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*0222 BUS INTERCHANGE—MOUNT DRUITT RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) (a) Is there conflict between the Department of Transport and the Blacktown City Council over who is responsible for the upkeep of the bus interchange at the Mount Druitt Railway Station?
- (b) If so, what is the basis for this conflict?
- (2) Is the department aware of vandalism to the bus shelters at this location?
- (3) When will repairs be carried out on the damaged bus shelters?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) RailCorp is working with Blacktown City Council to finalise the Lease and the Maintenance Management and Operations Agreement for the Bus Rail Interchange.

Under the Draft Agreement, RailCorp owns the elevated assets including support structures and services, RailCorp network CCTV, lifts and escalators bus driver facility assets, switch room and substation.

Blacktown City Council owns the ground floor assets in Beames Avenue, North Parade and the Bus Rail Interchange including the bus shelters. It is anticipated that the Lease and Agreement will be finalised by August 2011.

- (2) and (3) No. This is a matter for Blacktown City Council, which is responsible for maintenance of the bus shelters.

*0224 BROADMEADOW SPORTING PRECINCT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What involvement will Hunter community members have in the operations of the Broadmeadow sporting precinct now that the Government has dissolved local Hunter Venues Board and delegated control to the Office of Communities in Sydney?

Answer—

As I indicated in the written response to a Question Without Notice asked on 22 June 2011 by the Honourable Mick Veitch and since supplied for publication, I am advised the decision by the Minister for Sport and Recreation to take control of the Hunter Region Sporting Venues Authority was to allay any concerns about the operation of facilities under the Authorities control, to guarantee outstanding payments to suppliers, and ensure stringent controls are in place regarding all future authority operations.

Newcastle business leaders Mr Glenn Turner (Chair), Mr Keith Lynch and Ms Catherine Tate were appointed to the Board of the Hunter Region Sporting Venues Authority on 6 July. The appointments are for an interim period of up to 12 months, whilst a longer term review of the Authority is undertaken.

Since the removal of the Authority's Board members Bob McGregor AM has been Acting General Manager of the Hunter Region Sporting Venues Authority with a senior executive from the Office of Communities assisting in managing the day-to-day operations.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring communities across the State continue to have access to high level sports and sporting facilities, but it is imperative that those in charge meet budgets and are fiscally responsible with taxpayer funds.

*0225 REPLY TO EMAIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has the Attorney General replied to the email from Rob Roseworne sent to him on or about 1 June 2011 concerning a request under s. 316 of the Crimes Act?
- (2) If so, what is the response?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) I have received two emails from Mr Roseworne about this issue, dated 5 May 2011 and 14 June 2011.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Justice replied to Mr Roseworne's first email on 8 June 2011. Mr Roseworne was advised that I have no power to investigate allegations of criminal conduct, and that this is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force. This matter was referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Justice replied to Mr Roseworne's second email on 30 June 2011. Mr Roseworne was advised that, while in certain circumstances a prosecution for an offence under section 316 of the Crimes Act 1900 requires my approval, the investigation of any alleged offence is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force.

(3) Not applicable.

*0228 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0229 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District staff numbers is not maintained by Local Government Area (LGA). There are four LGAs in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven) and many staff work across health facilities in those LGAs. As at 5 June 2011 there were 4,210 FTE based in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

As at 1 June 2011 the Ambulance Service of NSW employed 90 FTE at five ambulance stations and the Illawarra Sector office in the Wollongong Local Government Area.

*0230 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0231 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0232 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

- *0234 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

- *0235 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

- *0236 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

- *0238 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

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(Paper No. 18)

- *0239 INTERSECTIONS WITH MOST RECORDED ACCIDENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority keep records of the most accident-prone intersections in the State?

(2) What are the five intersections with the most recorded accidents in the Mount Druitt electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The RTA does not compile formal records of intersections with the greatest number of total road crashes (vehicle or pedestrian). The RTA only reports on crashes where a person was killed or injured or where at least one vehicle was towed away.

(2) As outlined in (1), the RTA only reports on crashes where a person was killed or injured or where at least one vehicle was towed away. Using these parameters, the five intersections with the most recorded number of crashes in the Mt Druitt electorate for the period between 2005-09 are:

- Great Western Highway and Carlisle Avenue, Mt. Druitt/Minchinbury.
- Rooty Hill Road and Jersey Road, Oakhurst/Plumpton.
- Great Western Highway and Rooty Hill/Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek.
- Luxford Road and Palmyra Avenue, Lethbridge Park.
- Railway Street and Sherbrooke Road, Rooty Hill.

*0242 CHILDREN TRANSFERRED FROM JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In the six months July to December 2010:

- (1) How many children presented to the John Hunter Emergency Department?
- (2) How many children needing after-hours emergency surgery were transferred from John Hunter Hospital to Sydney for surgery, and then back to the John Hunter Hospital for post-operative care?
- (3) Were any adverse outcomes recorded?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 9,139 children (age less than 16) presented to John Hunter Hospital's Emergency Department between 1 July 2010 and 31 December 2010.
- (2) Between July and December 2010 thirteen patients (aged less than 16) were transferred from John Hunter Hospital to Sydney hospitals for ongoing care, one being transferred after hours.
- (3) No adverse outcomes were recorded for paediatric patients transferred during this period.

*0243 BREACH OF NON-PUBLICATION ORDER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is your justification for breaching the non-publication order made by Deputy State Coroner MacMahon on 18 October 2010 concerning a death at St Leonards on 12 March 2008 when you tabled a report under section 23 of the Coroner's Act on 27 May 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the member to my response to a question without notice asked by Mr John Robertson on 22 June 2011. I can advise that an amended report has now been tabled.

*0244 CRIMINAL CHARGES OR INDICTMENTS NOT BE PROCEEDED WITH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Did the Crime Commission request, seek or submit to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions that criminal charges or indictments against James Kinch not be proceeded with?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) when was that request or submission made;
 - (b) who was the author of that request or submission;
 - (c) what was the response;
 - (d) when was the response?

Answer—

- (1) The Crime Commission made a submission to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (2) (a) 24 May 2003.
 - (b) Commissioner Bradley.
 - (c) and (d) On 26 May 2003 a direction was made that there be no further proceedings.

*0246 COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT HOSPITAL—VACANT POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) For the month of May 2011, how many vacant positions were there in Coffs Harbour District Hospital?
- (2) Which departments had vacancies?
- (3) Are these being filled by casual staff?
- (4) Are there any "above establishment" positions being filled by long-term casual staff?

Answer—

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- (1) to (4) At any one time most hospitals operate with a degree of staff vacancies. However, where vacancies exist, temporary qualified staff are employed where required pending recruitment to these positions.

I am advised that due to the Mid North Coast Local Health District transitioning to a new e-recruitment system, no positions were advertised in the month of May.

However, through the Chief Executive's approval process, I am advised that 30 full time equivalent positions, across a wide range of clinical fields, were recruited to the Coffs Harbour Health Campus during the month of May 2011.

- *0247 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION COMPLAINTS—Mr Dominic Perrottet asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints have there been to Fair Trading about solar panel installation safety concerns in the Castle Hill electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Fair Trading has identified 46 complaints relating to solar panel installation concerns from consumers residing in the postcode areas comprising the Castle Hill electorate for the period 1 January 2010 to 21 June 2011.

The most common complaints relate to the quality of the work, delays or non or partial supply.

- *0248 SKILLED MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MENTORING PROGRAMMES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does funding for the Skilled Migrant Mentoring Programme and the Refugee Mentoring Programme conducted by the Sydney Community College cease at the end of the year?
- (2) What arrangements will the Government put in place to ensure that skilled migrants and refugees in NSW can still access the important services these programmes provide?
- (3) Will the Government guarantee replacement funding to continue these programmes?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, the Commonwealth funding used to support these programs will be exhausted by December 2011.

- (2) The Department of Education and Communities is currently seeking alternative sources of funding for the programs.

- (3) The NSW Government will consider funding for the Adult and Community Education sector as part of the process for the 2011-12 State Budget.

- *0250 HOME BUILDING WARRANTY COMPLAINTS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints have there been regarding Home Building Warranty issues in the Hawkesbury electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that:

NSW Fair Trading has identified one complaint regarding Home Warranty Insurance from consumers residing in the postcode areas comprising the Hawkesbury electorate for the period 1 January 2009 to 21 June 2011.

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(Paper No. 19)

- *0251 FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY CONSTABLE—SALARY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the base salary of a first year Probationary Constable in the NSW Police force?
- (2) How much has this wage increased for each of the past five years?
- (3) What percentage does each of these increases represent?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Probationary Constable Level 1 - Salary first pay period on or after:	Base Salary p.a.	\$ Increase	% Increase
1 July 2010	51,759	1,991	4
1 July 2009	49,768	1,914	4
1 January 2009	47,854	938	2
1 July 2008	46,916	920	2
1 January 2008	45,996	902	2
1 July 2007	45,094	884	2
1 January 2007	44,210	867	2
1 July 2006	43,343	850	2

*0252 UNETHICAL BUILDERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) (a) Are there any reports of unethical builders operating locally in the Hunter?
- (b) If so, how many have been reported?
- (2) Has any immediate and long-term action been taken to prevent unethical building?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Since 30 June 2010, based on an assessment by postcode, NSW Fair Trading has received 114 home building enquiries from consumers in the Hunter region, involving 97 different traders. Of these traders, nine were identified more than once.
- (2) Fair Trading employs building investigators and inspectors across the State, including the Hunter region, to facilitate compliance with the Home Building Act 1989 (Act) and assist consumers to mediate disputes with licensed contractors.

Fair Trading has a number of enforcement options available to encourage and enforce compliance with the Act. For minor breaches, a formal warning may be sufficient. However, penalty infringement notices (that is, monetary penalties), rectification orders, licence cancellations or suspensions and public warnings may be issued for more serious breaches. Where a trader has a record of repeated breaches, legal proceedings may be commenced.

Fair Trading also undertakes frequent compliance programs that target different areas of the State. The Hunter region has previously been involved in these programs and will be included in future compliance campaigns.

*0253 WARATAH POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the current authorised strength of the Waratah Police Station?
- (2) How does this number compare with the actual strength at this station?
- (3) (a) Has there been any change to these numbers over the past five months?
- (b) If so, what are these changes?

Answer—

Police positions are allocated to Local Area Commands, not individual police stations. Information about police numbers - both authorised and actual strength - is available on the NSW Police website:

www.police.nsw.gov.au

*0254 CUTS IN NURSING POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to the Minister's answer to a Question Without Notice where she said that 340 nursing positions were cut in western Sydney by the previous Government:

- (1) In which facilities were these positions?
- (2) Were these positions permanently funded (i.e. part of staffing establishment) positions?
- (3) How many positions were actually cut in each facility?
- (4) In which year(s) were these positions deleted?

Answer—

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I am advised:

(1) to (4) Documents released by the Department of Health in response to a request under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 dated 13 August 2010 clearly indicated a decrease of 340 nursing FTEs in the former Sydney West Area Health Service.

Facility	Change
Area Services	-56
Auburn Hospital	-19
Blacktown Hospital	-23
Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital	-16
Cumberland Hospital	-24
Lithgow Health Service	-4
Mount Druitt Hospital	-23
Nepean Hospital	-67
Portland District Hospital	-1
Westmead Hospital (all units)	-107

*0255 NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the total 2010-11 budget for the NSW Ambulance Service?
- (2) How many fully qualified paramedics are employed by NSW Ambulance Service?
- (3) How many paramedics in training are employed by NSW Ambulance Service?
- (4) How many vacancies currently exist for qualified paramedics?
- (5) What population figures are used to determine staffing levels of individual stations?
- (6) What enhancement to paramedic numbers are planned over the next three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The budget for the NSW Ambulance Service is \$408 million for the 2010/11 financial year.

(2) to (4) As at 1 June 2011, there were:

- 2,719.58 full-time equivalent paramedics employed
- 639.72 full-time equivalent trainee paramedics employed
- 2.95 full time equivalent vacancies in total paramedics.

(5) The demand patterns for ambulance services are a more important indicator of the need for paramedics rather than total population numbers or population growth. While the extent of demand for services from a particular town and its projected growth in demand are taken into consideration, proximity to existing health services and general ambulance coverage are also significant factors in the planning process.

Demographic data projections are sourced from the NSW Health endorsed projections that were developed by the NSW Department of Planning. Hospitalisation data is sourced from the NSW Health planning tools that utilise data from the NSW Health Information Exchange.

(6) Paramedic numbers are regularly reviewed by the Ambulance Service to ensure there are adequate numbers to meet current and future demand for ambulance services across NSW.

*0256 COMPLIANCE COSTS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting the national survey of the costs of service standards and compliance costs for Government-funded community organisations that shows over 70 per cent carry out multiple compliance assessments, more than 40 per cent spend more than 280 hours completing reports, two months of a full-time position is spent on standards and compliance each year, and fewer than 20 per cent report benefits from these requirements:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this data on service standards and compliance costs?
- (2) What cost-benefit analysis has the Government made of service standards and compliance requirements for funded organisations?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to streamline and reduce compliance costs and increase resources for service delivery?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the community sector's Standards and Performance

Pathways program and its impact on compliance costs?

- (5) What other options has the Government considered to reduce compliance costs and increase resources for service delivery?
- (6) What action will the Government take to reduce compliance costs for funded organisations and get better value from Government funding?

Answer—

(1) Community Services is aware of the survey, which is understood to involve self-reporting by 133 non-government organisations of their current obligations under service quality and other operational standards.

The small number of respondents suggests that the survey results may not be representative of the wider social and community services sector, as Community Services currently funds 1,780 separate service providers. Because of the survey's methodological constraints, Community Services has not at this stage sought to make use of the data generated.

(2) and (3) A report on Red Tape Reduction for human services non-government organisations in NSW was released in December 2009. The Red Tape Reduction initiative aimed to reduce unnecessary administrative burdens falling on the not-for-profit organisations that make up the bulk of service providers funded through human services programs. To date, the Red Tape Reduction initiative has:

- Streamlined and standardised information requirements on service providers applying for government funding,
- Standardised and simplified insurance requirements and financial reporting obligations on service providers,
- Progressively introduced standard 3-year contracting periods for all programs, and
- Promoted outcome-based contracting for all programs.

(4) The Standards and Performance Pathways (SPP) program is a commercial product offered by the Bradfield Nyland Group through its website resource, Management Support Online (MSO). The Program is patented, with access determined by an annual subscription fee that ranges between \$500 and \$4,500. The SPP Program is promoted by the Bradfield Byland Group as a system for translating the requirements of the various standards to a common form that enables reporting against all of the different standards systems captured.

Participation in the SPP Program is a matter for individual service providers. Community Services has no plans to promote service provider use of this commercial service.

(5) and (6) The preferred solution to the issue of multiple standards is to pursue an approach based on a single, national, standard system of regulation. In January 2011, the Commonwealth Treasury issued a consultation paper as part of a scoping study for a national regulator of not-for-profit organisations. A proposed national regulator will provide a single legal regime and point of reference for all matters to do with the regulation and taxation of not-for-profit organisations, as well as the associated reporting by those organisations on their activities.

For further information on Government's approach to managing compliance requirements, see the Good Practice Guidelines for Funded Services, available at <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/>

*0257 CLOSING THE GAP—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Noting that there is national commitment since 2006 to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities for health and life expectancy:

- (1) Will the Government make annual public reports on progress?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that all Government agencies make plans, set targets and evaluate progress towards closing the gap?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to work with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories to ensure nationally coordinated action?
- (4) What results has NSW achieved for Indigenous people in:
 - (a) reducing rates of death and illness;
 - (b) access to primary and community-controlled health services;
 - (c) preventing diabetes and improving its management;
 - (d) preventing cardio-vascular disease and improving its management;
 - (e) preventing middle ear infection and eye condition and improving its management;
 - (f) preventing alcohol abuse and smoking;

- (g) access to dental health services;
 - (h) increasing the supply of fresh food; and
 - (i) improving housing supply and conditions?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to close the health and life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to improving accountability and transparency in Aboriginal affairs. The NSW Government is also committed to working with Aboriginal communities in developing future strategies. Future activity and reporting in Aboriginal affairs will be underpinned by these principles.
- (2) On 18 May, the Auditor General tabled his report on Two Ways Together, the former Government's Aboriginal affairs plan. The report made a number of key recommendations focussed on improving Government accountability for improving the wellbeing of Aboriginal people in NSW.

The Government is currently considering its response to the Auditor General's report. This response will underpin the Government's commitment to action and accountability in closing the gap in Aboriginal disadvantage.

- (3) In December 2007, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) established the COAG Working Group on Indigenous Reform (WGIR). The NSW Government is an active participant in this forum. The purpose of the working group is to drive government activity focussed on meeting COAG's Indigenous Reform targets.

The NSW Government has also entered into an Overarching Bilateral Implementation Plan with the Australian Government to guide joint activity focussed on closing the gap in Aboriginal disadvantage in NSW.

In addition I will be attending a Ministerial Roundtable in August 2011, at which Ministers with Indigenous Affairs responsibilities will discuss issues of mutual concern and identify opportunities for innovative responses to closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

- (4) Responses to points (a) to (h) should be referred to The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research.

Response to point (i) should be referred to The Hon. Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services.

- (5) The Government is committed to working with Aboriginal communities in developing strategies focussed on closing the gap in Aboriginal disadvantage. This commitment was underpinned by the bipartisan signing of the Oxfam Statement of Intent which commits the Government to developing a comprehensive long-term plan of action to achieve equality of health and life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians by 2030.

This work will build on the extensive program of work already underway through key national agreements such as the National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes.

*0258 MUNMORAH AND MOUNT PIPER STATIONS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With regard to the worst polluting power stations Munmorah and Mount Piper:

- (1) What plans does the Government have to increase energy efficiency and reduce pollution of these power stations?
- (2) What improvements are expected and how long will they take?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to phasing out these power stations to transfer to more efficient forms of electricity production and distribution?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I am advised by Delta Electricity that a decision on Munmorah Power Station and its development consent for a Rehabilitation Project will be decided following the completion of the current Special Commission of Inquiry into the Electricity Transactions.

In relation to Mount Piper, this power station is the newest and most thermally efficient coal-fired power station owned by the NSW Government. Any future upgrades to Mount Piper would be subject to the terms of its Gentrader contract with TRUenergy, which has secured the output from this power station until June 2043.

*0259 VERY FAST TRAIN—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—

With respect to proposals for a High Speed Rail to operate between Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, and noting that the Commonwealth Government has a feasibility study underway on this proposal:

- (1) What assessment has the Government done on the costs and benefits of this proposal?
- (2) What contribution has the Government made to date for a joint Commonwealth, State and Territory commitment to high speed rail?
- (3) What is the Government's policy on this proposal?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to contribute to the success of this proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A strategic study funded by the Commonwealth Government and managed by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport is underway on the implementation of a high speed rail network on the east coast of Australia. Stakeholders including state and territory agencies contribute through a formal reference group. NSW is represented by the DG of Transport in this reference group.

The initial study focus has been on identifying possible routes, corridor preservation and station options, including city-centre, city-periphery and airport stations, as a basis for route development, indicative travel times and high-level construction costs.

It is expected that the study will have identified the requirements for implementation of a viable High Speed Rail network on the east coast, including strategic route and station options and high-level costing.

Further work would also include:

- Detailed corridor alignment identification;
- Identification of preliminary geotechnical issues;
- Development of comprehensive robust cost estimates for preferred options;
- Further investigation of investment and (public and private) financing options;
- Detailed patronage and revenue forecasts;
- Consideration of preferred options in relation to other modes (for example, airport capacity implications resulting from diversion of air traffic to train).

The NSW Government, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government and other States and Territories, will consider next steps for high speed rail once fully informed of all these issues.

(2) The NSW Department of Transport is part of a formal reference group contributing to the study. The study is managed by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

(3) The NSW Government believes that investment decisions related to high speed rail should be made as part of nationally agreed strategies that are informed by detailed consideration of State as well as national transport needs and priorities.

The NSW Government is urging the Commonwealth to prepare a transport plan for the whole Eastern Seaboard, covering a corridor from at least Brisbane to Melbourne and incorporating the needs of both passengers and freight.

This would enable a clearer definition of the respective roles of high speed rail and aviation, given these modes will service similar markets.

(4) The NSW Government is now working to address the underinvestment in infrastructure in this State and looks forward to working with the Federal Government to meet this challenge.

To this end, NSW is establishing 'Infrastructure NSW' to plan, develop and coordinate the delivery of our State Infrastructure Strategy.

I have also directed the preparation of an Integrated Transport Master Plan to identify and plan long term transport needs, to ensure all transport modes work together as a system and to ensure that today's transport investment is appropriately prioritised.

*0261 SAME SEX MARRIAGE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Noting the latest survey of community attitudes found that 80 per cent of women and 71 per cent of men believe same sex marriage will be made legal in the future:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the adequacy of current provisions to recognise same sex relationships in NSW?

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- (2) How does the Government ensure that all NSW citizens are treated equally under the law with respect to relationship recognition?
- (3) Has the Government met with Australian Marriage Equality and other community groups concerned about equal legal treatment for same sex marriage?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of State legislation to provide for an equivalent to same sex marriage, in the absence of a national system?
- (5) Does the Government intend State legislation to provide for an equivalent to same sex marriage, in the absence of a national system?
- (6) What action has the Government taken to advocate for Commonwealth law reform to provide a national system to recognise same sex relationships?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to advocate for Commonwealth law reform to provide same sex marriage?
- (8) What other action does the Government plan to ensure equal legal treatment for same sex relationships?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) and (4) to (8) Since March 2011, my Department has not engaged in a review of this aspect of NSW law.

NSW law currently provides for both heterosexual and same sex de facto couples to register their relationships under the Relationships Register Act 2010. The register provides an option for couples to express their commitment to each other in a manner that is legally recognised.

Having regard to:

- the terms of the Marriage Act 1961 (Cth), in particular, the definition of marriage at section 5(1) of that Act, "marriage means the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life"; and
- the ordinary meaning of the words used, the Explanatory Memorandum and Second Reading Speech of the Commonwealth Attorney General in respect of the Marriage Act Amendment Bill 2004, by which that definition was inserted into the Marriage Act;

it is apparent that the Marriage Act is intended by the Commonwealth to "cover the whole field" (within the meaning of that term as expressed by the High Court in *Clyde Engineering Co. Ltd. v. Cowburn* (1926) 37 CLR 466) of marriage, including same-sex marriage.

Accordingly, any state legislation in relation to marriage and other matters covered by the Marriage Act would likely be inconsistent with the Marriage Act and would be liable to be found to be invalid by reason of section 109 of the Australian Constitution.

The Government has no plans for reform in this area.

(3) Neither myself or my department have done so.

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*0264 FIRST YEAR NURSE—SALARY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the base salary of a first year nurse working in the New South Wales public hospital system?
- (2) How much has this wage increased for each of the past five years?
- (3) What percentage does each of these increases represent?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The base salary of a first year nurse working in the NSW public hospital system is \$52,909 - a 3% increase from the previous year. Percentage increases over the last five years have ranged from 3% to 4%, incorporating compensation for productivity improvements. Over this period, the former Labor Government also cut nursing positions - including 340 in Western Sydney and 90 on the Central Coast.

*0265 BROADMEADOW RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Over the past 12 months, how many rail journey tickets have been sold from the Broadmeadow Railway station?
- (2) Of those ticket sales, how many were for the purchase of:
 - (a) weekly tickets;
 - (b) monthly tickets;
 - (c) quarterly tickets
 - (d) yearly tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, a total of 204,865 tickets were issued at Broadmeadow Station.

This included 2,517 Weekly tickets, 34 Monthly tickets, 9 Quarterly tickets and 1 Yearly ticket.

*0266 FASSIFERN RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Over the past 12 months, how many rail journey tickets have been sold from the Fassifern Railway station?
- (2) Of those ticket sales, how many were for the purchase of:
 - (a) weekly tickets;
 - (b) monthly tickets;
 - (c) quarterly tickets
 - (d) yearly tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) For the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011 a total of 111,050 tickets were issued at Fassifern Station.

Included in the issues for this 12 month period were 2,895 Weekly tickets, 65 Monthly tickets, 4 Quarterly tickets and 4 Yearly tickets.

*0267 MAITLAND RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Over the past 12 months, how many rail journey tickets have been sold from the Maitland Railway station?
- (2) Of those ticket sales, how many were for the purchase of:
 - (a) weekly tickets;
 - (b) monthly tickets;
 - (c) quarterly tickets
 - (d) yearly tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) For the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011 a total of 90,944 tickets were issued at Maitland Station.

Included in the issues for this 12 month period were 2,036 Weekly tickets, 42 Monthly tickets, 9 Quarterly tickets and 3 Yearly tickets.

*0268 NEWCASTLE RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Over the past 12 months, how many rail journey tickets have been sold from the Newcastle Railway station?
- (2) Of those ticket sales, how many were for the purchase of:
 - (a) weekly tickets;
 - (b) monthly tickets;
 - (c) quarterly tickets

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(d) yearly tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) For the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011 a total of 152,198 tickets were issued at Newcastle Station.

Included in the issues for this 12 month period were 1,776 Weekly tickets, 48 Monthly tickets, 10 Quarterly tickets and 10 Yearly tickets.

*0269 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—TICKETS SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Over the past 12 months, how many rail journey tickets have been sold from the Cardiff Railway station?

(2) Of those ticket sales, how many were for the purchase of:

- (a) weekly tickets;
- (b) monthly tickets;
- (c) quarterly tickets
- (d) yearly tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) For the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011, a total of 143,537 tickets were issued at Cardiff Station.

Included in the issues for this 12 month period were 2,854 Weekly tickets, 57 Monthly tickets, 11 Quarterly tickets and 1 Yearly ticket.

*0270 APPOINTMENT AS OFFICIAL VISITORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) What is your justification for issuing a memorandum dated 26 May 2011 and hand-delivered to the offices of MPs and MLCs inviting nominations only from Government members of Parliament for appointment as official visitors to the State's correctional centres?

(2) Which nominations for such positions have you received?

(3) From whom have you received such nominations and from which MPs or MLCs?

Answer—

(1) A memorandum dated 21 June 2011 was hand-delivered to the offices of all MPs and MLCs confirming that all MPs and MLCs were being invited to nominate persons considered to be suitable for appointment as Official Visitors to the State's correctional centres.

This memorandum was in addition to media advertisements inviting all interested members of the public to apply for appointment as Official Visitors to correctional centres, which were placed in the Jobs NSW website and the following newspapers:

- Cooma Monaro Express
- Glen Innes Examiner
- Hawkesbury Gazette
- Bowral Highlands News
- Kempsey Macleay Argus
- Dan Viet
- Penrith Press
- Australian Chinese Daily
- Bathurst Western Advocate
- Broken Hill Daily Truth
- Blacktown Advocate
- Chieu Duong
- Chinese Herald
- Daily Telegraph
- Dubbo Daily Liberal
- Grafton Examiner
- Lithgow Mercury

Newcastle Herald
 Sydney Morning Herald
 Tamworth Daily Leader
 Goulburn Post
 Cessnock Advertiser
 El Telegraph
 Hunter Valley News
 Koori Mail
 Tumbarumba Times
 Wellington Times
 Parramatta Advertiser
 Junee Southern Cross
 Gosford Central Coast Express
 Bourke Western Herald
 Rouse Hill Times
 Southern Courier
 SouthCoast Register
 Oberon Review
 Inner West Courier
 Muswellbrook Chronicle
 Campbelltown Advertiser.

(2) and (3) I do not propose to publicly reveal details of applications received during the course of the appointment process, however, the names of successful applicants will be published by Notice in the Government Gazette as required by legislation.

*0271 INGLEBURN RAILWAY STATION—EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Minister have any plans for an enhancement to the easy access upgrade to Ingleburn Railway Station by addition of a lift?
- (2) What timeframe is envisaged?
- (3) Is there an estimate of possible costs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 2011 review of the Easy Access Program has identified Ingleburn as eligible for a future upgrade.
- (2) Planning for the Ingleburn easy access upgrade will begin in the 2011-12 financial year. Once the project has been scoped, funding can be sought and a construction program identified.
- (3) Costs will be determined as detailed planning occurs.

*0272 HOME BASS AFTER SCHOOL CARE YOUTH FACILITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Given the need for strong youth support in Bankstown, will the Government reconsider its decision to no longer support Bankstown Multicultural Youth Service's Home Bass after school care youth facility and associated youth programs?
- (2) Are there any alternative means through which the Government could continue this service?

Answer—

- (1) In February 2011, under the former Labor Government, Bankstown Multicultural Youth Service (BMYS) was invited to participate in a selective tender process for funds for a youth and family support service in Bankstown, and a new service provider commenced operation on 1 July 2011. At the same time, funding to BMYS has increased to provide other associated youth programs in the Bankstown area.
- (2) The O'Farrell-Stoner Government is increasing funding for youth support services in Bankstown, further demonstrating our commitment to supporting young people.

Funding for Bankstown Multicultural Youth Service (BMYS) will increase from \$325,767 in 2010-11 to \$371,422 in 2011-12.

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Moreover, Family and Community Services funding for youth support services in the Bankstown Local Government Area will increase from more than \$4.3 million in 2010-11 to more than \$5 million in 2011-12.

This includes \$182,534 awarded in 2011-12 to Mission Australia to provide a new youth and family support service for young people and their families in Bankstown.

*0273 YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government commit to upgrading Yagoona Railway Station over the next 12 months?
- (2) Will the Government, in particular, install a much-needed lift at Yagoona Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Easy Access Program is prioritised to ensure that those stations in greatest need are upgraded first. The key criteria for prioritisation include patronage, whether the station is an interchange or terminating station, proximity to other accessible stations and other strategic and geographical information.

Based on these criteria, Yagoona Station is not a current priority for upgrading in the Easy Access Program and as such there are no current plans to install a lift at the station.

*0274 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What investment is planned for Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital in the coming 12 months?

Answer—

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health priorities.

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

*0275 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Given that Bankstown City Council in 2010 submitted input into RailCorp's development of a masterplan for Bankstown Railway Station in 2010:

- (1) When will RailCorp be ready with plans for the station's redesign?
- (2) Will the Government commit to investing in Bankstown Railway Station's upgrade and redevelopment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) RailCorp is currently undertaking a concept design study for Bankstown Station with the objective of identifying measures to improve the station environment and amenity.

When the concept level study is completed, RailCorp will be in a position to assess the needs of Bankstown Station.

- (2) Station upgrades and redevelopments are prioritised across the CityRail network. Following the completion of the concept design study for Bankstown Station, RailCorp will be in a position to make an informed decision to prioritise the development of the station against the needs of other stations across the network.

*0276 STACEY STREET DRAIN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given that a large open drain runs along the centre of Stacey Street between Macauley Avenue and Stanley Street, Bankstown, will the Government commit to providing adequate funds and coordinate improvements to the Sydney Water drainage channel and as such close the drain, and undertake further associated roadwork improvements?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA has reviewed the situation on Stacey Street, Bankstown, and has considered a range of options to move traffic around the open Sydney Water drain. There are a number of activities that could be

undertaken to improve the traffic flow, however, the current arrangements are not considered to present an untenable situation.

There are no proposals in the RTA's existing forward program to undertake major works in the near future.

*0277 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many real estate agents are currently operating in the Davidson electorate?
- (2) How many complaints about these real estate agents were received by Fair Trading in each of the years 2007-2010?
- (3) How many of these in each year were decided in favour of the complainant?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) There are 550 licensed real estate agents currently operating from 391 locations in the Davidson electorate.
- (2) NSW Fair Trading's complaint database has identified the following number of complaints regarding real estate agents located in the postcode areas comprising Davidson electorate:
 - In 2007, 18 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property and property management issues.
 - In 2008, 21 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.
 - In 2009, 29 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.
 - In 2010, 37 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property and property management issues.
- (3) The outcomes of complaints are not categorised as to whether they were determined in favour of the complainant or trader. However, it should be noted that a complaint or allegation made against a trader does not, in itself, mean that the trader is in breach of the law.

*0278 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many cases involving residents of Davidson electorate were addressed by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal in each of the years 2007-2010?
- (2) How many of these in each year were decided in favour of the complainant?
- (3) How many of these in each year were appealed to higher courts?

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal cannot provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed, or that were appealed to higher courts, which involved residents from the Davidson electorate. However, information can be provided on the number of cases where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises the Davidson electorate.

- (1) 2007 - 600 cases
2008 - 531 cases
2009 - 628 cases
2010 - 611 cases
- (2) Due to the complexity and variability of Tribunal orders, which are tailored to the unique circumstances of each case, the Tribunal does not capture application outcomes.
- (3) 2007 - 1 case
2008 - 2 cases
2009 - 1 case
2010 - 1 case

*0279 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Chris Patterson asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints about real estate agents have been received by Fair Trading in the Camden electorate in 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Fair Trading received 43 complaints about real estate agents in the postcode area

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comprising the Camden Electorate in 2010.

The complaints related to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.

*0280 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Chris Patterson asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many cases involving residents of the Camden electorate have been addressed by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal in 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal cannot provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed that involved residents from the Camden electorate. However, information can be provided on the number of cases where the place of dispute was within the Camden electorate.

In 2010, the Tribunal addressed 2,090 cases where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises the Camden electorate.

*0281 MINISTERIAL STAFF—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can you confirm whether ministerial staff working for yourself or any of your Ministers are family members of past or sitting Coalition Members of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised:

A small number of Ministerial staff are family members of past or sitting Coalition Members of Parliament.

*0282 CABINET STAFF—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What is the total number of staff presently employed by each of the twenty-two members of your Cabinet?

(2) At what rate are they paid?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details of Ministers' staff numbers and salaries are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

*0283 LIBERAL PARTY WEBSITE—Mr John Robertson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) (a) Did you or any member of your staff ask the New South Wales Liberal Party to remove the pre-election policy documents from its website?

(b) If so, why?

(2) Will you take action to have these pre-election policy documents put back on the Liberal Party website?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No

(2) Policy is available on the Premier's website at <http://www.premier.nsw.gov.au/content/priorities>

*0287 ELECTRONIC TICKETING SYSTEM—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

In reference to your plans to introduce an electronic system onto New South Wales public transport:

(1) What is the current status of this project?

(2) What are the most recent cost estimates of this project?

(3) What is the timeline for implementation of electronic ticketing onto:

(a) Sydney Private Buses;

(b) Sydney Ferries;

(c) Sydney State Transit Buses;

(d) CityRail Trains;

(e) CountryLink Trains;

- (f) Newcastle Buses;
- (g) the Newcastle Ferry;
- (h) any other mode of public transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The electronic ticketing system is in progress. The value of the contract signed by the previous Labor Government in May 2010 to deliver and operate the system is \$1.2 billion over 15 years.

The system will be rolled out in phases across all modes of transport.

The Government is committed to delivering the benefits to customers of an electronic ticketing system for public transport.

*0288 INFRASTRUCTURE NSW BOARD—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

Why is there no representation from transport agencies on the Infrastructure NSW board?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Board of Infrastructure NSW has an independent chair, the Hon Nick Greiner AC, and comprises five persons from the private sector, the chief executive officer of Infrastructure NSW and the directors general of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Planning and Infrastructure and the Secretary to the Treasury.

The Board of Infrastructure NSW will set the policy direction of New South Wales infrastructure planning, coordination, selection and ultimately delivery across a range of sectors including health, education, water and transport.

Infrastructure NSW will primarily play a coordination and facilitation role and will work in close collaboration with State agencies, including the new Transport for NSW.

*0289 MEETINGS WITH MICHAEL PHOTIOS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Since March 26 2011:

- (1) What meetings have you had with Michael Photios?
- (2) On what date did these meetings occur?
- (3) What was the topic of discussion at these meetings?

Answer—

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

*0290 DESTINATION NSW—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the merger of Events NSW and Tourism NSW to create Destination NSW:

- (1) What is the cost of this merger to create Destination NSW?
- (2) What are the employment costs associated with creating Destination NSW?
- (3) What are the associated costs for the website and stationary?

Answer—

There will be no net increase to the cost of services resulting from the creation of the new entity.

Destination NSW has been established to enable a more coordinated and effective approach to tourism and major events sector to sell Sydney and New South Wales to the world. It brings together the budgets and expertise of Events NSW and Tourism NSW, providing more than \$400 million over 4 years. This figure includes operational costs such as staffing.

*0292 REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF JOHN FLOWERS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Did you receive any representations by the Honourable David Clarke MLC on behalf of John Flowers?

Answer—

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- *0293 REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF JOHN FLOWERS—Mr John Robertson asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Did you receive any representations by the Honourable David Clarke MLC on behalf of John Flowers?

Answer—

I am advised:

My department has not received any representations from the Hon David Clarke MLC on behalf of Mr John Flowers.

- *0294 CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What is the progress of construction of public housing dwellings in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

A total of 243 new social housing units were delivered in the Fairfield electorate during 2010-11.

- *0295 HUME HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What are the plans for maintenance works to be undertaken along the Hume Highway between The Horsley Drive at Carramar and Hector Street at Chester Hill?

Answer—

I am advised:

Last financial year the RTA carried out pavement strengthening and resurfacing of the Hume Highway over selected sections between Chester Hill Road and Australia Street, Chester Hill at a cost of \$1.12 million.

No further pavement strengthening and/or resurfacing is currently scheduled in the RTA's maintenance program for the Hume Highway over the section between The Horsley Drive, Carramar and Hector Street, Chester Hill.

The RTA will continue to monitor the Hume Highway at this location and will carry out routine maintenance and concrete slab repairs as and when needed to keep the road pavement in a safe and serviceable condition for road users.

- *0296 UPGRADE OF ROUNDABOUT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What progress is being made on the Government's \$3 million election promise to upgrade the roundabout at the intersection of the Cumberland Highway and Polding Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

The preparation of the 2011-2012 budget is currently underway.

Funding for this project will be considered in the context of Statewide priorities.

- *0297 MAINTENANCE WORKS—SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What are the plans to carry out maintenance works to the Sydney Water Supply pipeline at Guildford?

Answer—

I am advised:

At Guildford there are five major above ground pipelines. Two of these travel 7.5 kilometres from Prospect to Guildford. The other three pipelines travel 6.8 kilometres from Guildford to Potts Hill.

Sydney Water has a maintenance programme for major above ground pipelines, which includes the pipelines at Guildford. The programme includes condition assessments and prioritising delivery of repair work.

At present, one of the pipelines between Guildford and Prospect is being rehabilitated. This includes re-establishing the site drainage, ground profiling, full paint removal and repainting the pipeline. The three pipelines between Guildford and Potts Hill are due for condition inspections in 2011-12.

In addition to this maintenance work, the pipelines are inspected on a monthly basis to monitor and repair leaks as required. The pipeline corridor is also maintained on a regular basis.

*0298 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What are the plans to improve mental health services in the Fairfield electorate for seniors, adolescents and children?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health resources are not allocated by electorate; however, there are a range of initiatives currently being implemented to improve mental health services in the Fairfield area for seniors, adolescents and children. These include:

- The SAFE START initiative is being implemented to provide early detection of mental health and psychosocial problems for women who are expecting or caring for a baby, and follow-up support and care for families with identified risk factors. Through the National Perinatal Depression Initiative, a new specialist perinatal and infant mental health (PIMH) team is being established for women with serious and complex mental health problems or illness, and who have an infant up to 2 years of age. The new PIMH Team will cover the Fairfield area. NSW Health is also now looking at ways to improve access to perinatal services across NSW, and in particular non-acute services.
- A research project evaluating early childhood screening practices in the Fairfield area, will help facilitate earlier identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- In conjunction with the Kindergarten Union, the ASD clinic and other interventions for ASD are being developed to be located at Liverpool but accessible to children from the Fairfield area.
- The Adolescent Mental Health Service at Carramar is providing in-service programs for school counsellors on relevant mental health issues, which also facilitates early referral for young people to mental health services. The Service is also providing Dialectic Behaviour Therapy (DBT), Triple P parenting programs, and group programs for young people with anxiety.
- Increased parenting programs are being provided for the Fairfield community across all Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CALD) groups.
- Three camps are being held each year at the Rivendell site at Concord, for children from Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) and Indo-Chinese refugee children and adolescents.
- There has been substantial expansion of Specialist Mental Health Services for Older People (SMHSOP) across the South Western Sydney Local Health District, including Fairfield, over the last 5 years under a statewide service plan. This has included expansion of older people's mental health community teams and development of innovative community residential services for older people with mental health problems in partnership with residential aged care providers.
- The Mental Health Promotion Action Plan and Older People's Depression and Suicide Prevention Action Plan have identified a number of priorities relevant to the Fairfield area, including older persons suicide prevention training, provision to local community groups of the "beyondmaturityblues" Depression Education sessions run by COTA (Council on the Ageing) and a 12-week smoking cessation group at Fairfield Therapy and Rehabilitation Service for mental health service consumers.

More broadly, the NSW Government made an election pledge to reform mental health Services in NSW, including those for seniors, adolescents and children. The Government has established a Mental Health Taskforce to advise the Government on how best to establish a new Mental Health Commission, to be operational by July 2012.

The Mental Health Commission which will ensure that there is quarantined and accountable funding for mental health expenditure and that resources are focused on where they are most needed through the most appropriate models of care. This will see an improvement to mental health services across the State.

*0299 DEMENTIA PATIENTS FROM A NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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What are your plans to establish a support network for dementia patients from a non-English speaking background in the Fairfield area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The South Western Sydney Local Health District covers the Fairfield area and has identified the need to support the expansion of the existing Dementia Team to assist people with dementia from indigenous, English speaking and non-English speaking backgrounds in accessing local services that will provide support to the person with dementia and for their carer. It is proposed a new community dementia Clinical Nurse Consultant position will join the expanded Dementia Team to be co-located at Aimee's Place – Dementia Day Centre located at Campbell Street, Fairfield East.

The Dementia Team will maintain relationships with in-patient aged care and psycho-geriatric units, out-patient geriatrician/dementia and memory clinics, aged care assessment teams, specialist mental health services for older persons, dementia day care, Respite Care Services, non government organisations and residential aged care services.

*0300 WOODVILLE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What are the plans for maintenance works to be undertaken along Woodville Road between the Hume Highway and the Sydney Water Supply pipeline at Guildford?

Answer—

I am advised:

Pavement strengthening and resurfacing is scheduled for Woodville Road in 2012-13 for the southbound section between Chiltern Road and Fairfield Street at Old Guildford at a cost of \$690,000.

Further pavement strengthening and resurfacing is scheduled for Woodville Road in 2013-14 for the southbound section from 100 metres south of Gurney St to Llewellyn Avenue, Fairfield East at a cost of \$920,000.

These works, including the pavement strengthening and resurfacing carried out two years ago over the northbound section between Fairfield Street and Orchardleigh Street, Old Guildford at a cost of \$334,000, will contribute to a smoother, quieter and safer road for road users and adjoining residents.

The RTA will continue to monitor Woodville Road in this area and will carry out routine maintenance and heavy patching as and when needed to keep the road in a safe and serviceable condition for all road users.

*0301 UPGRADE TO CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION'S LIFT AND ACCESS FACILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

What are the Government's plans to upgrade Chester Hill Railway Station's lift and access facilities for the disabled and parents with prams?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Easy Access Program is prioritised to ensure that those stations in greatest need are upgraded first. The key criteria for prioritisation include patronage, whether the station is an interchange or terminating station, proximity to other accessible stations and other strategic and geographical information.

Based on these criteria, Chester Hill Station is not a current priority for upgrading in the Easy Access Program and as such there are no current plans to install a lift at the station.

*0302 FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL—REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

What is the timeframe for the replacement or the refurbishment of the demountable classrooms at Fairvale High School, as recently announced by the Department of Education?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities has identified a project to upgrade or refurbish the demountables at Fairvale High School. This project is a high priority for the South Western Sydney Region. Funding for this project will be considered in the context of future capital works priorities.

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*0303 FIRST YEAR TEACHER—SALARY—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the base salary of a first year teacher teaching in the NSW public schools system?
- (2) How much has this wage increased for each of the past five years?
- (3) What percentage does each of these increases represent?

Answer—

- (1) \$56,829.
- (2) and (3)
 - 2007 \$1,429 - 3% increase
 - 2008 \$1,472 - 3% increase
 - 2009 \$2,223 - 4.4% increase
 - 2010 \$2,004 - 3.8% increase
 - 2011 \$2,080 - 3.8% increase

*0304 STANFORD MERTHYR ROAD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) At what stage are negotiations with regard to the Stanford Merthyr Road that will soon be closed (permanently) as a result of the construction of the Hunter Expressway?
- (2) What involvement and communications have taken place between the RTA, Cessnock City Council and the Stanford Merthyr Action Group?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On Monday 27 June 2011 a Ministerial meeting was held with a delegation from Cessnock City Council about the closure of Stanford Road.
- (2) The RTA has also been liaising with the Stanford Merthyr Action Group and the broader community about issues relating to the construction of the Hunter Expressway:
 - A community update was distributed to Stanford Merthyr residents on 1 April 2011, which focussed primarily on a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Maitland Street and Mulbring Street/Tarro Street.
 - A further community update was distributed on 3 June 2011, focussing primarily on the proposed emergency access trail between Stanford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri.
 - Both community updates included the proposed closure date of Stanford Road.
 - The RTA invited the community to make comments on these plans and the feedback is currently being considered.

The RTA has had regular contact with Cessnock City Council and maintains a cooperative relationship with the council in relation to the Hunter Expressway project. The RTA has had regular Council Liaison Group Meetings, which include councils from Cessnock, Maitland, Lake Macquarie and Singleton local government areas. The most recent Council Liaison Group meeting was held on 21 April 2011 and there will be another Council Liaison Group meeting before the end of the year.

*0305 MAIN ROAD AND MINMI ROAD, EDGEWORTH—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What plans are in place for the roads immediately outside of Edgeworth Primary School known as:
 - (a) Main Road, Edgeworth;
 - (b) Minmi Road, Edgeworth?
- (2) What timeline is in place for construction?
- (3) Will the Minister provide plans and/or comment on the potential to have the bus zone moved off the busy Minmi Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The RTA is developing a proposal to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety on Main Road, Edgeworth, which is a State Road.

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The draft RTA proposal involves a double right turn from Main Road onto Minmi Road, a signalised pedestrian crossing on the western side of the Main Road/Minmi Road intersection, and some pedestrian fencing on Main Road.

The RTA will consult with Lake Macquarie City Council and the community about the intersection in coming months.

In addition to the RTA's draft proposal, a development application has been previously approved by Lake Macquarie City Council for a road connection adjacent to the shopping centre at the intersection of Main Road and Minmi Road. This requires a new access from the intersection to be built by the developer and would create a four way intersection.

(b) Minmi Road, Edgeworth is a Regional Road and is managed by Lake Macquarie City Council. The RTA is working with Lake Macquarie City Council to improve safety on Minmi Road.

- (2) The RTA will consult with the community in the coming months about the upgrade for the intersection of Main Road and Minmi Road and construction is expected to occur late in the 2011-12 financial year.
- (3) The RTA's draft proposal for Main Road does not include construction on Minmi Road.

An election commitment was made by Andrew Stoner, the Deputy Premier of NSW, and Ms Alison Davey, the Nationals candidate for Cessnock, to fast track the Minmi Road off-street bus stop for Edgeworth School. The RTA will work with Lake Macquarie City Council and Edgeworth Primary School to develop a proposal for an off-street bus stop.

*0306 WEAKLEYS DRIVE INTERCHANGE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What works are planned for Weakleys Drive Interchange, Beresfield to address the ongoing bottlenecks that occur during a 2-hour period in the morning and a 2-hour period in the afternoon.
- (2) How will current and future industrial estates in this area be better serviced by transport infrastructure and traffic solutions that will grow in conjunction with the growth of this important business district?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Weakleys Drive interchange project was completed and opened to traffic in October 2008. The project has improved traffic flow on the New England Highway and improved access to the Thornton industrial area.

The Hunter Expressway project is currently being constructed and is due for completion at the end of 2013. The Hunter Expressway is expected to reduce traffic and congestion along the New England Highway and Weakleys Drive.

- (2) Weakleys Drive is part of the National Land Transport Network and funding is provided by the Federal Government. The current priority in the area is the Hunter Expressway.

Future development adjacent to Weakleys Drive will access the road via the existing roundabout to the south. An additional roundabout to the north of Viney Creek is also proposed and will be constructed by the developers of an approved industrial estate to the west of Weakleys Drive.

*0307 MAIN ROAD, CLIFTFLEIGH—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What plans are in place for Main Road, Clifffleigh?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether planning for this road, which will be subject to significant changes as a result of this road now becoming the primary connection route for residents of Maitland and the new Hunter Expressway, has included consideration of:
 - (a) the road being widened from two lanes to four;
 - (b) a centre fence being constructed to prevent turning across into driveways, or preventing the ability to turn out from driveways;
 - (c) a main intersection being built to connect with new housing estates, which will take the form of a roundabout or lights;
 - (d) a footpath/cycleway being installed, which will require the acquisition of footpath land from the front of properties?
- (3) Can the Minister advise where the main intersection with the new housing estates will be located?
- (4) How many letters from residents had the Minister responded to?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Areas along Main Road, Cliftleigh have been identified in the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy for further residential development. I understand that Main Road, Cliftleigh will also provide an important link between Kurri Kurri and Maitland and access to the Hunter Expressway.
- (2) (a) While the Hunter Expressway is likely to redistribute traffic to Main Road and increases are expected to occur, duplication will not be needed until the longer term when future development across the Lower Hunter occurs.

When detailed planning is needed, the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will consult with residents during the planning, environmental assessment and design stages of the project.

(b) A concrete median is proposed along Main Road through the new intersection to the housing estate at Cliftleigh. U-turn facilities will be constructed to the north and south of the proposed intersection to allow existing residents a safe opportunity to turn around and access their properties.

(c) The proposed housing estates at Cliftleigh will have an intersection with Main Road which will be controlled by traffic lights.

(d) Footpaths and cycleways along Main Road, Cliftleigh are a matter for Cessnock City Council.

- (3) The proposed development at Cliftleigh will have an intersection with Main Road to the south of Avery Lane.
- (4) There is no record of any letters from residents about the proposed intersection on Main Road, Cliftleigh since the election of the Government in March 2011.

*0308 ROUNDABOUT AT NORTHLAKES DRIVE AND MINMI ROAD, CAMERON PARK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With respect to the election commitment made by the Member for Oxley and the candidate Alison Davey to fast-track the construction of a roundabout on the intersection of Northlakes Drive and Minmi Road, Cameron Park, in the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that the Government will fulfil this commitment?
- (2) When will the Roads and Traffic Authority be instructed to enter into negotiations and construction phases?
- (3) What specific communication has taken place to date between the RTA and Lake Macquarie City Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The pre-election commitment was for the Government to work with Lake Macquarie City Council to fast-track the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Northlakes Drive and Minmi Road by making available to the council subsidised loans as part of the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

The intersection is on roads managed by Lake Macquarie City Council and council has a Section 94 plan that includes provision of a roundabout. The loan would allow the council to bring the project forward.

- (2) The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has no involvement in the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme. Lake Macquarie City Council is well equipped to design and construct the project.
- (3) The Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme will be managed by the Department of Planning, with no involvement by the RTA.

*0309 FUNDING FOR ROADS IN VINEYARD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With respect to the election commitment made by the Member for Oxley and the candidate Alison Davey for \$20 million over 4 years for roads in the Vineyard region of the electorate of Cessnock:

- (1) Was the commitment of \$5 million per year for 4 years contingent on the election of Alison Davey?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm that the 2011 budget will have the \$5 million allocated?
- (3) Will the Minister provide details about exactly what roads, lengths and segments are to be addressed?
- (4) If the funding is not forthcoming in the 2011-12 budget, will it be forthcoming in the \$6.66 million clumps in 2012-13; 2013-14 and 2014-15?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government will deliver its election commitments.
- (2) and (4) The preparation of the 2011-12 budget is currently underway. Funding details will be provided when the budget is released.
- (3) The NSW Government will work with Cessnock Council to determine the project scope.

*0310 LOW LEVELS OF EDUCATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What plans does the Minister have to tackle schools and regions that have particularly low levels of education across the population, low levels of secondary school completion and low levels of tertiary education?

Answer—

This Government is determined to tackle educational disparity and we have already begun to take action on this issue. At the meeting of State, Territory and Commonwealth Education Ministers on 15 April I put closing the education divide between rural and urban students on the national agenda. This issue will now be a key priority of the new Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood. The needs of rural and regional students will be specifically considered in all the Council's decision making.

In NSW, we are leading the way. Our Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan is built on the recognition that we need to get the basics right. The evidence shows that if literacy and numeracy problems are not dealt with in the early years of schooling they are almost impossible to overcome.

As part of the Action Plan we will be providing an additional 900 literacy and numeracy teachers - and they will be placed in the schools that need them most. We will also have over 300 Support Teachers Learning Assistance officers providing more intensive support for students in Years 3-10, with a focus on upper primary and early secondary (Years 5-8). These initiatives will give students solid foundations from which they can go on to success in secondary and tertiary education.

We are also providing specific help for rural and regional primary students who have complex reading problems, through the NSW Centre for Effective Reading. We have reinstated the 4-week residential program, which was cut by the previous Government. The first of these programs begins in late July. We have also opened up the eligibility criteria for the Centre, making its expertise available to more than 950 government and non-government primary schools.

*0311 MEASURE OF A SCHOOL'S SUCCESS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What tools, other than NAPLAN, does the Minister perceive to be useful measures of a school's success?
- (2) How would the Minister implement these new tools of measure?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) NAPLAN is not a measure of a school's "success". It is a valuable measure of the performance of students at a given point in time.

The Department of Education and Communities has a number of programs that have demonstrated to be measures of "success" of our schools.

However, it is also important to note that not all forms of "success" in NSW public schools can be viewed as "tools of measure".

Schools and the community value a range of measures to report school performance, including student attendance, student participation in a wide range of cultural and sporting activities, as well as student achievement in school assessments and external tests. Secondary schools report achievements in relation to performance of Year 12 in the HSC or equivalent vocational educational courses. Schools also report on parent, student and teacher satisfaction.

The Department of Education and Communities will continue to develop and implement school performance measures on the basis of evidence-based research and best practice.

*0312 SECURITY FENCING OF SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) (a) How many schools still have no security fencing installed?
(b) What are the locations of these schools on a State electorate basis?
- (2) How are schools selected for "priority" for future funding?

- (3) What is the level of funding allocated to security fencing of schools in the coming 2011-12 budget?
 (4) Is vandalism, damage and student safety used as an important determining factor?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Security is only one of a number of reasons that schools are fenced, however not every school needs a fence.
 (b) The schools in your electorate that have been identified for future installation of security fences are Barnsley Public School, Bellbird Public School, Cessnock High School, Edgeworth Heights Public School and Kurri Kurri High School.
 (2) Schools that are experiencing security issues have onsite security risk assessments conducted by officers from the Department of Education and Communities' Safety and Security Directorate. As a result of this assessment process, schools are placed on a priority list which rates their risk in comparison to other schools across the State.
 (3) Funding allocations are determined in individual years as part of the overall assessment of minor capital works priorities. The 2011-12 State Budget will be announced by the Treasurer in September 2011.
 (4) The Safety and Security Directorate's security risk assessment process takes into account security incidents such as arson, break and enter, trespass and vandalism.

*0313 AUDITS OF SCHOOL PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When was the most recent audits of school properties undertaken?
 (2) Did these audits include footpaths and road infrastructure?
 (3) Did these audits included dialogue with principals and any other staff, parents or students?
 (4) When is the next audit of schools expected?
 (5) Will these audits include footpaths and road infrastructure?
 (6) What role could the Minister play with regard to the infrastructure that surrounds schools when it may be the responsibility of local councils and/or the Minister for Roads?

Answer—

- (1) The last condition assessment of school properties was in the latter half of 2008.
 (2) The 2008 condition assessments included an assessment of footpaths and roads on school properties.
 (3) Interviews were held with school principals before the condition assessments were undertaken and a further meeting was held at the conclusion of each assessment.
 (4) In the near future.
 (5) Yes, if the footpath and road infrastructure is within the school property.
 (6) The Minister has no role in the maintenance of infrastructure surrounding a school, apart from repairing damage that may have been caused by construction or maintenance work undertaken at the school.

*0314 NEW AND EXPANDED CURRICULUM CHOICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

Is the Government giving thought to new and expanded curriculum choices to address the changing interests of students and evolving needs of our society that may, in some areas, be no longer serviced by a classroom that has four walls, a roof, tables and chairs?

Answer—

The Board of Studies NSW provides syllabuses for all NSW schools that incorporate content addressing the learning needs of students in the 21st century. Currently new draft syllabuses based on Australian Curriculum content are in development for Kindergarten to Year 10 English, mathematics, science and history. These new syllabuses develop capabilities in areas such as creative and critical thinking, sustainability, ethical and intercultural understanding, personal and social competence in response to contemporary needs.

Schools in NSW are able to access programs that make use of new technologies to create flexible, collaborative and creative learning environments. Partnership programs, including those with government, business and community organisations, promote student learning in real world contexts beyond traditional classroom walls. Collaborations with organisations such as the Roads and Traffic Authority, Taronga and Western Plain Zoos, and the NRMA, are designed to enrich and supplement curriculum across all stages and learning areas.

*0315 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Glenn Brookes asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

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- (1) How many real estate agents are currently operating in the East Hills electorate?
- (2) How many complaints about real estate agents have been received by Fair Trading in the East Hills electorate in 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) On 5 July 2011, there were 168 real estate agents operating from 99 locations in the East Hills electorate.
- (2) NSW Fair Trading's complaint database has identified 23 complaints regarding real estate agents located in the postcode areas comprising the East Hills electorate in 2010.

The complaints related to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.

*0316 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Glenn Brookes asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many cases involving residents of East Hills electorate have been addressed by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) in:
 - (a) 2009;
 - (b) 2010?
- (2) How many applications to the CTTT from residents in the East Hills electorate were appealed to higher courts in:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal cannot provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed, or that were appealed to higher courts, which involved residents from the East Hills electorate. However, information can be provided on the number of cases where the dispute was located in a postcode that comprises the East Hills electorate.

- (1) (a) 900 cases
(b) 784 cases
- (2) (a) 0 cases
(b) 1 case
(c) 1 case

*0317 PRIORITIES FOR THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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

Answer—

The NSW Government will begin to deliver our priorities and commitments based on our Five Point Action Plan:

1. Rebuild the Economy - we will rebuild a strong NSW economy through lower taxes and supporting businesses to grow and create jobs;
2. Return Quality Services - we will return quality services in areas such as health, transport, education and community safety;
3. Renovate Infrastructure - we will build the infrastructure that makes a difference to both our economy and people's lives;
4. Restore Accountability - we will restore accountability to government, talk honestly with the community and give people a say on decisions that affect their lives; and
5. Protect our Local Environment and Communities - we will protect local environments, work with communities and return planning powers to the people.

The NSW Government's first priority for the State is unashamedly restoring economic growth and establishing NSW as the first place in Australia to do business.

The dividends of strong economic management are better services and infrastructure. Whether in transport, health, disability, homelessness, regional development or any other area of State Government responsibility, improved outcomes can only be delivered from a strong bottom line.

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

*0318 CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

When will the Government commence the planning of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) building at Callaghan Campus, Jesmond High School?

Answer—

A specific timeframe for the inclusion of individual projects in future State Budgets cannot be provided at this time. Funding for the provision of a Creative and Performing Arts building at Callaghan College Jesmond Campus will continue to be considered in the context of future capital works priorities.

*0321 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0322 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many staff do your departments have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0324 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0325 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0326 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The Member has asked the same question of the Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research

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(LA 0229). I refer the Member to the Minister's response.

*0328 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

The NSW Government has approximately 20,000 public sector employees in 50 agencies in the Wollongong local government area boundary.

*0329 STAFF BASED IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOUNDARY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Sports and Recreation—

How many staff does your department have based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary?

Answer—

I am advised that the Sport and Recreation portfolio has 107 staff based in the areas bound by the Wollongong local government area boundary. This includes full time, part time and casual staff employed in the Sport and Recreation Division and the Illawarra Venues Authority.

*0330 PAYROLL TAX REBATE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Government undertake any economic modelling to evaluate how many additional new jobs will be created (over and above those that would have been created without the rebate) as a direct result of the payroll tax rebate?
- (2) If so, how many additional new jobs does the Government predict will be created over the next two financial years as a direct result of the payroll tax rebate?
- (3) What is the anticipated cost, in dollars per additional new job created, of the payroll tax rebate over the next two financial years?
- (4) What is the Government's projected inflation rate for NSW in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Answer—

The Jobs Action Plan was reviewed by various independent third parties prior to the announcement of the policy last year. This confirmed that the Plan would be positive for job creation in NSW. The full extent of job creation and net cost to the Budget will depend on the prevailing labour supply and demand conditions.

The Government will be releasing an update for Consumer Price Inflation in the upcoming Budget.

*0331 LEICHHARDT POLICE STATION—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the opening of the planned police station in Leichhardt expected to result in any reduction of staffing or closure of Glebe Police Station?
- (2) Is any plan to reduce staff at or close Glebe Police Station currently under consideration?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the proposed police station building at Leichhardt will amalgamate resources currently spread between the three police stations within Leichhardt Local Area Command. While this will mean a reduction in the number of officers located at Glebe police station, there are no plans to close this station.

*0332 CHANGE OF NAME—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When was the name of the NSW Department of Justice and Attorney-General changed to the Department of Attorney-General and Justice?
- (2) What was the reason for this name change?
- (3) What was the cost of this name change, including all initial and ongoing costs of all re-badging associated with the name change?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 4 April 2011.

- (2) The change of name was a Government decision.
- (3) As at 27 June 2011, a total of \$7320.50 has been spent.

It is the practice of the Department to upgrade or replace signage at courthouses and buildings only when major works or refurbishment are undertaken. Any future change of signage will not create an additional cost but will only be undertaken as part of these programmed major works or refurbishment.

In addition, the Department will incur some minor expenses relating to banking, taxation and payroll.

*0334 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Mark Speakman asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many real estate agents are currently operating in the Cronulla electorate?
- (2) How many complaints about real estate agents have been received by Fair Trading in the Cronulla electorate in each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) On 1 July 2011, there were 291 real estate agents operating from 196 locations in the Cronulla electorate.
- (2) NSW Fair Trading's complaint database has identified the following number of complaints regarding real estate agents located in the postcode areas comprising the Cronulla Electorate in the following years:
 - 2007 - 28 complaints;
 - 2008 - 24 complaints;
 - 2009 - 26 complaints; and
 - 2010 - 34 complaints.

The complaints related to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.

*0335 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Mark Speakman asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many cases involving residents of Cronulla electorate have been addressed by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) in each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?
- (2) How many applications to the CTTT from residents in the Cronulla electorate were appealed to higher courts in each of the years 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal cannot provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed, or that were appealed to higher courts, which involved residents from the Cronulla electorate. However, information can be provided on the number of cases where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises the Cronulla electorate.

- (1) 2007 - 790 cases
2008 - 774 cases
2009 - 664 cases
2010 - 598 cases
- (2) 2008 - 1 case
2009 - 0 cases
2010 - 0 cases

*0336 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Mark Speakman asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints have there been to Fair Trading about solar panel installation safety concerns in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Fair Trading has identified 7 complaints relating to solar panel installation concerns from consumers residing in the postcode areas comprising the Cronulla electorate for the period 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010.

The most common complaint relates to the quality of the work.

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*0337 M2 MOTORWAY UPGRADE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Is work currently being carried out to upgrade the M2 Motorway?
- (2) When were tenders first called for this work?
- (3) Is all the work being carried out by the one contractor?
- (4) Who is the successful tender(s) for this motorway upgrade?
- (5) When did work actually commence?
- (6) What is the expected completion date for his project?
- (7) What is the total budget for this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No tenders were called for the work. The M2 motorway owner and operator, Hills Motorway Ltd, submitted an unsolicited proposal to upgrade the motorway in December 2007 and has engaged its own contractor following an agreement reached between the RTA and Hills Motorway Ltd in October 2010.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Hills Motorway Ltd has engaged Leighton Contractors.
- (5) Major construction on the motorway started in January 2011.
- (6) The project has an expected completion date of early 2013.
- (7) The project is estimated to cost \$550 million, fully funded by Hills Motorway Ltd.

*0338 UPGRADE OF WINE COUNTRY DRIVE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With respect to the election commitment made by the Member for Oxley and the candidate Alison Davey for \$1.2 million to upgrade Wine Country Drive (a commitment separate to the \$20 million made for vineyard roads):

- (1) Was the commitment contingent on the election of Alison Davey?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm that the Government will fulfil this commitment?
- (3) Will the money be committed in the 2011-2012 budget?
- (4) If the funding is not forthcoming in the 2011-12 budget when will the funding be committed and available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The preparation of the 2011-2012 budget is currently underway.
- (4) This project would be considered for inclusion in a budget in the context of statewide priorities.

*0339 "PAY DAY" OR SHORT-TERM LENDERS—Mrs Tanya Davies asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many "pay day" or short-term lenders operate in the Mulgoa electorate?

Answer—

Apart from overseeing the operation of a maximum interest rate, NSW Fair Trading is no longer the regulator of consumer credit in New South Wales. However, Fair Trading is aware of two short-term lenders that operate in the Mulgoa electorate.

The responsibility for regulating consumer credit transferred to the Commonwealth Government on 1 July 2010, through the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009. Credit providers must be licensed under this law. Accordingly, more detailed information on licensees under the Act can be obtained from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the national regulator of consumer credit.

*0340 GLENDALE POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

If work is currently underway on the implementation of the funding commitment in the 2009-2010 budget to improve policing infrastructure in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command, does that mean that planning is underway to purchase the land, as provided in the 2009-2010 budget, for the Glendale Police Station?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my previous answer to her Written Question No. 0044 on the same subject.

*0341 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government replace the railway crossing gates at the Adamstown Railway Station?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) when;
 - (b) will the gates be replaced by an overpass?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There is no current plan to replace the railway crossing gates, or to replace the gates with an overpass, at Adamstown Railway Station.

*0342 CENTRAL TO NEWCASTLE CITY RAIL LINK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government cut the Central to Newcastle City rail link at Wickham?
- (2) If so, what convenient, time saving and accessible public transport options will replace the rail line?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Board of the Hunter Infrastructure Fund will advise the Government on potential Hunter projects. It will also develop the 20-year infrastructure plan for the region.

Mr Peter Blackmore, the Mayor of Maitland, has been appointed the chair of the State Government's new Hunter Infrastructure Fund board. Further local community members and business leaders will be appointed to the board through a public expressions of interest process.

\$350 million will be allocated to the Fund over four years for infrastructure projects in the region.

*0343 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What investment is planned for the John Hunter Hospital in the next twelve months?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*0344 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What investment is planned for the Calvary Mater Hospital Newcastle in the next twelve months?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*0345 AUSGRID STADIUM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Was construction of the new western grandstand at Ausgrid Stadium overseen by a separate project control group?
- (2) If so, did the project control group include representatives from communities and Treasury respectively?

Answer—

- (1) The western grandstand at Ausgrid Stadium is complete.

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(2) The Project Control Group included a representative from Communities NSW and NSW Treasury.

*0346 COMMUNITY PHARMACIES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Coalition's pre-election policy of \$10 million for community pharmacies:

- (1) When will the program begin?
- (2) Is this \$10 million of annual funding or a "one-off" payment?
- (3) What measurements will be performed?
- (4) What referral process for abnormal findings will be used?
- (5) What records will be kept on site by the pharmacist?
- (6) Where will the pharmacies be located?
- (7) How will the money be spent (i.e. payment to pharmacists per facility, or per patient seen)?
- (8) (a) Is the funding recurrent?
(b) If not, what success criteria would be used to set up a permanent NSW Government-funded service?
- (9) Will the funding increase with CPI?

Answer—

- (1) to (9) The specific timing and detail of new initiatives such as Community Health Checks will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

*0348 VARROVILLE COAL SEAM GAS EXPANSION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

Given that the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Part 3A Repeal) Bill 2011 has been passed, and with regards to the planned coal seam gas expansion at Varroville:

- (1) Which planning body will be responsible for approval of this development?
- (2) Which planning steps (e.g. review of environmental factors, other health assessments) will be required?
- (3) What public consultation mechanisms will be used?
- (4) What role does the Minister have in the approval process?
- (5) Is final approval dependent on the Minister signing off on the proposal?

Answer—

- (1) As the environmental assessment requirements for the proposed Camden Gas Project - Stage 3 were issued under the former Labor Government, the project is classified as a "transitional Part 3A project" under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Part 3A Repeal) Bill 2011.

Since the election on 26 March 2011, I have delegated the ministerial role for determining transitional project applications under Part 3A. Under the terms of these delegations, the Camden Gas Project - Stage 3 will be determined by the Planning Assessment Commission.

- (2) I am advised that the proponent is presently preparing its response to submissions following public exhibition of the project. When the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has received this document, it will then prepare an assessment report on the proposal and submit this to the Planning Assessment Commission for its consideration in determining the proposal. The proponent's response to submissions and the department's assessment report will be made public.
- (3) Public exhibition of the project occurred from 26 October 2010 until 7 December 2010.
- (4) Refer to answer (1).
- (5) No.

*0349 DIABETES TYPE 1—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting the latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report on Diabetes Type 1, which shows a rate of 137.8 per 100,000 population and Australia has the seventh highest rate of this disease in children up to 14 years of age across all OECD countries, and also predicts a 10 percent increase by 2013:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of Diabetes Type 1 incidence and increase in NSW?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to identify Diabetes as early as possible and provide education and support to manage it as well as possible?
- (3) What additional action will the Government take to help prevent Diabetes and ensure that those with the condition can manage it as well as possible?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The data reported by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare are the most accurate source of data nationally on Type 1 Diabetes incidence.
- (2) and (3) Type 1 diabetes has a multifactorial onset, with both genetic and as-yet unidentified environmental factors thought to play key roles. It is not yet preventable. NSW Health in partnership with General Practice NSW and the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation, is implementing the Connecting Care (Severe Chronic Disease Management) Program which aims to reduce the progression and complications of chronic disease, including types 1 and 2 diabetes, improve the quality of life of people with chronic diseases and support their carers and families, reduce unplanned and potentially preventable admissions to hospitals and improve the health systems capacity to respond to the needs of people with chronic diseases.

Self management support is a key feature of the Connecting Care Program. The NSW Government recognises that an effective health care system must not only provide quality clinical services, it must also empower and activate people so they feel more confident about managing their conditions and are more likely to alter their behaviours. There is strong evidence suggesting that this improved self-efficacy is associated with better clinical outcomes.

The transitioning of adolescents from children's diabetes services into adult services requires coordination to manage the unique issues experienced by young people at that time in their life. Young people transitioning from children's diabetes services are at risk of poor self management and, as a consequence, poorer health outcomes.

NSW Health is planning to develop, within the Connecting Care Program, multidisciplinary services to facilitate the transition of young people from child to adult health services including self management and psycho-social supports.

*0350 ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to detoxification and treatment for people with alcohol and other drug problems:

- (1) How many places for drug and alcohol detoxification are available for people in the inner city?
- (2) What services offer alcohol/drug detoxification in the inner city and how many people get help each year?
- (3) What services offer alcohol/drug treatment programs in the inner city and how many people get help each year?
- (4) What services offer alcohol/drug rehabilitation programs in the inner city and how many people get help each year?
- (5) How does the Government assess need and ensure that there are enough detoxification places in the inner city?
- (6) How does the Government assess need and ensure that there are enough Methadone, Buprenorphine or other pharmacotherapy places in the inner city?
- (7) How does the Government assess need and ensure that there are enough treatment and rehabilitation places in the inner city for people who have undergone detoxification?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to expand inner city alcohol/drug detoxification, pharmacotherapy, treatment and rehabilitation places?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Up to 36 beds are available in residential detoxification services within the inner city, in addition to outpatient detoxification services.

St Vincent's Alcohol and Drug Services, the Salvation Army's Alf Dawkins House and Sydney Hospital each provide residential detoxification services. St Vincent's Alcohol and Drug Services and the Langton Centre also provide outpatient detoxification services.

In 2009-10, these services saw 1,218 people for either inpatient or outpatient withdrawal management. (NB: If an individual presented at more than one of these services they would be double counted).

St Vincent's Alcohol and Drug Services and the Langton Centre also offer a broad range of services that includes Opioid Treatment Program pharmacotherapies (methadone and buprenorphine), a Stimulant Treatment Program, and outpatient individual and group counselling.

Rehabilitation services within the inner city are provided by the Salvation Army's Catherine Booth House and William Booth House and by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Kathleen York House. Many other NGO rehabilitation services throughout the state are also available to residents of the inner city.

In 2009-10, there were 744 people seen for outpatient counselling, support and case management and 264 people who undertook residential rehabilitation in the inner city. (NB: If an individual presented at more than one of these services they would be double counted). Additionally, based on snapshot survey data, there were approximately 1,753 open maintenance pharmacotherapy episodes at any given time during that year.

(5) to (7) NSW Health is the lead agency for a national project to develop a population-based planning model to estimate the need and demand for drug and alcohol health services across Australia. When finalised, the model, called the National Drug and Alcohol and Clinical Care and Prevention (DA-CCP) model, will estimate the need for services ranging from prevention and early intervention to the most intensive types of treatment.

This service planning model quantifies need for specific resources, per 100,000 population of different ages, by using a range of parameters. The DA-CCP model is based upon a mental health services planning model that has been in use in NSW since 2001. The model, called the Mental Health and Clinical Care and Prevention (MH-CCP) model, estimates the need for mental health service needs. The MH-CCP has been favourably reviewed in international literature.

Additionally, the delivery of the Opioid Treatment Program pharmacotherapies (methadone and buprenorphine) is through a network of public clinics, private clinics, and community pharmacies.

Public Clinics have protocols for accepting and treating identified priority groups, including Correctional Centre patients on release, pregnant women, and medically compromised patients.

Typically, once stabilised on methadone or buprenorphine, patients will be transferred from the public clinic to a private medical practitioner for treatment, and to a private clinic or community pharmacy for dosing.

(8) The Government's Community Pharmacy Plan includes strategies to promote and enable pharmacies to expand the current provision of methadone and buprenorphine for opioid dependence treatment. Additional strategies support pharmacies in expanding medication management for the mentally ill, including those with co-morbid drug or alcohol problems.

The Plan will expand the quality and quantity of drug treatment services in New South Wales, including providing pathways to abstinence for Opioid Treatment Program patients, which will in turn free up places for servicing any current unmet demand for pharmacotherapy.

Furthermore, as part of its election commitments, the Government has committed an additional \$10 million over four years for drug and alcohol rehabilitation services and programs to help an extra 5,000 people end their addiction. Funding is to be made available to Non Government Organisations to increase capacity of community based treatment services. Services will also be encouraged to seek funding for development of 'methadone exit strategy' programs.

*0351 MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE REFERRALS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With respect to referrals made from the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) for clients to engage in drug detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation programs:

- (1) How many clients have been referred to treatment over the past two years, and how many were unable to get places in treatment?
- (2) What barriers prevent these referred clients from obtaining treatment, and what are the average delays in getting treatment?
- (3) What delays do MSIC clients experience getting access to methadone, buprenorphine or other pharmacotherapy?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that MSIC clients have prompt access to mental health crisis support where there is a dual diagnosis?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that MSIC clients can get ongoing support from general practitioners to address other health concerns?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to ensure that MSIC clients referred into drug treatment and rehabilitation are able to get help promptly?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) I refer the Member to the independent evaluation of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre that was conducted by KPMG in 2010. The report is available on the Department of Health's website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/mhdao/msic_kpmg_pdf.asp

*0352 NATIONAL PARK PROTECTIONS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the Government committed to the establishment of new protected areas in accordance with the New South Wales National Parks Establishment Plan 2008?
- (2) To what extent is the Government committed to making the Dharawal State Conservation Area a national park, ensuring protection of the ecologically significant swampland, creeks and endangered species at the start of the Georges River?
- (3) What action will the Government take to expand the New South Wales reserve system?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Government outlined its commitment to new national parks in its election commitment for new National Parks and maintenance resourcing.
- (2) The NSW Government is fully committed to establishing Dharawal National Park to protect the significant environmental, cultural and recreational values of this special area.
- (3) In one of its first actions, the Government acted to expand Goolawah National Park near Crescent Head, to protect an important area of natural coastline from unnecessary subdivision and development.

The Government has also committed \$40 million to establish green corridors across Sydney and NSW, through the purchase and protection of strategic areas of high conservation value that provide green spaces for habitat protection and recreation.

*0353 WOOLLOOMOOLOO AIR QUALITY—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to ongoing reports from Woolloomooloo residents about offensive odours and poor air quality:

- (1) What complaints has the Government received about air quality in Woolloomooloo?
- (2) What assessment has the Government carried out to measure air quality in Woolloomooloo including motor vehicle pollution?
- (3) What measures or assessment has the Government carried out to identify possible air pollutants in this precinct?
- (4) What action will the Government take to measure offensive odours and other air pollution and potential health impacts?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Since March 2011, the Office of Environment and Heritage's Environment Line has received two complaints about air quality in Woolloomooloo.
- (2) The Government operates 14 permanent air quality monitoring stations across the Sydney metropolitan area to provide a clearer picture of regional air quality. The nearest sites to Woolloomooloo are Rozelle and Randwick. Motor vehicle emissions standards are set at the national level and recent announcements have been made for tighter standards by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
- (3) The Office of Environment and Heritage maintains the Air Emissions Inventory for the Greater Metropolitan Region of NSW. This is a detailed listing of pollutants discharged into the atmosphere by each source type, during a given time period, and at a specific location. This is available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/air/airinventory.htm and can be searched down to local council level.

There have been previous campaign studies for air toxics in the Sydney Central Business District and these are reported in the 2002 published report of the Ambient Air Quality Research Program (1996–2001). The report is available at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/air/toxics.htm

- (4) The Government election commitment is that \$250,000 per annum will be allocated to expand the location of the current network of monitoring sites. These will likely be in areas with growing populations and where there may be exceedances of national air quality goals.

The existing air quality monitoring network across Sydney meets the national guidelines, which would allow air quality programs to address health impacts across Sydney. Data from the monitoring

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stations are reported on the Office of Environment and Heritage website. Individuals can register to receive free SMS and email alerts on days when pollution levels are forecast to be unhealthy.

*0354 GARDENS OF STONE PROTECTION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With regard to the large areas of the Gardens of Stone including parts of the Newnes Plateau and surrounding sandstone uplands that are not protected as State conservation area or national park:

- (1) What action will the Government take to reserve the remaining unprotected parts of the Greater Blue Mountains?
- (2) Will the Government develop a conservation management plan for the oil shale ruins at Mount Airly in cooperation with Centennial Coal to preserve relics and control visits?
- (3) Will the Government develop a recreation management plan through the park plan of management process for responsible driving on roads and respect of closed tracks and management trails, to enable rehabilitation of areas like Genowlan Mountain and the headwaters of the Wollangambe River that is in the identified Wollemi Wilderness?
- (4) Will the Government prevent the development of further climbing sites in the environmentally sensitive plant communities found on the western escarpment of the Blue Mountains?
- (5) To what extent will all commercial operations in the Gardens of Stone area be subject to environmental assessment, public comment and a review process?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Work is underway within the Office of Environment and Heritage to develop strategies and options for the long term protection of biodiversity and cultural heritage values within the Greater Blue Mountains region.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) This will be considered as part of the work referred to in answer 1. For those areas currently in the reserve system, vehicle access is generally managed through park plans of management, park policy and legislation.
- (4) This issue will be considered as part of the work referred to in question 1.
- (5) Commercial operations in the national parks and reserve system are subject to environmental assessment and for new buildings or accommodation, community consultation through the plan of management process. Additionally, amendments to the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 in 2010 introduced new sustainability measures for these types of proposals and require public advertising of many new commercial proposals.

*0355 INNER CITY SCHOOLS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education—

Noting significant demographic changes that are resulting in more school-aged children living in the inner city:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of population trends and expected demand for school places?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the need for primary school places?
- (3) How do estimates of need compare with the number of places for each year of primary school?
- (4) Will there be sufficient primary school student places for the estimated need over the next five years?
- (5) Will there be sufficient primary school student places for the estimated need over the next ten years?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made of the need for high school places, excluding selective high schools?
- (7) How do estimates of need compare with the number of places for each year of high school?
- (8) Will there be sufficient high school student places for the estimated need over the next five years?
- (9) Will there be sufficient high school student places for the estimated need over the next ten years?
- (10) What plans does the Government have to provide additional primary school places over the next five years and ten years?
- (11) What plans does the Government have to provide additional high school places over the next five years and ten years?

Answer—

- (1) Each year the Department prepares detailed 5 year enrolment projections for all government schools in NSW.

(2) The Department has been working on its Metro Strategy Project which is designed to identify schools in the Sydney Metropolitan area that cannot meet physical space demands for 2012 projected enrolments. This includes a review of the needs of particular inner city schools. Following the completion of this work, the Department will begin the development of medium and long-term asset plans for additional school facilities where there is an identified need. The Department has also been working with the City of Sydney as part of the Green Square Social Infrastructure Working Group, to identify areas of where potential future enrolment demand may exceed existing accommodation in schools.

(3) and (4) In 2016 it is anticipated that the following Public Schools will have enrolment pressure that may require additional accommodation (permanent or temporary) or demand management measures implemented (including boundary adjustments) to meet their needs. These schools include: Crown Street Public School; Darlinghurst Public School; Erskineville Public School; Forest Lodge Public School; Glenmore Road Public School; Newtown Public School and Ultimo Public School. All of these schools currently have significant numbers of students enrolled that do not live within the school catchment areas.

(5) The Department continually monitors housing and population trends and will respond to additional demand if required through both asset and non-asset solutions.

(6) See answer to question (1).

(7) and (8) Based on current projections there will be sufficient high school student places for the estimated need over the next 5 years.

(9) See answer to question (5).

(10) and (11) As part of its Metro Strategy Project, the Department will undertake short, medium and long-term asset planning to determine the need for additional school facilities.

*0356 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Dominic Perrottet asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints have there been to Fair Trading about solar panel installation safety concerns in the Castle Hill electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Fair Trading has identified 46 complaints relating to solar panel installation concerns from consumers residing in the postcode areas comprising the Castle Hill electorate for the period 1 January 2010 to 21 June 2011.

The most common complaints relate to the quality of the work, delays or non or partial supply.

*0357 NUMBER OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS—Mr Chris Spence asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many real estate agents are currently operating in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that on 1 July 2011, there were 396 real estate agents operating from 276 locations in The Entrance electorate.

*0358 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Chris Spence asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many cases involving residents of The Entrance electorate have been addressed by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) in:

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

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal is not able to provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed that involved residents from The Entrance electorate. However, information can be provided on the number of cases where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises The Entrance electorate.

- (a) 2007 - 1,897 cases
- (b) 2008 - 1,779 cases

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- (c) 2009 - 1,695 cases
- (d) 2010 - 1,718 cases

*0359 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Chris Spence asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many applications to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) from residents of The Entrance electorate were appealed to higher courts in:

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

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal cannot provide specific data on the number of applications from residents of The Entrance electorate that were appealed to higher courts. However, information can be provided on the number of cases appealed to higher courts where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises The Entrance electorate.

- (a) 2007 - 2 cases
- (b) 2008 - 1 case
- (c) 2009 - 0 cases
- (d) 2010 - 1 case

*0360 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Chris Spence asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many complaints about real estate agents have been received by Fair Trading in The Entrance electorate in the years:

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

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Fair Trading's complaint database has identified the following number of complaints regarding real estate agents located in the postcode areas comprising The Entrance electorate in the following years:

- (a) In 2007, 65 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.
- (b) In 2008, 71 complaints were received related to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.
- (c) In 2009, 67 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property, property and strata management issues and one complaint regarding the sale of a business.
- (d) In 2010, 67 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property and property management issues.

*0361 MOBILITY ACCESS AND TICKETING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In the next 12 months, are there any Government plans to upgrade Yennora Railway Station:
 - (a) to assist the mobility impaired;
 - (b) to install a ticketing machine on the eastern side?
- (2) If so, what is the budget for the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The Easy Access Program is prioritised to ensure that those stations in greatest need are upgraded first. The key criteria for prioritisation include patronage, whether the station is an interchange or terminating station, proximity to other accessible stations and other geographical information.

Based on these criteria, Yennora Station is not a current priority for upgrading in the Easy Access Program.

There are no other planned accessibility works at Yennora station.

(b) There is a Ticket Vending Machine at Yennora Station and there are no plans to install an additional machine on the eastern side.

(2) Not Applicable.

*0362 CYCLEWAY BRIDGE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Does the Government intend to honour the former Government's commitment to construct a \$1 million cycleway bridge at Reconciliation Road, Pemulway?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is working collaboratively with Holroyd City Council on investigations for a shared pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Reconciliation Road.

Once the outcomes of this investigation are known, the Government will be in a position to further consider funding towards the cost of construction.

*0363 LEIGHTONFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

What are the Government's plans to upgrade Leightonfield Railway Station over the next 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

RailCorp has recently installed passenger information displays at Leightonfield Station, with the works completed in June 2011. The audio system at Leightonfield was also recently upgraded.

RailCorp intends to upgrade the existing ticketing machine at Leightonfield Station in 2012 with EFTPOS functionality.

*0364 MOBILITY ACCESS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) In the next 12 months, are there any Government plans to upgrade Villawood Railway Station to assist the mobility impaired?

(2) If so, what is the budget for the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Easy Access Program is prioritised to ensure that those stations in greatest need are upgraded first. The key criteria for prioritisation include patronage, whether the station is an interchange or terminating station, proximity to other accessible stations and other strategic and geographical information.

Based on these criteria, Villawood Station is not a current priority for upgrading in the Easy Access Program.

There are no other planned accessibility works at Villawood Station.

*0365 ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

Does the Government intend to allocate additional funding to local councils specifically for the removal of rubbish illegally dumped on footpaths?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

There are currently no discretionary funds available within the local government portfolio to fund a project of this nature.

*0366 ARTS FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

Where does the Government stand with regard to the \$400,000 in Arts NSW funding for the Fairfield Museum and Gallery promised during the 2011 election campaign?

Answer—

This funding commitment was not made by the NSW Liberals & Nationals during the election campaign.

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*0367 EXTRA BEDS AND NURSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How does the Government intend to honour its promise to deliver 100 beds and 25 nurses to Sydney's South Western health district as part of its pre-election More Beds, More Nurses, Real Change Health Plan?
- (2) How will this impact health services in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Government's Better Hospitals & Healthcare Plan includes a \$3 billion investment into health capital, opening 1,390 beds and providing 2,475 extra nurses. This includes an allocation of \$293 million to make 550 adult acute overnight public hospital beds available and \$47 million to employ an estimated 275 additional Clinical Nurse/Midwife Educators and Clinical Nurse Midwife Specialists over the term of this Parliament.

I am advised that 44 beds have already been opened in the first 11 weeks and further beds will continue to be made available during the term of this Government.

In addition, nurse recruitment has begun with national advertising and an overseas recruitment campaign will begin later this year. Since March to the end of June 2011, there has been a net increase of 600 nurses employed in permanent fulltime and part time positions across NSW.

*0368 EVENTS AND TOURISM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What strategies are in place to support events and tourism in the Fairfield electorate?
- (2) What events have been proposed to be held in the Fairfield electorate over the next 12 months?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to developing and promoting Tourism and Events in Western Sydney and the establishment of Destination NSW and Visitor Economy Taskforce are central to these actions. Destination NSW is an integrated authority of the functions of the previous Tourism NSW and Events NSW.

Destination NSW will provide funding opportunities for Fairfield under the \$2.7 million Sydney Tourism Precinct Funding Program.

The NSW Government will also offer a variety of events to the residents of Fairfield. The Crave Sydney International Food Festival is a state-wide world class food festival that has gone from strength to strength showcasing the food culture of Sydney and NSW. Fairfield will host Culinary Carnival, a South American themed Community Festival, as part of Crave Sydney International Food Festival.

Residents in the electorate of Fairfield were also able to attend the nearby 'Flavours of Auburn Long Lunch', an event reflecting local community cuisines, and promoting the food cultures of greater Sydney and NSW at the inaugural Crave Sydney International Food Festival.

The people in the heart of the Fairfield electorate are also just 10 minutes (10 km) away from the centre of Western Sydney, Parramatta. Events staged in Parramatta with the support of Events NSW as part of Destination NSW include:

- Parramasala: Australian Festival of South Asian Arts is an innovative festival launched in 2010 which sees Parramatta and Western Sydney come alive with a program of events inspired by contemporary and traditional Indian and South Asian arts.
- 7 Bridges Walk.
- International Cycling Grand Prix Series.

*0369 HORSLEY DRIVE UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the latest information regarding the maintenance and upgrade of the Horsley Drive between Hume Highway Carramar and Cumberland Highway Smithfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

Pavement strengthening and resurfacing works were carried out during the 2010-11 financial year on The Horsley Drive between McLaren Street and Gordon Street, Carramar at a cost of \$1.23 million, and over selected sections between Polding Street and Granville Street, Fairfield at a cost of \$0.5 million.

Pavement strengthening and resurfacing is scheduled for The Horsley Drive during the 2011-12 financial year over the section between Granville Street to the Cumberland Highway, Fairfield at a cost of \$1.07 million.

Further pavement strengthening and resurfacing is scheduled for The Horsley Drive in 2013-14 over the section between the Hume Highway and Laurel Street, Carramar at a cost of \$0.63 million.

The above projects cover more than half of the length of The Horsley Drive between the Hume Highway, Carramar and the Cumberland Highway, Smithfield and will combine to make the road smoother, quieter and safer for road users and adjoining residents.

*0370 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools in the Fairfield electorate will receive additional teachers to improve literacy and numeracy?
- (2) What is the Government's timeline for this?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) This Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan will see an additional 900 teachers allocated to schools for Kindergarten to Year 2 students most in need of literacy and numeracy support.

I have established a Ministerial Advisory Group, comprising education experts and led by an independent Chair, Dr Ken Boston, to provide advice and direction in the delivery of our Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan.

The Ministerial Advisory Group will advise on the plan, including the timeline, to implement our commitment of progressively allocating the 900 teachers to the schools most in need of literacy and numeracy support across New South Wales.

*0371 ASBESTOS REMOVAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Does the Government intend to amend legislation to return control of asbestos removal and disposal back to councils?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The NSW Government is committed to reducing the potential risks to human health regarding the management, handling and disposal of asbestos waste in NSW. The Government provides accurate, useful and timely information to local councils and the community to achieve the Government's goal to reduce the risks to human health from exposure to asbestos waste.

The NSW Government is currently considering the recommendations for the NSW Ombudsman report to improve the management of, and reduce the health risk associated with, asbestos.

*0372 ORPHAN SCHOOL CREEK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW—

Does the Government have any plans to restore and regenerate Orphan School Creek?

Answer—

The State and Commonwealth Governments provide funding to councils to assist in the management of waterways. State funding is generally administered through relevant Catchment Management Authorities. I am advised under the former Labor Government, there were no funding arrangements through the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to provide funding to restore and regenerate Orphan School Creek (and that situation has not changed since the election).

As my colleague, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Small Business, has responsibility for Catchment Management Authorities, the member for Fairfield should seek the Minister's views on this issue also.

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*0373 SYDNEY TO BROKEN HILL COUNTRYLINK SERVICE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What are the patronage figures for the CountryLink service from Sydney to Broken Hill?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to increase the frequency of this service?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the year to date (June 2010 to May 2011) patronage figure for train services is 9,924.
- (2) I am advised by RailCorp that investigation of additional services to Broken Hill is under investigation by CountryLink, which provides regional transport services.

*0374 SCHOOLS SECURITY FENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the Wallsend electorate are still without security fences?

Answer—

The schools in the Wallsend electorate without security fences provided by the Department of Education & Communities are: Argenton Public School, Elermore Vale Public School, Glendale East Public School, Glendore Public School, Jesmond Public School, New Lambton Heights Infants School and New Lambton Public School.

Security is only one of a number of reasons that schools are fenced and not every school needs a fence.

*0375 TOURISM INITIATIVES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Are there any tourism initiatives planned for the Wallsend electorate?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) where and what are the details;
 - (b) what is the funding for the project?

Answer—

The Wallsend electorate falls within the geographical marketing boundaries of Tourism Hunter, which is an independent, incorporated body established to market and develop tourism in the Hunter region of NSW.

The NSW Government is committed to developing and promoting Tourism and Events in the Hunter region and the establishment of Destination NSW and Visitor Economy Taskforce are central to these actions. Destination NSW is an integrated authority of the functions of the previous Tourism NSW and Events NSW.

The NSW Government has also promised an additional \$5 million dollars to the regional tourism industry to assist in the development of new tourism product. Destination NSW also offers a range of opportunities for the industry within this area to promote their destinations and products. They include the Regional Tourism Partnership Program. In 2010, Tourism Hunter received \$556,200 and in 2011 it will receive \$490,000.

Funds are matched by the industry on a dollar-for-dollar basis. An example of the activity supported through the Program includes: Hunter Wine Country Tourism campaign - total value \$340,000. The campaign, in market from June 2011 includes outdoor, print and online media in Sydney, South East Queensland and Regional NSW. The Hunter region is featured in Destination NSW's international training workshops, trade development activities, and included in international campaigns with airlines.

Destination NSW will be focused on building a strong Regional Events Calendar. Investment levels in these events remain commercial in confidence.

*0376 PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that local schools are reducing their teaching programs in order to pay their utility bills?
- (2) Is the Government going to supplement power bills to ensure students are kept warm?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities is not aware of any public schools which are reducing their teaching programs in order to pay electricity bills.
- (2) Schools which exceed their budget for power bills and other utility costs can apply for supplementation. Principals are required to provide supporting evidence before supplementation is paid.

*0377 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—VISITORS BANNED—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many people have been prohibited or banned from visiting inmates in NSW correctional centres in the periods:

- (a) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;
- (b) 1 January 2011 to 21 June 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (a) In the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010, 367 people were banned from visiting inmates in NSW correctional centres.
- (b) In the period 1 January 2011 to 21 June 2011, 359 people were banned from visiting inmates in NSW correctional centres.

*0378 LITHGOW CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—VISITORS BANNED—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many people have been prohibited or banned from visiting inmates at Lithgow Correctional Centre in the periods:

- (a) 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010;
- (b) 1 January 2011 to 21 June 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that:

A person who is banned from visiting an inmate at a specific correctional centre in NSW, is generally banned from visiting inmates at all correctional centres in NSW, regardless of where the action or misconduct that gave rise to the ban took place.

- (a) In the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010, 367 people were banned from visiting inmates in NSW correctional centres. Of these, 3 bans originated from action or misconduct at Lithgow Correctional Centre.
- (b) In the period 1 January 2011 to 21 June 2011, 359 people were banned from visiting inmates in NSW correctional centres. Of these, 4 bans originated from action or misconduct at Lithgow Correctional Centre.

*0379 ROBINSON PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has the Robinson Program operating within Juvenile Justice been closed?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) why;
 - (b) will any program replace it?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) and (2) A review of the Robinson Therapeutic Unit in 2009 highlighted the need to change the program's focus, in light of current evidence-based research.

As a result, the program was completely revised to encompass a collaborative approach using evidence-based cognitive behavioural therapy.

A two-week training program was also developed, to ensure staff members are fully trained in the new program model. Cyclic maintenance, including new painting, flooring and glazing, had also been planned for the unit, so it was practical to schedule the training and maintenance at the same time.

The unit was closed for a two-week period from 23 May until 5 June 2011 to facilitate both the training and the planned maintenance.

To reflect the new program, the Robinson Unit has been renamed the Warby Unit: Collaborative Intervention Program.

(3) Not applicable.

*0380 PATIENTS SUFFERING ADVERSE EVENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- (1) What percentage of patients cared for by the NSW Health system suffer from:
 - (a) any adverse event;
 - (b) a major adverse event (i.e. one causing death or permanent disability)?
- (2) How are these figures measured?
- (3) Where are these figures publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Preliminary data for January to June 2010 indicates that those patients suffering from an adverse event (Severity Assessment Codes SAC1, SAC2) represented 0.18 per cent of total hospital separations.
- (2) The total number of reported adverse events by category are divided by the total number of hospital separations.
- (3) Figures have been publicly reported for the past 6 years on the NSW Health and Clinical Excellence Commission websites in the form of Biannual reports on Clinical Incident Management in the NSW Public Health System.

*0381 DENTAL HEALTH—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting that 34 per cent of those surveyed in 2008 for the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report postponing visiting a dentist because they cannot afford it, an increase from 27 per cent in 1994:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the need for public dental services?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to increase access to dental care for people on low incomes, in rural areas and those without private health insurance?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to improve access to dental care?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The NSW Government will shortly establish a Ministerial Taskforce to develop a NSW Dental Health Action Plan. This plan will cover three key areas: a feasibility study of including dental health in the severe chronic disease management program; establishing a dentistry clinical network through the Agency for Clinical Innovation; and strategies for NSW to take to the Commonwealth Government and the Australian Health Ministers Council.

Establishing who is responsible for preventive, interventional and emergency dental health care, as well the roles of public and private dentistry is fundamental to an action plan for NSW.

The taskforce will also address the issue of a comprehensive preventive dental health campaign

*0382 STRAY CATS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to Housing NSW managed land in inner Sydney and reports of large numbers of stray cats living on Housing NSW properties:

- (1) What action has Housing NSW taken in response to tenants' concerns about stray cat colonies on Housing NSW properties in Woolloomooloo, Waterloo, Glebe, Camperdown and Redfern?
- (2) What policies does Housing NSW have to manage dumped animals and stray animals on Housing NSW properties?
- (3) What action will Housing NSW take to humanely prevent stray cat populations on Housing NSW properties from growing, such as "trap, desex and return", to ensure public health and residential amenity?
- (4) What education does Housing NSW provide for tenants to minimise dumping of companion animals, and ensure prompt action in response to stray animals?

Answer—

Tenants who live in properties owned by Housing NSW may keep pets if:

- the property is suitable for the animal, which may be a companion animal; and
- the pet does not interfere with the reasonable peace, comfort and privacy of neighbours; and
- they comply with any council requirements and the Companion Animals Act.

If an animal belonging to a Housing NSW tenant causes a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours, or is not suitable for the property, Housing NSW will ask the tenant to remove it. Failure to remove the pet when

asked to do so is a breach of the tenancy agreement, and may result in action being taken through the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal. Further detail on Housing NSW's policy concerning pets is available on its website.

Where problems arise with pet populations Housing NSW will liaise with the appropriate authorities, such as the relevant local council and the RSPCA.

It is not the responsibility of Housing NSW to educate non-pet owners about the value of pets.

*0383 HOUSING NSW AND COMPANION ANIMALS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to Housing NSW managed land in Sydney and social housing tenants' pet ownership:

- (1) What data does Housing NSW collect about companion animals?
- (2) What percentage of public housing tenants own companion animals in NSW and in the Sydney electorate?
- (3) What education does Housing NSW provide to tenants to promote responsible pet ownership, including action to prevent straying, breeding and conflict with other tenants?
- (4) What is the Housing NSW policy on pet ownership and care in Housing NSW properties?
- (5) How does Housing NSW educate non-pet owners about the value of pets?
- (6) What information does Housing NSW provide tenants to help them access affordable veterinary care/desexing?
- (7) What consideration has Housing NSW given to introducing a program to identify companion animals living in Housing NSW properties to help identify strays and promote responsible pet ownership to tenants?

Answer—

Housing NSW does not collect data about companion animals.

The Residential Tenancy Agreement, which is signed by every tenant commencing their tenancy, outlines a tenant's pet ownership responsibilities. Pets may be permitted if the property is suitable for the animal; the pets do not interfere with the reasonable peace, comfort and privacy of neighbours; and the tenant complies with the Companion Animals Act.

Housing NSW does not provide an education program around the prevention of straying and breeding animals, however Housing NSW supports the initiatives provided by local councils concerning pet welfare.

It is not the responsibility of Housing NSW to educate non-pet owners about the value of pets.

*0384 TOURISM NUMBERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

What initiatives and strategies will the Government implement in the Illawarra to reach its target to double tourism numbers?

Answer—

The Illawarra region falls within the geographical marketing boundaries of the South Coast Regional Tourism Organisation (SCRTO). The SCRTO is an independent, incorporated body established to market and develop tourism in the SouthCoast region of NSW.

The NSW Government is committed to developing and promoting Tourism and Events NSW South Coast and the establishment of Destination NSW and Visitor Economy Taskforce are central to these actions. Destination NSW is an integrated authority of the functions of the previous Tourism NSW and Events NSW.

The NSW Government has also promised an additional \$5 million dollars to the regional tourism industry to assist in the development of new tourism product. These funds will be used to leverage off potential growth into Sydney help disperse tourist in NSW helping the government double tourism expenditure by 2020.

*0385 CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

When will construction of the data centre, that was committed to be built in the Illawarra, commence?

Answer—

The Department of Finance and Services is currently evaluating the tenders. I will be pleased to provide

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further information to the community when the evaluation is completed.

*0386 LEICHHARDT BUS DEPOT—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many staff members are currently employed at Leichhardt Bus Depot?
- (2) How many car parking spaces are available to staff at Leichhardt Bus Depot?
- (3) How many buses are currently based at Leichhardt Bus Depot, given as a total figure plus a breakdown by size of bus, e.g. standard, large, bendy bus, minibus, etc.)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Up to 224 staff operate at or from Leichhardt Bus Depot.
- (2) At the depot there are 126 staff car parking spaces which includes 1 disabled car space. In addition there are 5 visitor car parking spaces, 1 of which is a disabled car space. The visitor parking can be used by visiting staff from other State Transit offices. In addition there are 16 motorbike spaces and 20 bicycle spaces for staff to use.
- (3) Leichhardt Bus Depot currently has an operational bus fleet of 190 peak demand buses, comprising 10 articulated or "bendy" buses and 180 standard rigid buses.

*0387 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Chris Patterson asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the South West Rail Link?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to the delivery of the South West Rail Link (SWRL).

The first new track for the SWRL was laid in early May this year.

At the end of June a temporary pedestrian footbridge was installed at the station to provide safe and direct access between the station's temporarily relocated ticket office and the platforms to facilitate ongoing construction activities.

Works at Glenfield to construct the northern flyover are also progressing. In July, the northern flyover approach ramp will be connected to the main flyover structure. Following this, works will continue on the flyover's main structure and exit ramp, with the exit ramp scheduled to be completed by early next year, ready for track installation.

The northern flyover is significant as it will eventually carry the Airport & East Hills Line over the South Line separating these lines to remove the constraints that currently exist.

Works to upgrade Glenfield Station are progressing well. When complete, Glenfield Station will include a new bus interchange on Railway Parade, an additional platform, an expanded overhead concourse and easy access lifts.

A contract for the design and construction of the new rail line component of the SWRL, including the new stations at Edmondson Park and Leppington, has been awarded. Currently early site investigation and geotechnical works are underway.

*0388 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY—Mr Chris Patterson asked the Minister for Transport—

How will the establishment of an integrated transport authority benefit commuters in the Camden electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new integrated transport authority will be called Transport for NSW.

For the first time in the State's history planning and policy across all modes of transport, including roads, will be fully integrated within Transport for NSW.

The establishment of Transport for NSW will see policy and planning experts from all transport agencies working together, rather than in silos. This means transport agencies will be free to focus solely on delivering quality service to customers.

Transport for NSW will have six divisions:

- Customer Experience - which will make sure journeys are as simple and seamless as possible;
- Planning and Programs - which will consolidate planning for all modes and develop a

comprehensive transport masterplan;

- Transport Services - which will ensure transport services cost-effectively meet the current and future needs of customers
- Transport Projects - which will ensure major projects are delivered on time and on budget;
- Freight and Regional Development - which will make sure freight services and facilities meet the needs of the State economy, with particular focus on regional NSW; and
- Policy and Regulation - which will develop and oversight polices and laws pertaining to transport across the State.

Service providers like RailCorp, Sydney Buses, the RTA and other transport agencies will no longer be responsible for major procurement, long-term planning and policy - instead, they will focus solely on service delivery and meeting the needs of their customers.

This will mean staff are focused solely on front-line services.

The Customer Experience Division will ensure customers are the focus.

Improving customer service can be as simple as making signs easier to read, providing more information about services or ensuring announcements are clear and concise.

The establishment of Transport for NSW will mean commuters are the beneficiaries of better services, better planning and better projects.

*0389 SYDNEY FESTIVAL EVENTS—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that most of Sydney's population lives in Western and South Western Sydney, will the Minister direct that half of future Sydney Festival events be held in Western and South Western Sydney?

Answer—

The Premier has announced his commitment to increase events in Greater Western Sydney as part of a broader strategy to cater for the population in the region.

The Sydney Festival is leading the way in implementing this strategy.

The strategy combines building on existing CBD event programs with enhanced offerings and opportunities for Western and South Western Sydney, with the creation of new events developed specifically for the region.

On 12 July 2011, the Premier announced a new 10-day Sydney Festival event to be held in Parramatta and committed half a million dollars in funding.

The 2011 Western Sydney Events Calendar provides examples of the range of sporting and cultural events that are being extended into the region through this strategy.

*0390 CULLING/HUNTING IN NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Minister rule out the expansion of culling/hunting in national parks in NSW?

Answer—

The NSW Government policy is clear, hunting in national parks is not permitted.

*0391 ARTS PRECINCT PLAN—Mr Nathan Rees asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Does the Minister for Western Sydney support the establishment of the arts precinct plan for the old King's School site in Parramatta?

(2) Will the Minister ensure that the funding commitment of the previous Government is maintained?

Answer—

I am aware of the long-standing interest in the Old Kings School and its proposed use as an arts and education precinct. The Government is committed to improving services in Western Sydney and I am currently reviewing the detail of the project to assess the overall benefits for people in Western Sydney.

Works have continued on site to prevent further deterioration of the heritage buildings. The Government will consider the costs and benefits of the arts precinct project alongside other Western Sydney priorities.

*0392 LOCAL MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Has the Government implemented its policy to enable principals to use local maintenance providers?

(2) What processes have been put in place to ensure quality of work and value for money?

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Answer—

- (1) The new Maintenance Contracts allow principals to nominate local contractors to the Facilities Management Contractors to undertake work at their school.
- (2) The quality of work has been ensured by a greater number of audits being undertaken. Furthermore, the new contracts incorporate a rigorous Performance Management Framework which includes measurable key performance indicators. The Department of Education and Communities has also built sanctions into the contracts which will ensure better contractor performance. The sanctions include the ability to withhold payments if work over a period of time is unsatisfactory, or termination of the contract for ongoing performance issues.

Contractors are required to provide open book access to all programmed maintenance works undertaken by them which will allow the Department to review trade break-ups and subcontractor pricing to ensure value for money. The new contracts also allow for greater bundling of work so that contractors can take advantage of economies of scale and provide more competitive pricing.

*0393 LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES POLICY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

When will schools receive the funding of up to \$200,000 per school to renovate facilities promised in the Coalition's "Local Schools, Local Communities" policy?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities is currently developing an Implementation Plan to deliver on the "Local Schools, Local Decisions" election commitment within the current term of the Government.

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*0394 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What services are provided at the Mount Druitt Hospital Accident and Emergency department to assist patients presenting to the hospital with a mental illness?
- (2) Is this service being enhanced?
- (3) If so, what is the present position with this enhancement?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Blacktown Mount Druitt Mental Health service is a 24 hour, 7 days a week service for both Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals.

Patients presenting to the Mount Druitt Emergency Department have access to all the mental health facilities in the Blacktown-Mount Druitt area, as well as other inpatient beds across the Western Sydney Local Health District.

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

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

*0395 PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What are the statistics for public housing dwellings in the Maroubra electorate as at 28 March 2011 in the following categories:
 - (a) the number of public housing dwellings in the Maroubra electorate owned and managed by Housing NSW;
 - (b) the number of public housing dwellings in the Maroubra electorate owned and/or managed by other housing service providers by agreement with Housing NSW and/or the NSW Government;
 - (c) the breakdown dwellings by number of bed sitters, units (with bedroom composition), duplexes, villas and free-standing houses?
 - (d) the number of dwellings referred to in (a) and (b) above, by suburb in the Maroubra electorate?

- (2) In relation to the dwellings referred to in (a) and (b) above, how many are presently tenanted and how many are not tenanted?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b) There are 3987 properties in the Maroubra electorate including Housing NSW, Aboriginal Housing, community housing and head leased properties.

(c) Of the properties owned by Housing NSW more than 80% of these are units with a small number of cottages, townhouses and villas, 16%. The bedroom composition for the units are:

- Bed sitters - 11%
- 1 Bedroom Units - 28%
- 2 Bedroom Units - 41%
- 3 Bedroom Units - 19%

(d) Social housing properties are located across the Maroubra electorate with more than 75% of properties located in Malabar, Maroubra, Matraville and South Coogee.

(2) The number of Housing NSW properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as properties are vacated by tenants, cleaned and repaired ready for the next tenant, as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act and are then re-occupied

*0396 CS2 EASTERN SUBURBS AREA—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many on the current waiting list for the CS2 Eastern Suburbs area are on the:
- (a) Housing General register;
 - (b) Housing Register that are classified priority;
 - (c) Housing Register that are classified priority escalated?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for the above classifications in the CS2 Eastern Suburbs area?

Answer—

(1) (a) The number of people on the NSW Housing Register is published in the Housing NSW component of the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report. As at 30 June 2010 this figure was 43,335.

(b) and (c) The number of people who are priority approved varies as it is dependent on whether a client has an urgent and ongoing housing need that they are unable to resolve themselves in the private rental market.

(2) The number of people on the Housing Register awaiting accommodation varies and changes constantly. Many factors influence how long each applicant waits including the type of accommodation sought (e.g. number of bedrooms, style of dwelling); the type of household (e.g. aged couple, single person); and special needs (e.g. ground floor requirement, disability modifications).

*0397 BUS PATRONAGE FIGURES—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What are the patronage figures (on either a daily, weekly or monthly basis) for each of the Sydney Buses routes that service the Maroubra electorate?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a further breakdown of these figures for January, February, March, April and May 2011 on the following basis:
- (a) per route breakdown of patronage numbers for commuters that board buses within the Maroubra electorate;
 - (b) per route breakdown of patronage numbers for commuters that alight buses within the Maroubra electorate;
 - (c) patronage numbers for the M10 and M20 services for commuters relating to the Maroubra electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) For the months of January, February, March, April and May 2011, total patronage figures for each State Transit bus route servicing the Maroubra Electorate, including patronage from the Maroubra Electorate and other parts of the route, were:

	January 2011	February 2011	March 2011	April 2011	May 2011
Route 301	87541	90274	100826	85632	95241

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Route 302	13125	13666	15880	13709	14800
Route 309	143992	156936	171998	139085	157582
Route 310	115054	121299	136290	111143	121954
Route 316	30754	33860	38847	32551	36961
Route 317	42811	44945	51959	43139	47763
Route 341	19	11	8	18	7
Route 353	62910	56416	61546	52896	54326
Route 376	58966	59929	70288	59208	66807
Route 377	78938	77679	88249	74463	81408
Route 392	108148	109177	137621	117590	126671
Route 393	146041	173558	242956	185708	215499
Route 394	65924	72998	90991	71028	77496
Route 395	69729	73344	91872	80607	85657
Route 396	86433	85936	110492	93321	99728
Route 397	69062	70007	88500	77515	83740
Route 399	85702	86681	105592	94308	101248
Route 400	381697	392349	475403	402961	442638
Route 410	24887	34075	44897	31378	39474
Route L09	7923	9273	10266	7931	10070
Route L94	82695	86095	109902	91126	103655
RouteM10	146362	170229	245351	188905	218416
Route M20	121429	142970	172514	133516	158844
Route X09	5485	7092	7951	5565	7196
Route X94	19685	22437	27072	21006	26313
Route X96	8792	10504	11877	9234	11628
Route X97	2094	2402	3014	2206	3005
Route X99	1938	2587	3106	2195	3023

(2) (a) State Transit does not collect patronage numbers on an individual electorate basis.

(b) State Transit does not regularly collect data on where passengers alight from the bus, as passengers may choose to alight at any point within the sections covered by their ticket.

(c) State Transit does not collect patronage data on an individual electorate basis.

*0398 STUDENT ENROLMENTS—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at the commencement of the 2011 educational year for each year group in each of the schools in the Maroubra electorate in Department of Education schools?
- (2) What are the corresponding figures for the 2010 educational year?

Answer—

- (1) A table showing the actual student enrolments submitted on the 2011 February census day by the principals of government schools in the Maroubra electorate is at Table A.
- (2) A table showing the actual student enrolments submitted on the 2010 February census day by the principals of government schools in the Maroubra electorate is at Table B.

ACTUAL 2011 ENROLMENTS BY GRADES AT SCHOOLS IN THE MAROUBRA ELECTORATE

TABLE A

Primary	Part-Time Preschool	Full-Time Preschool	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Primary Support
Banksmeadow Public School	8.2	19	40	31	38	31	29	25	30	9
Botany Public School	0	0	37	23	25	22	31	17	28	0

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La Perouse Public School	0	0	3	9	5	9	7	8	6	0
Malabar Public School	0	0	42	43	45	31	43	26	30	0
Maroubra Bay Public School	0	0	38	32	24	19	17	12	15	0
Matraville Public School	0	0	32	33	38	25	39	25	44	0
South Coogee Public School	0	0	62	84	65	94	84	75	75	0
Pagewood Public School	0	0	41	37	23	29	13	27	16	0
Matraville Soldiers Settlement Public School	20	0	27	25	26	34	21	35	34	0
Chifley Public School	0	0	34	41	35	33	25	35	28	0
John Brotchie Nursery School	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maroubra Junction Public School	0	0	95	92	89	80	73	70	68	0

Secondary	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Part-Time Year 11	Full-Time Year 11	Part-Time Year 12	Full-Time Year 12	Secondary Support
Matraville Sports High School	31	49	48	68	4.328	35	5.352	30	32
South Sydney High School	93	96	121	130	2.62	132	5.024	122	0

TABLE B

Primary	Part-Time Preschool	Full-Time Preschool	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Primary Support
Banksmeadow Public School	9	30	34	40	32	29	30	28	20	9
Botany Public School	0	0	23	28	27	31	20	30	26	0

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La Perouse Public School	0	0	5	5	8	8	7	8	5	0
Malabar Public School	0	0	44	46	31	43	30	31	32	0
Maroubra Bay Public School	0	0	30	26	21	17	11	18	10	0
Matraville Public School	0	0	36	37	33	41	24	44	46	0
South Coogee Public School	0	0	91	69	95	91	81	76	55	0
Pagewood Public School	0	0	37	22	34	16	30	16	30	0
Matraville Soldiers Settlement Public School	18	0	26	27	34	20	40	33	35	0
Chifley Public School	0	0	40	34	35	26	41	31	32	0
John Brothie Nursery School	36.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maroubra Junction Public School	0	0	95	91	83	77	72	68	69	0
Secondary	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Part-Time Year 11	Full-Time Year 11	Part-Time Year 12	Full-Time Year 12	Secondary Support	
Matraville Sports High School	52	60	63	54	0	41	2.567	30	35	
South Sydney High School	96	122	123	131	6.088	137	2.164	136	0	

*0399 BED AND NURSE NUMBERS—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will there be an increase in bed and nurse numbers in the Wollongong electorate?
- (2) When will there be an increase in bed and nurse numbers across the broader Illawarra area?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Government's Better Hospitals & Healthcare Plan includes a \$3 billion investment into health capital, opening 1,390 beds and providing 2,475 extra nurses. This includes an allocation of \$293 million to make 550 adult acute overnight public hospital beds available and \$47 million to employ an estimated 275 additional Clinical Nurse/Midwife Educators and Clinical Nurse/Midwife Specialists over the term of this Parliament.

I am advised that 44 beds have already been opened in the first 11 weeks and further beds will

continue to be made available during the term of this Government.

In addition, nurse recruitment has begun with national advertising and an overseas recruitment campaign will begin later this year. Since March to the end of June 2011, there has been a net increase of 600 nurses employed in permanent fulltime and part time positions across NSW.

*0400 RENOVATION OF HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the Minister undertake the renovation of health infrastructure in the Wollongong electorate?
- (2) When will the Minister undertake the renovation of health infrastructure across the broader Illawarra area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

*0401 STAFF NUMBERS—HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will there be an increase in staff numbers in health service delivery in the Wollongong electorate?
- (2) When will there be an increase in staff numbers in health service delivery across the broader Illawarra area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Increases in staff numbers in health service delivery are determined in line with new services or as required by clinical need.

*0402 ORANGE BASE HOSPITAL—AFTER HOURS HELICOPTER SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) With a view to enhancing the neuro-trauma unit at Orange Base Hospital, has the possibility of an "on call" (i.e. on standby, rather than ready on site) after hours helicopter service for Orange been considered?
- (2) If such a service has been discounted, what reasons were given?
- (3) What other considerations would preclude this possibility?
- (4) How much would such a service cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The Auditor-General's report in September 2010 stated that NSW Ambulance had reviewed the need to extend the operating hours of the Orange helicopter during 2009. That review identified there was not a sufficient demand at that time to warrant an increase to a 24 hr service.

Prior to the election, the government committed to again review the need for a move to a 24 hr aeromedical retrieval service in Orange. This has been done. The advice received shows there has been no change in aeromedical activity in the Central West, which is why there is no need to commit to a 24/7 operation at this stage.

In line with the Auditor-General's report, a state-wide review will be carried out before the regional helicopter contracts expire in December 2012.

This will determine if there is a need to switch to an extended service in Orange.

*0403 PORT ENFIELD—TRAFFIC IMPACTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Upon Port Enfield becoming operational, will the Government commit to providing financial assistance towards the Regional Road Transport Coordination Group, comprising Sydney Ports, RTA, Bankstown

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and Strathfield councils, which will oversee the traffic impacts of the terminal on the surrounding industrial and residential areas?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Sydney Ports will bear the full cost of administering the Regional Roads Transport Coordination Group.

*0404 SYDNEY PORTS—FUNDING PAYMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) When will Port Enfield at Chullora be operational?
- (2) When will Sydney Ports make available the \$700,000 funding payment to Bankstown City Council which the former Government committed to as part of a community enhancement program?
- (3) Will the Government commit to further compensatory measures given the potential impact on the Bankstown local government area, in particular Greenacre?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Independent Logistics Centre is expected to become operational in the first half of 2013.
- (2) The funding will be provided as Bankstown City Council advises Sydney Ports Corporation that each project has been completed.
- (3) No. I am advised by Sydney Ports there is no evidence that the Project, as developed, will increase impacts on Bankstown Local Government Area.

*0405 RIGHT-HAND TURN TRAFFIC SIGNAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the RTA install a much needed right-hand turn traffic signal travelling north along Henry Lawson Drive turning into the Hume Highway over the next 12 months as a matter of urgency?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA has no current plans to provide a right turn arrow for northbound traffic on Henry Lawson Drive turning into the Hume Highway, however, the RTA will continue to monitor the performance of the intersection.

*0406 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What upgrades are planned for the section of Henry Lawson Drive in Georges Hall between the M5 and the Hume Highway over the next 12 months?
- (2) Will the Government commit to reducing congestion on this road by widening this section of Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No upgrades of Henry Lawson Drive between the M5 and Hume Highway are currently proposed in the next 12 months.
- (2) Given the current budgetary situation, delivering any projects outside the current capital program and our election commitments is extremely difficult.

*0407 UPGRADE OF YAGOONA MEDIAN STRIP—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the Government (RTA) commit to upgrading the median strip through Yagoona town centre on the Hume Highway over the next financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to upgrade the median on the Hume Highway, Yagoona at this time.

The RTA will continue to maintain the existing median to ensure it remains neat and tidy.

*0408 HUME HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What capital works and upgrades are planned for the 2011-12 financial year for the Hume Highway between Bass Hill and Chullora?

Answer—

I am advised:

No upgrades of the Hume Highway between Bass Hill and Chullora are currently proposed in the RTA's forward road development program.

Given the current budgetary situation, delivering any projects outside the current capital program and our election commitments is extremely difficult.

*0409 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Will the Government, as a matter of urgency, commit to upgrading the section between the M5 and Bankstown Airport of Henry Lawson Drive, including the intersection of Milperra Road and Henry Lawson Drive, to a dual carriageway (two lanes in each direction)?

Answer—

I am advised:

No upgrades of Henry Lawson Drive are currently proposed in the RTA's forward road development program.

Given the current budgetary situation, delivering any projects outside the current capital program and our election commitments is extremely difficult.

*0410 BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) Will the Government continue to provide financial support towards the Bankstown Arts Centre and its programs?

(2) If so, please specify?

Answer—

Bankstown City Council has submitted an application to the 2012 Arts Funding Program for annual program funding. Decisions about funding will be made later this year.

*0411 BANKSTOWN BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

What funding will be provided in the 2011-12 year to support the Bankstown Business Advisory Service which provides support to existing and emerging businesses in Bankstown?

Answer—

No NSW Government funding will be provided to the Bankstown Business Advisory Service in 2011-2012, as the Service did not participate in the tender process that awarded contracts to deliver Business Advisory Services for the period 2009 to 2012.

The current Business Advisory Service program contracts expire on 30 June 2012. The program is now being reviewed and a number of options for service delivery are being considered.

The Government has a Small Business Action Plan, which includes the establishment of the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, cutting red tape, regular consultation and ensuring Government agencies pay bills within 30 days.

*0412 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—ADDITIONAL PARKING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government commit to supporting Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's urgent need for further parking on the hospital site over the next financial year?

Answer—

I am advised that Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is continually monitoring the parking available for its patients, visitors and staff.

The Government is currently undertaking a review of health capital infrastructure. The specific timing of hospital projects will be announced after the budget process is completed in September 2011.

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*0413 PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government commit to upgrading Punchbowl Railway Station including providing much-needed lifts for both the platform and the two entry points to the station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Easy Access Program is prioritised to ensure that those stations in greatest need are upgraded first. The key criteria for prioritisation include patronage, whether the station is an interchange or terminating station, proximity to other accessible stations and other geographical information.

Based on these criteria, Punchbowl Station is not a current priority for upgrading in the Easy Access Program and as such there are no current plans to install a lift at the station.

*0414 MID GEORGES RIVER SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Government continue to fund the Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative which came to a close in April 2011, including projects to improve Yeramba Lagoon and the Georges River foreshore near Garrison Point, Georges Hall?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative was funded under the NSW Environmental Trust's Urban Sustainability Program, which ran from June 2006 until June 2011.

No further funding is available under this program.

*0415 389 BUS SERVICES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting ongoing reports that these bus services are full before they reach Paddington in peak travel times:

- (1) What data does the State Transit Authority keep about demand for 389 bus services at peak travel times and what does this show about the need for additional services at these times?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of express services or limited stops services on the 389 route?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of services on the 389 route originating between Bondi Junction and the city, in order to provide services for passengers closer to the city?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of alternatives to buses to provide mass transit options between the city and inner eastern suburbs currently serviced by the 389 bus route?
- (5) What long-term plans does the Government have to address the need for better public transport along this route?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) An increase in the number of services on route 389 provided in peak periods was introduced in April 2009. The most recent level of data indicates that the current level of services is sufficient to meet demand.
- (2) Express services or limited stops services on the 389 route are not considered feasible as the route mainly operates on local roads which are predominantly single carriageway, and some speed control devices are in place on parts of the route.
- (3) Assessment of services on the 389 route is made regularly to ensure bus services meet passenger demand. Route 389 provides 9 services in the morning peak period which commence at Woollahra to provide additional services for passengers boarding between Bondi Junction and the city.
- (4) Buses are the most appropriate mass transit option for the 389 bus route between North Bondi and the City/Circular Quay. The service is regularly reviewed by the State Transit Authority to determine whether additional services or higher capacity modes are required. A high capacity M40 Metrobus service operates adjacent to the 389 corridor and reduces congestion at Bondi Junction. The M40 service offers an alternative to the 389 bus route.
- (5) The State Transit Authority works closely with the Roads and Traffic Authority and local councils to improve bus priority and corridor improvements to facilitate better bus services. Opportunities to increase frequency on the Eastern Suburbs Line serving this corridor are being explored.

*0416 VEHICLE SALES ON ROADS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

Noting that backpackers' ongoing use of Victoria Street to sell their vans prevents residents and visitors from parking in the street, and given that:

- (a) councils don't have power to prevent car sales on the roadway;
 - (b) roads legislation does not apply to vehicle sales;
 - (c) backpackers move vehicles to prevent parking infringements;
 - (d) most inspected vehicles are roadworthy;
 - (e) all other councils the City of Sydney has contacted are also unable to legally respond to this problem; and
 - (f) local residents strongly oppose metered parking:
- (1) What options has the Government considered to empower councils to address this problem?
 - (2) What assessment has the Government given to adding a note in Section 632 (2A) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993 to specify that the section does not prevent councils from prohibiting vehicle sales on a particular road, so councils can erect a notice to prohibit the sale of vehicles on a particular road?
 - (3) What action will the Government take to enable council to stop Victoria Street being used as a car yard?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) I refer to my letter to you dated 24 May 2011 providing information on the range of existing legislative options to deal with on-street parking.
- (2) The Government believes that the amendment is not necessary, given the existing powers available to councils, as follows:
 - (a) Time-restricted parking under clauses 204 and 205 of the Road Rules 2008
 - (b) Metered parking under clauses 207, 207-1 and 207-2 of the Road Rules 2008
 - (c) Residential parking under clause 124 of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 1999
 - (d) Establishing tow away areas under clause 145 of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 1999, and
 - (e) Impounding vehicles that are abandoned or left unattended under the Impounding Act 1993.
- (3) It is a matter for each council to decide what action is most appropriate for its community given the existing powers outlined above.

*0419 ANNANDALE AND LEICHHARDT POLICE STATION BUILDINGS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the current usage of the Annandale and Leichhardt police station buildings?
- (2) How often are they being used?
- (3) (a) Are there any plans to sell the two buildings?
(b) If no, are there any plans to alter their current usage?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Annandale and Leichhardt police stations are used for various ongoing operational purposes, including accommodating local and Strike Force investigators, staff training and management team meetings, storage and as a command post during special events.

The ongoing requirement for these buildings will be assessed in the context of the proposed new Leichhardt Police Station.

*0420 LEICHHARDT BUS DEPOT—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) (a) Is there a traffic management policy for buses entering and leaving the Leichhardt Bus depot?
(b) If so, is this policy publicly available?
- (2) (a) Is the lane change machine for the Iron Cove Bridge stored at the Leichhardt Bus Depot?
(b) If so, does it impede the access and egress of buses from the Leichhardt Bus Depot to the City West Link?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) Leichhardt Council set the traffic management conditions for buses entering and leaving Leichhardt Bus Depot when it granted Development Consent in early 2007. The Development Application documents are publicly available from Leichhardt Council and State Transit on request.
- (2) (a) and (b) When not in use, the Road and Traffic Authority's (RTA) lane change machine for the Iron Cove Bridge is stored at the Leichhardt Bus Depot, away from the main bus operational area of the depot. The machine does not impede the access and egress of buses from the Leichhardt Bus Depot to the City West Link.

*0421 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Andrew Rohan asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many real estate agents are currently operating in the Smithfield electorate?
- (2) How many complaints about real estate agents in the Smithfield electorate have been received by Fair Trading in:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) On 27 June 2011, there were 328 real estate agents operating from 208 locations in the Smithfield electorate.
- (2) NSW Fair Trading's complaint database has identified the following number of complaints regarding real estate agents located in the postcode areas comprising the Smithfield electorate in the following years:
 - In 2007, 99 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.
 - In 2008, 46 complaints were received related to the purchase or sale of property and property management issues.
 - In 2009, 61 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property, property management and strata management issues.
 - In 2010, 62 complaints were received relating to the purchase or sale of property and property management issues.

*0422 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Andrew Rohan asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many cases involving residents of Smithfield electorate have been addressed by the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) in:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010?
- (2) How many applications to the CTTT from residents in the Smithfield electorate were appealed to higher courts in:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that the Tribunal cannot provide specific data on the number of cases it addressed, or that were appealed to higher courts, which involved residents from the Smithfield electorate. However, information can be provided on the number of cases where the place of dispute was located in a postcode that comprises the Smithfield electorate.

- (1) (a) 2007 - 2,606 cases
- (b) 2008 - 2,566 cases
- (c) 2009 - 2,265 cases
- (d) 2010 - 2,303 cases

- (2) (a) 2007 - 0 cases
- (b) 2008 - 0 cases
- (c) 2009 - 0 cases
- (d) 2010 - 3 cases

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- 0423 CONVEYANCE OF INMATES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Are inmates brought from prisons to appear at the Mount Druitt Court House to answer charges?
 - (2) Which authority is responsible for conveying these inmates to and from the court?
 - (3) (a) Is the Government proposing any changes to the arrangement for transporting inmates to and from the Mount Druitt Court House?
 - (b) If so, what are these changes?
- 0424 CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER POSITIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Noting that on 22 June 2011 the Premier indicated to the House that 95 per cent of members in the former Government held positions as chairs of committees or Presiding Officers, exactly what number of positions did this involve?
- 0425 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STAFF—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regard to the \$5 million enhancement for three emergency specialists and two emergency registrars at the Prince of Wales Hospital Emergency Department:
- (1) Have these positions been advertised?
 - (2) When will these extra ED emergency staff commence work?
- 0426 COMMUNITY-BASED ADDICTION PROGRAMS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regard to the \$10 million enhancement for keeping drug and alcohol dependent people out of hospital and the Minister's proposal to create up to eighty extra residential beds in community-based addiction programs:
- (1) What programs have been funded by 31 July 2011 and In which locations?
 - (2) How has the efficacy of these programs been measured?
 - (3) How many of these beds have been opened and In which locations?
- 0427 BUS SERVICE 235—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Will the government extend the 235 bus service from Maryland to Minmi and If so, when?
- 0428 FIXED SPEED CAMERA—NEWCASTLE ROAD, JESMOND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) In the wake of the Government turning off around one-quarter of the state's fixed speed cameras, what measures is the Minister taking to deter drivers from speeding along Newcastle Road, Jesmond which had a fixed speed camera operating at the approach to one of the busiest intersections in Newcastle, on the crest of a hill?
 - (2) Have accidents and injuries fallen by 26 per cent and fatalities by two-thirds in the three years following the installation of fixed speed cameras?
 - (3) Have accidents and injuries decreased since the installation of the Newcastle Road fixed speed camera?
- 0429 HOMELESSNESS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many people are currently recorded as homeless in the Hunter region?

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- (2) What steps is the Government taking to find accommodation for homeless persons in the Hunter?
(3) What steps is the Government taking to prevent homelessness?
- 0430 ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) In view of statistics revealed this week that NSW Community Services received almost 80 child abuse reports a day from the Hunter Central Coast region during the last financial year, making it the worst region in the state, is the Government planning to provide additional funding to Community Services in the Hunter?
(2) What steps is the Government taking to provide more support for families in the Hunter?
- 0431 CABRAMATTA COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Was the commuter car park situated at Cabramatta announced by the former State Government?
(2) Can the Minister advise when this project will commence?
- 0432 CANLEY VALE COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Was the commuter car park at Canley vale announced by the former State Government?
(2) Can the Minister advise when this project will commence?
- 0433 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport—
What is the latest information on the progress of the Fairfield Interchange?
- 0434 CLOSE THE GAP STRATEGY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) Has the Minister sought budget enhancements to implement the Government's component of the Close the Gap strategy?
(2) If so, for how much?
(3) If not, why not?
- 0435 REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING PLUMBING ISSUES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Has the Minister received representations from Mohamed Ahmad dated 25 May 2011, as the owner of premises in Ashcroft, concerning plumbing issues caused by contractors retained by Housing NSW?
(2) If so, what is the Minister's response?
- 0436 CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHIEF JUSTICE BATHURST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What was the date on which your letter concerning alleged further complaints against Magistrate Maloney was sent to Chief Justice Bathurst?
(2) What was the date on which you received the letter, dated 17 June 2011, from E J Schmitt purporting to be a response to the letter referred to in (1) above?
(3) Why did you not provide copies of both letters to all members of the Legislative Assembly:
(a) as soon as possible;
(b) before Magistrate Maloney addressed the Council;
(c) before the substantive motion concerning the magistrate was moved?
- 0437 EMPLOYEES ON "UNATTACHED LIST"—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many employees of the Department of Attorney General and Justice are currently on the "unattached list"?
(2) For what periods of time have they been on that list?
(3) What were the substantive positions of those employees before they became "unattached"?
- 0438 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ORDERS AND PERIODIC DETENTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In light of your media release of 6 January 2008, what legislative initiatives do you propose in relation to:
(a) community corrections orders;
(b) periodic detention?

- 0439 NSW CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In light of your media release of 4 June 2008, when do you propose to alter oversight arrangements over the NSW Crime Commission?
- 0440 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In light of your media release of 29 July 2007, how much additional funding have you secured for Juvenile Justice since 26 March 2011?
- 0441 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In light of your media releases of 4 August 2007 and 18 December 2009, how much additional funding have you secured for NSW correctional centres since 26 March 2011?
- 0442 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NSW ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In light of your media releases of 21 July 2007 and 7 October 2001, how much additional funding have you secured for NSW Analytical Laboratories since 23 March 2011?
- 0443 COST CUTTING MEASURES WITHIN TAFE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
Will the Minister's cost cutting measures within TAFE take into account TAFE's role in:
- the need for skilled tradespeople in NSW;
 - English language classes;
 - retraining of retrenched workers;
 - supporting adults seeking to improve their employment prospects?
- 0444 APPLICATIONS TO THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In the period 28 March 2011 to 26 July 2011, how many applications to the Supreme Court have you authorised to detain sexual offenders after the expiry of the period of imprisonment to which they were sentenced?
- 0445 CHARGE BARGAINING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
Do you propose to alter or review the guidelines for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to charge bargaining?
- 0446 WORK PERFORMED BY HUGO HALLIDAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What work has been done by Hugo Halliday for your departments since 26 March 2011?
 - What work has been done by Hugo Halliday for you since 26 March 2011?
 - In relation to questions (1) and (2):
 - What was the precise nature of the work?
 - What was the precise value of the work?
 - Is the work ongoing?
- 0447 COTTAGE FAMILY CARE CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- What is the annual NSW Government contribution to the Cottage Family Care Centre, Campbelltown?
 - From what other sources is budget for this centre derived?
 - How many staff are employed by this centre?
 - What services are provided by this centre?
 - What referral criteria are there?
 - How many children (in total, and numbers per day) are currently cared for by the Cottage centre?
 - Are changes to their funding expected in the September 2011 budget?
- 0448 WILLIAM CAREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—DEDICATED BUS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- (1) Are there any plans for a dedicated bus to the William Carey Christian School from the Chipping Norton/Moorebank area?
- (2) Has the option for a shared bus with other schools (such as All Saints Senior College) been examined?
- (3) What financial options are available for assistance to schools such as William Carey Christian School to finance their own buses?
- 0449 BRIDGE OVER CAMBRIDGE AVENUE CAUSEWAY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) (a) Has any recent design or costing work been done on a new bridge over the Cambridge Avenue causeway, Glenfield?
- (b) If so, what is the current expected cost?
- (2) As the road is designated as a regional road, entering into Commonwealth land, what responsibility do the three levels of government individually have for meeting this cost?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to construct a high-level bridge at the causeway site?
- 0450 READING RECOVERY PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- What criteria is used by the department to determine the schools that require funding to implement the Reading Recovery program?
- 0451 FUNDING OF LOCAL SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) What programs are local sporting clubs able to access for assistance with funding for local sporting infrastructure?
- (2) When do these programs open for applications?
- 0452 REDUCTION OF RED TAPE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- What specific strategies does the Minister have to reduce red tape for police officers in the Wollongong Local Area Command?
- 0453 CYCLEWAY NETWORK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What is the Government's plan to increase the cycleway network in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
- 0454 REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What roads in the Wollongong Local Government Area will be part of the review of speed limits across the State?
- 0455 REDUCTION OF PRISON POPULATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What is the Government's plan to reduce the prison population by one-fifth, given your commitment to this target in 2010?
- (2) What is the time limit for achieving this target?
- 0456 REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI FROM PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- What time limits does Housing NSW have for removing graffiti from public housing properties?
- 0457 JOBS CREATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- What specific targets has the Government set for the creation of new jobs in the Wollongong Local Government Area?
- 0458 REGIONAL RELOCATION INITIATIVE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What modelling was carried out to determine that the Wollongong Local Government Area should be included in the Regional Relocation initiative?

- (2) Is there any projection on the number of people in the Wollongong Local Government Area who are likely to take up this initiative?
- 0459 MEMORIAL DRIVE (NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR)—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
Are there any plans for the next stage of Memorial Drive (Northern Distributor) in the Keira electorate?
- 0460 CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
How many criminal infringement notices have been issued by police in the Wollongong Local Government Area command since 2008?
- 0461 PRIMARY HEALTH FACILITY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) What planning has been carried out on the primary health facility committed to by the previous Government?
(2) When will the planning be completed?
- 0462 LEICHHARDT BUS DEPOT—CANCELLATION OF SERVICES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
(1) In the last two months how many times were each of the 433, L37 and L39 bus services cancelled?
(2) What are the main contributing factors to cancellation of services based at the Leichhardt Bus Depot?
(3) (a) Is on-time running data for services based at the Leichhardt Bus Depot collected on a regular basis?
(b) If so, is this data publicly available?
(4) Which three bus routes based at Leichhardt Bus Depot have the worst on-time running record over the past six months?
- 0463 COST OF DISCONTINUED METRO PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
(1) What was the total amount of expenditure by the previous Government in relation to the discontinued Metro project from the Sydney CBD to Rozelle for:
(a) consultants;
(b) advertising;
(c) financial and commercial advice;
(d) legal fees;
(e) design work?
(2) What was the overall total amount of expenditure by the previous Government on the discontinued Metro project?
- 0464 COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport—
(1) Are there currently any outstanding compensation claims against the Government in regards to the defunct Metro scheme?
(2) If yes, from whom?
(3) What is the current status of these claims?
- 0465 CARBON TAX—Mr Chris Patterson to ask the Treasurer—
What is the likely impact of the Carbon Tax on the cost of living?
- 0466 IMPACT OF DEBT ON BUDGET PREPARATIONS—Mr Chris Patterson to ask the Treasurer—
(1) How much debt was left by the previous Government?
(2) How is the debt left by the previous Government impacting on Budget preparations?
- 0467 HOUSING NSW—PROPERTIES AND TENANTS—Mr Andrew Rohan to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
(1) How many properties does Housing NSW currently manage in the Smithfield electorate?
(2) What number of properties were managed by Housing NSW in the Smithfield electorate for the following years:

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- (a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) 2010?
- (3) How many tenants currently occupy those properties that Housing NSW manages in the Smithfield electorate?
- (4) What number of tenants occupied the properties managed by Housing NSW in the Smithfield electorate for the following years:
(a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) 2010?
- (5) At any one time, what is the average number of vacancies of NSW Housing properties in the Smithfield electorate?
- (6) What is the average turnaround time for properties that have become vacant in the Smithfield electorate?
- 0468 REAL ESTATE AGENTS—COMPLAINTS—Mr Jai Rowell to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) How many real estate agents currently operate in the Wollondilly electorate?
(2) How many complaints about real estate agents in the Wollondilly electorate were received by Fair Trading in the following years:
(a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) 2010?
- 0469 PROPERTIES AND TENANTS—WOLLONDILLY ELECTORATE—Mr Jai Rowell to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many properties does Housing NSW currently manage in the Wollondilly electorate?
(2) How many tenants currently occupy those properties managed by Housing NSW in the Wollondilly electorate?
- 0470 PROPERTIES AND TENANTS—WOLLONDILLY ELECTORATE—Mr Jai Rowell to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) What number of properties were managed by Housing NSW in the Wollondilly electorate for the following years:
(a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) 2010?
- (2) What number of tenants occupied the properties managed by Housing NSW in the Wollondilly electorate for the following years:
(a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) 2010?
- 0471 VACANCIES AND TURNAROUND TIME—WOLLONDILLY ELECTORATE—Mr Jai Rowell to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) At any one time, what is the average number of vacancies of NSW Housing properties in the Wollondilly electorate?
(2) What is the average turnaround time for properties that have become vacant in the Wollondilly electorate?
- 0472 OUT OF HOME CARE PROGRAM—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) What plans are in place for the future delivery of the Out of Home Care (OOHC) program in NSW?
(2) Will these plans lead to job losses for Family and Community Services employees?

- (3) Can assurances be given that any changes in the delivery of the OOHC program will not have a negative impact on the children, families and carers currently within the OOHC program?
- (4) Can assurances be given that any changes in the delivery of the OOHC program will not result in any job losses for employees of Family and Community Services in the Northern Tablelands?
- (5) Can assurances be given that any changes in the delivery of the OOHC program will not have a negative impact on the delivery of those services to clients in the Northern Tablelands?

0473 SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Are there any plans to cut back services and/or positions to the Soil Conservation Service, NSW including the Northern Tablelands?