the last ten years?
  - (a) What are the ages of these children?
  - (b) How many of these deaths were perpetrated by the child's non-biological de-facto stepfather?
  - (c) What research has been conducted into identifying causal or risk factors in these cases?
- (2) What public education campaigns are planned or already in place to alert people to risk factors and available interventions in domestic violence situations?

Answer-

This question should be referred to the Attorney General and Minister for Justice.

\*5854 NUTRITION IN SCHOOLS POLICY—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Minister review the current Nutrition in Schools Policy to ensure that monitoring and evaluation requirements are fully implemented so that school canteens follow the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy?
  - (a) If so, when will this review take place?
  - (b) If so, when can the results be expected?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that any reviews of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy are in line with the 2013 Australian Dietary Guidelines that advise limited sugar consumption?
- (3) Will the Minister ensure that any revisions to the NSW Health School Canteen Strategy consider the abolition of nutrient-based criteria as a tool for assessing the health status of foods available in school canteens, and consider alternative approaches that endorse fresh whole foods?
- (4) How many reviews of canteen operations by principals in the 2,500 New South Wales schools with canteens have been submitted to the Department of Education and Communities since the Nutrition in Schools Policy was introduced in July 2011?
  - (a) What percentage is this of the total reviews that should have been received?
  - (b) Of the submitted reviews, what proportion of school canteens are meeting the current Strategy guidelines?
- (5) What will be done to assist schools whose canteens are not complying with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy guidelines?

#### Answer-

(1) - (3) I am advised that a review of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy will be undertaken. The Department of Education and Communities is advised by the NSW Ministry of Health on matters relating to nutrition and the review of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy will therefore be undertaken in partnership. Work is being done to scope and develop a timeline for the review. It will be important for the Nutrition in Schools policy to align with the outcomes of this review.

The review of the Strategy will also need to align with current population health nutrition guidelines, such as the Australian Dietary Guidelines 2013, while recognising that canteens are often run by community members who are not necessarily experts in nutrition.

(4) None. Schools are not required to submit completed canteen self-assessments to the Department. The self-assessment tool available on the Department's website is designed to assist schools to determine their level of implementation of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. The tool is intended to help individual schools identify where achievements have been made, where more work needs to be done, and where challenges are faced and additional support is needed.

(5) Resources and assistance are provided to schools to support the implementation of healthy canteens. For example, through the Live Life Well @ School program funded by the NSW Ministry of Health, primary schools can access their local health promotion officer, who can help them with their canteen menus. Resources are also available on the Department's website, or schools can access non-government organisations with nutrition expertise, in response to their local needs.

- \*5855 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
  - (1) Why is Haberfield not on the State Heritage Register, given that in 2002 the then-Minister for Planning announced that the Government would work on protocols to do so?
  - (2) What did the Planning Department or Heritage Office do to implement the Minister's decision?
  - (3) Has the NSW Heritage Council been briefed on the Haberfield suburb and the efforts to include it on the State Heritage Register?
  - (4) What action has the Minister or the Heritage Office taken in response to multiple letters from Ashfield Council offering to cooperate with the listing?
  - (5) Will the Minister immediately initiate the statutory procedures required for listing Haberfield on the NSW State Heritage Register?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

A nomination was received in 2002 to list a 'Haberfield Conservation Area' on the State Heritage Register under the NSW Heritage Act 1977. Following public consultation and investigation the nomination was deferred.

The Heritage Council are currently exploring options for recognising and supporting the heritage values of Haberfield. Ashfield Council and the Office of Environment and Heritage are meeting in late July to discuss heritage management in Haberfield further.

- \*5856 SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) When will the flashing lights at Mount Keira Demonstration school be installed?
  - (2) When will the flashing lights at other schools in the Keira electorate be installed?

Answer—

I am advised:

All schools will have school zone flashing lights by December 2015. A rollout schedule for the expanded school zone flashing lights program is under development. Flashing lights will be rolled out in a systematic manner by local government area clusters to ensure a cost-effective delivery of the program. Schools will be advised of installation times in July 2014.

- \*5857 APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) Have the planned 2013-14 upgrades to Appin Road, including resurfacing and rehabilitation works, been fully completed?
  - (2) What further plans are there to continue to improve Appin Road?
  - (3) Are there plans to widen Appin Road?
  - (4) Are there plans to review the speed limit on Appin Road?
  - (5) What community consultation has taken place in relation to the ongoing safety issues on Appin Road?

Answer-

I am advised:

(1) - (2) This year, nearly \$745,000 has been spent resurfacing sections of the road south of Appin. This work is now complete. A further \$150,000 was spent upgrading signage and line markings along the entire route and installing 360 metres of guardrail west of Loddon River.

(3) Roads and Maritime has no plans to widen Appin Road. Roads and Maritime is investigating targeted safety upgrades following the Road Safety Review.

(4) A speed zone review will be carried out specifically on the 100 km/h sections and other smaller targeted sections of Appin Road.

(5) The most recent community consultation was on the proposal to remove 24 trees from both sides of Appin Road at Gilead to reduce roadside hazards.

- \*5858 SOUTH COAST TRAIN LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
  - (1) What feedback data will be used during the planned review of the South Coast train line being conducted in October 2014?
    - (a) Will this review include all complaints lodged on the Transport for NSW 131500 feedback line?
    - (b) Will all Ministerial representations be included?
    - (c) What consultation will take place with the local community?
    - (d) Will the Minister hold consultative meetings with local stakeholders?
      - (i) If yes, how will they be advertised?
      - (ii) If not, why not?
  - (2) What safety measures have been introduced at Helensburgh, since the implementation of the new timetable, to reduce the risk of harm to passengers who need to change trains late at night?
  - (3) When will residents be informed of the results of the Thirroul Railway Station area parking review?
  - (4) How many police officers are on trains on the South Coast Line in the evening?
  - (5) How many fare evasion penalties have been issued on the South Coast Line so far in 2014?
  - (6) What is the current status of phone connectivity along the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW monitors patronage and customer feedback to ensure services meet customer

needs.

(2) - (3) In 2012, the Government announced a new \$770 million Transport Access Program to deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, commuter car parks and safety improvements including extra lighting, help points, fences and security measures for car parks and interchanges.

More planning and design work is underway to see which projects will come next. Helensburgh and Thirroul Stations will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

(4) The Police Transport Command is deployed based on risk and intelligence.

(5) Transport Officers (of which there are 150) are now issuing more infringements than the Transit Officers they replaced. Transport Officers have been issuing around 10,000 fines per month. This compares to an average of 8,223 fines per month issued by Transit Officers between 2008 and 2012.

(6) Areas outside the closed rail corridor are traditionally under the network provider's responsibility. However, NSW Trainlink is working with mobile providers to enhance coverage on the South Coast Line.

## \*5859 ENFIELD INTERMODAL LOGISTICS CENTRE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Are the extensive landscaped areas and the "Community and Ecological Area" of the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre going to be constructed in accordance with the consent approval?(a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is such approval of the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre at all affected by the dispute between Strathfield City Council and the Department of Planning regarding Strathfield City Council's Local Environment Plan or proposed Local Environment Plan?(a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Development approval for the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre was granted under the former Government's Part 3A planning laws.

The Part 3A Project Approval is not affected by any discussions between Council and the Department regarding the proposed LEP.

\*5860 PRISONER PROPERTY STORAGE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What action is the Department of Corrective Services taking to ensure that the property of prisoners which had previously been held in storage by the Prisoners' Aid Association and the property of future prisoners are preserved for when they are released, following the decision to cut funding to the Prisoners' Aid Association after 30 June 2014?

Answer—

(1) The Prisoners' Aid Association has met with the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice, and the Commissioner of Corrective Services, and arrangements have been made for the development, over the next three months, of a model and process for the future storage of inmate property.

Dependent on the outcome of this work, Corrective Services NSW will consider entering into a new arrangement with the Prisoners' Aid Association.

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5861 OUTSTANDING HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE ISSUES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- 5862 MAINTENANCE ISSUES RESPONSE TIME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5863 REPLACEMENT BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5864 BUS ROUTES 263 AND 267—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5865 TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON GEORGE BOOTH DRIVE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5866 NEW ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BEDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- \*5867 HUNTER WATER METERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
  - (1) Is there a set number of Hunter Water meters that are replaced each year?
    - (a) If so, how many were replaced in the following financial years:
      - (i) 2010-11;
      - (ii) 2011-12;
      - (iii) 2012-13; and
      - (iv) 2013-14?
  - (2) How many are scheduled to be replaced in 2014-15?
  - (3) What is the average cost to replace a meter?
  - (4) What is done with the replaced meters that were still in working order when removed?

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (a) (i) 24,263; (ii) 13,801; (iii) 11,528; (iv) 10,509.
- (2) 29,000.
- (3) \$43.10.
- (4) The meter is sent to a recycle facility for disposal.
- 5868 LIFE SUPPORT ELECTRICITY REBATES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 5869 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5870 448 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5871 SHORT TRIP TICKETS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5872 ABATTOIR GAS CHAMBERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- 5873 PRUNING IMPACTS ON STREET TREES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 5874 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- \*5875 DISABILITY PAYROLL TAX REBATES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance and Services—
  - (1) What rebates or exemptions does the Government provide for employers to employ people with a disability?

- (2) What plans does the Government have to expand on existing help to employers?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to support people with a disability through payroll tax relief?

These questions should be directed to the Treasurer.

- 5876 INNER CITY WOMEN'S REFUGES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5877 REDUCING POKER MACHINE BETTING LIMITS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 5878 UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5879 JOINT SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5880 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW-Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice-
- 5881 COURT REPORTING IN THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5882 DEPARTMENTAL COURT REPORTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5883 SINGLE SEX YOUTH REFUGES-Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services-
- 5884 YOUTH REFUGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5885 POLICE COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 5886 SOCIAL BENEFIT BONDS-Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations-
- 5887 SMYTH REVIEW OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 5888 CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 5889 NEPEAN BLUE MOUNTAINS LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 5890 WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 5891 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 5892 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 5893 TRANSPACIFIC LIQUID WASTE TREATMENT PLANT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 5894 PARKING FEE REVENUE AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 5895 CARDIAC WARD AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5896 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5897 ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATED FUND—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 5898 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5899 COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEES—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5900 F6 EXTENSION—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5901 WOMEN'S REFUGE AND SUPPORT SERVICE CLOSURES—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 5902 FLYING FOX COLONY AT KAREELA—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 5903 ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5904 FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5905 NEW BUS SERVICES-Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter-
- 5906 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5907 BERRY BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 5908 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5909 CAMPBELLFIELD HOUSE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5910 SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT ACT 2000—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5911 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS NETWORK—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5912 CONCESSIONS FOR PENSIONERS AND SENIORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 5913 RAYMOND TERRACE GP SUPERCLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 5914 PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAPACITY—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5915 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

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