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- 1510 SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY GRANT SCHEME IN ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 1511 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM IN ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

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- 1512 GREY NURSE SHARK PROTECTION REVIEWS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Following revocation last April of grey nurse shark protections at Fish Rock and Green Island on the New South Wales mid North Coast:

- (1) Did the State Government carry out its promised three month community consultation on the protections?
- (2) When did the consultation begin and end?
- (3) What was involved in the consultation?
- (4) When will results from the consultation be released?
- (5) Where will results from the consultation be available?
- (6) Did the State Government carry out its promised scientific review to ensure that conservation needs of the grey nurse shark are met well into the future?
- (7) When did the review begin and end?
- (8) What was involved in the review?
- (9) When will results from the review be released?
- (10) Where will results from the review be released?

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- 1513 INCREASED COST OF RAIL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
What impact will a 6% increase in fares have on the numbers of commuters using public transport in the Hunter?
- 1514 POLICE ACTION IN WILLMOT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING UNITS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Has the NSW Police been involved in the Security Audit for Department of Housing units in Van Dieman Avenue, Willmot?
 - (2) Did this action follow complaints of anti social behavior by youths against the aged residents of this complex?
 - (3) What issues have been identified by the Security Audit?
 - (4) How many persons have been detected by Police at this complex?
 - (5) Of the persons referred to in Question 4, how many of these persons were:
 - (a) Arrested and charged with an offence?
 - (b) Cautioned?
 - (c) Summoned to appear at court?
 - (d) Any other action?
- 1515 CARDIFF RAIL LIFTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
Why has the Government stalled for a year the building of the Cardiff Rail easy access facilities?
- 1516 CLEANING TIMES ON TRAINS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Given the Minister's statement on ABC Radio on 6 December 2011, regarding improvements to commuter rail services, is the Minister intending to increase cleaning times on trains and remove graffiti?
 - (2) If so, what are the details for increased cleaning time allocated to our trains?
- 1517 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
Will the Government commence building the Newcastle Inner City bypass in 2012 to alleviate road traffic chaos?
- 1518 FIXED SPEED CAMERA AT JESMOND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
What is the status of the fixed speed camera that was installed at Newcastle Road, Jesmond? Was it decommissioned? If so, will it be switched back on?
- 1519 ROADSIDE LITTER IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
What steps are the Government taking to reduce roadside litter in the Hunter?
- 1520 NURSE POSITIONS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
Will the Minister make a commitment to provide the 49 nurse positions needed in the Hunter in addition to the 101 new graduate nurses to be provided (Minister's statement 31 January 2012)?
- 1521 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
How many special needs school children use the Assisted School Travel Program in the electorate of Cabramatta?
- 1522 CARERS IN THE CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
How many full-time and part-time carers operate in the electorate of Cabramatta?
- 1523 CABRAMATTA FIRE STATION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the proposed finishing date of the new Cabramatta Fire Station?
(2) Has the adverse weather created any delay?
- 1524 CANCER SERVICES IN THE HUNTER—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to cancer services in the Hunter:
- (1) When was the Hunter cancer report commissioned?
(2) Who were the principal authors?
(3) What did the report cost?
(4) When was the Report received by HNE LHD?
(5) When was this report made public?
(6) What plans does the Minister have to address the issues raised?
(7) In what time frame?
- 1525 BUDGET POSITION OF NSW HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the budget position for NSW Health as of 31 December 2011?
(2) Is this under or over the allocated budget?
- 1526 HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WESTMEAD—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Of the 507 Hospital Beds opened between 1 July 2010 and 22 November 2011 (Written Question 1316):
(2) How many of these beds were at The Children's Hospital Westmead?
(3) What type of beds are they? (i.e. acute/subacute/other).
(4) In which unit(s) are these beds located?
(5) At what date were they first made available for patient care?
(6) Are these beds funded by COAG or by the NSW Government?
(7) How many beds were/are available at The Children's Hospital Westmead on:
(a) 1 July 2010;
(b) 22 November 2011; and
(c) 31 January 2012?
(7) How many additional beds are planned to be opened at The Children's Hospital Westmead by 30 June 2012?
- 1527 GLEN INNES RESEARCH AND ADVISORY STATION—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) When will the vacant Manager's position at the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station be filled?
(2) With staff numbers and projects at the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station continuing to decline, what steps will the NSW Government take to ensure the future viability of this facility?
(3) Will the Genetic Improvement of Beef Cattle for Green House Gas Outcomes project continue to be based at the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station and if not, why not?
(4) What future projects will be based at the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station?
(5) What steps are being taken to establish new projects at the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station?
(6) With at least seven vacant offices in the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station why were approaches from two Government funded projects (Rural Financial Counseling Service and Regional Landcare Facilitator) to rent space in the premises not negotiated by the Department of Primary Industries?
(7) Will the Department of Primary Industries consider a reduction in rent to encourage utilisation of the vacant office space?
(8) Why has the White Clover Breeding Program at the Glen Innes Research and Advisory Station been stalled for the past four years despite an overseas partner willing to be involved in the future commercialization of new clover varieties?
- 1528 HOSPITAL BEDS AT CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Of the 507 Hospital Beds opened between 1 July 2010 and 22 November 2011 (Written Question 1316):

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- (2) How many of these beds were at Calvary Mater Hospital? What type of beds are they? (i.e. acute/subacute/ other).
- (3) In which unit(s) are these beds located?
- (4) At what date were they first made available for patient care?
- (5) Are these beds funded by COAG or by the NSW Government?
- (6) How many beds were/are available at Calvary Mater Hospital on:
- 1 July 2010;
 - 22 November 2011;
 - and 31 January 2012?
- (7) How many additional beds are planned to be opened at Calvary Mater Hospital by 30 June 2012?
- 1529 CHILD DEATHS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- Given the Child Deaths 2010 Annual Report showed that 139 of 589 children who died in 2010 were "known to DOCS", using the definition of a report being received about a child or his/ her siblings in the previous three years, or who was in care at the time of death:
- What was the child population of NSW in 2010?
 - How many, and what percent, of this population, were "known to DOCS" using the above definition?
- 1530 HOSPITAL BEDS IN LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Of the 507 Hospital Beds opened between 1 July 2010 and 22 November 2011 (Written Question On Notice 1316):
- How many of these beds were at Liverpool Hospital?
 - What type of beds are they (i.e. acute/subacute/ other)?
 - In which unit(s) are these beds located?
 - At what date were they first made available for patient care?
 - Are these beds funded by COAG or by the NSW Government?
 - How many beds were/are available at Liverpool Hospital on:
 - 1 July 2010
 - 22 November 2011
 - 31 January 2012?
- (7) How many additional beds are planned to be opened at Liverpool Hospital by 30 June 2012?
- 1531 REDFERN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Following the response to Written Questions On Notice 12098/541, 7311/541, 7311/541, 0686/532 and 4670/531 about the long-awaited redevelopment of Redfern Railway Station, and noting that this station is the seventh busiest in the network but does not have disability access:
- What community consultation was carried out in 2011; When will the approved station upgrade plans be public;
 - What action will be taken to provide disability access;
 - How will station capacity be expanded;
 - What pedestrian and bicycle access across the rail corridor will be provided;
 - How will links to precincts east and west of the railway lines be improved;
 - What public domain improvements will be included;
 - How will safety in the station precinct be improved;
 - How will the built, social and Indigenous heritage of the railway station precinct be protected;
 - What changes will be made to station entrance and concourse;
 - When will construction begin;
 - When will an accessible station be completed and in use?
- 1532 WILD GOAT RACES—Ms Clover Moore 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—
- Noting recent media reports about cruelty to wild goats forced to take part in races, and that Police officers are often the only animal cruelty enforcement agents in some areas as the RSPCA in many rural areas cover a large area and cannot attend to all cruelty complaints:

- (1) Are rural police officers aware of POCTA and the need to act on animal cruelty?
 - (2) How does NSW Police monitor cruelty at goat races?
 - (3) What information and advice does NSW Police provide to people planning or organising goat races?
 - (4) What directions or guidelines does NSW Police provide to officers attending wild goat races?
 - (5) What plans does NSW Police have to provide support and direction to Police officers required to prevent cruelty at wild goat races?
 - (6) What directions or guidelines did NSW Police provide to the officer who attended the Woolbrook goat racing event on 2 October 2011?
 - (7) Is the police officer who attended part of this event aware that cruelty allegations have been made?
 - (8) What actions or follow up investigations did this police officer take about animal cruelty or POCTA breaches at the Woolbrook goat race event?
 - (9) Are police in Woolbrook and other outback towns aware that these events have the potential to breach POCTA?
 - (10) Given goat race organisers say goats need to be frightened to run and POCTA makes it an offence to unnecessarily or unjustifiably terrify an animal, what assessment has NSW Police made on the legality of goat races?
 - (11) What consideration has NSW Police given to stopping goat racing events before POCTA breaches can occur?
 - (12) What cruelty prosecutions have Police initiated for wild goat races across NSW?
 - (13) What action will NSW Police take to investigate cruelty at wild goat racing events if members of the community report that investigations by other authorities were not thorough?
- 1533 POLICE STATION PHONE SYSTEM AT WOLLONGONG—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—
- (1) Will the NSW Police Force install a phone system at unmanned stations in the Wollongong Local Area Command that automatically redirects callers to the Wollongong Police Station?
 - (2) If so, when will this change take place to improve the service to local residents?
 - (3) If not, why not?
- 1534 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Are there any plans to expand the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) Program to include offenders under the age of 18?
 - (2) If yes, can you detail these plans including the timing of when such a program will commence?
 - (3) If not, why not?
- 1535 INTERSECTION AT F6 AND OLD MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Can you advise of any plans to improve the intersection of the F6 and Old Mount Ousley Road for traffic turning right from Old Mount Ousley Road onto the F6 (Mount Ousley Road)?
- 1536 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THORNE STREET TORONTO—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Would traffic and pedestrian safety in Thorne Street, Toronto, be better served by encouraging vehicles to use The Boulevard and discouraging the common use of Thorne Street as an arterial route?
- 1537 PERMANENT TEACHER ALLOCATION IN SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- At the commencement of the school year 2012, how many classes in NSW did not have a permanent teacher allocated and in which schools are these classes located?
- 1538 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS ON SCHOOL SITES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- How will demountable buildings on school sites be replaced now that the Demountable Replacement program has been axed?
- 1539 DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS OVER 5 YEARS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- Which Government schools in NSW have had demountable buildings for more than:

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- (1) 5 years;
- (2) 10 years;
- (3) 15 years?

1540 TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN NSW SCHOOLS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

As at the end of January 2012, how many demountable buildings are there in NSW schools?

1541 WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT LEVY—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the Government's position on the future of the Waste and Environment Levy?
- (2) What is the cost of this levy to communities where it has been introduced?
- (3) Are there any plans to expand the Waste and Environment Levy to rural and regional areas?