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*3126 SECONDARY SCHOOLS—ECONOMICS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Do secondary schools provide students with studies in economics?
- (2) If so, does this subject teach students on issues such as:
 - (a) personal financial management;
 - (b) debt management;
 - (c) home/family budgeting?
- (3) If not, which subjects provide this level of learning?

Answer—

In primary schools students learn about many aspects of consumer and financial management as a cross curricular focus. It is addressed in Human Society and Its Environment, Mathematics and other key learning areas.

In the compulsory years of secondary schooling, commerce is an elective subject which is normally taught in Years 9 and 10 enables students to develop understandings in commercial and financial processes and develop competencies for personal financial literacy.

Consumer and financial literacy is also integrated into the teaching and learning of other key learning areas where students are able to engage with real world examples about the use of money and financial transactions.

*3127 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Under the most recent changes to the regulations governing justices of the peace, is the term of office limited to 5 years?
- (2) Can a justice of the peace apply for the renewal of their commission prior to the expiration of the five year period?
- (3) Will a reminder notice be sent to justices of the peace advising that their term of office is about to expire?
- (4) What notification will be sent to a justice of the peace that their commission is about to expire or has expired?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Justices of the Peace Regulation 2003 has not been amended recently.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Notification will be sent to each Justice of the Peace approximately three months before the term of appointment expires. The notification will include the expiry date of the appointment, together with information about the process of applying for re-appointment.

*3129 DISCREPANCY IN PUBLISHED INFORMATION—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

Why do the NSW Health website mental health readmission figures for the proportion of adults readmitted within 28 days to the same facility with an acute mental health problem in 2004/05 differ to those for the same heading and date released in the "Interagency Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Second Yearly Progress Report"?

Answer—

There have been recent improvements to the way the Health administration measures and collects data about readmissions.

It is now possible to collect and report on data in relation to a wider range of both patients and facilities than was previously possible.

I can further report that the Commonwealth has introduced a new national benchmark for readmissions that is being progressively introduced by States and Territories and will replace local measures. NSW Health is currently making arrangements for this.

The outcome of this is that there will be a standard national approach to measuring and reporting on readmissions.

*3140 ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT ALONG FULLERS ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What action is the Government intending to take to ensure enforcement of the new 50 km per hour speed limit along Fullers Road, Chatswood?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA is responsible for the setting and implementation of safe and appropriate speed limits on all roads in NSW.

Enforcement of speed limits is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force.

*3141 SYDNEY FERRIES REVIEW—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

When will the Sydney Ferries review into free and subsidised travel for charities be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Ferries proudly supports a number of charities and is presently conducting a review to ensure the equitable distribution of support across the community. It is anticipated that the review will be completed in the near future.

*3142 ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROADWORKS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to construction works for the upgrade to the Chatswood Railway Station and associated roadworks:

- (1) Why were residents in Chatswood, particularly those in Brown Street, not advised that their street would be blocked off on the weekend of 10-11 May thereby preventing access to their driveway?
- (2) What is the Government's policy in relation to advising local residents when roadworks are in progress?
- (3) Will the Minister ensure the residents of Willoughby electorate that they will be given advance warning of roadworks impacting on access to their homes?

Answer—

I am advised:

The roadworks in question were part of the development of the Chatswood Interchange.

Accordingly, your Question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport.

*3143 ARTARMON RAILWAY STATION—COMMUTERS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to Artarmon Railway Station:

- (1) How many commuters used the station in 2005?
- (2) How many commuters used the station in 2006?
- (3) How many commuters used the station in 2007?
- (4) How many commuters currently use the station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage information is reported on in RailCorp's annual report, as required by the Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Regulation 2005 and the Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984.

*3144 COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

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- (1) What is the scheduled completion date for the review of the Community Services Grants Program?
- (2) Are any new projects being funded under this program while the review is underway?

Answer—

- (1) The implementation of recommendations from the review will depend on outcomes from the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW.
- (2) No.

*3146 YASS HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the Greater Southern Area Health Service completed its investigation into the complaint of Ms L Gibson of Yass regarding the refusal of the Yass Hospital to provide emergency department services to her on 12 April and 14 April 2008?
- (2) If so what was the result of this investigation?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Greater Southern Area Health Service that an investigation has been conducted by the Area Health Service. I am advised that at no time was Ms Gibson refused treatment. An explanation and an apology has been offered to Ms Gibson.

*3148 BROOKLYN AND DANGAR ISLAND SEWERAGE SYSTEM—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) How many homes and businesses are now connected to the new sewerage system in Brooklyn and Dangar Island?
- (2) What difficulties have been met and how are they being overcome?

Answer—

Sydney Water has advised:

- (1) Connections became available to Brooklyn from November 2007, and to Dangar Island from late April 2008.

As at 19 May 2008:

- 216 (70%) Brooklyn properties have connected, which includes four of the ten businesses.
- 42 (22%) Dangar Island properties have connected.

- (2) Sydney Water has overcome a number of difficulties in delivering an improved sewerage service to the communities of Brooklyn and Dangar Island. Water-charged ground, especially at properties close to the Hawkesbury River, has required the use of special shafts to secure property collection tanks in the ground. Hand-digging and some underground drilling work has also been used to overcome the limited access for construction machinery on Dangar Island.

Sydney Water recognises that customers on Dangar Island may find it difficult to organise a plumber to come to the island and connect their home to the new system. Sydney Water has assisted these customers by putting them in touch with a number of different plumbers and pump-out/de-sludge operators.

A recent independent survey of Brooklyn residents found that:

- 92% of respondents were satisfied with the way construction activity was carried out, and
- 95% of respondents were satisfied with Sydney Water's overall performance in delivering the sewerage scheme.

*3151 STUDENTS AT PORT HACKING AND JANNALI HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is the total number of students at the following schools:
 - (a) Port Hacking High School;
 - (b) Jannali High School?
- (2) What number of male and female students attends each of the high schools in question (1)?
- (3) What is the total number of teachers and staff at each of the high schools in question (1)?

Answer—

The answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 are based on the 6 February 2008 enrolment census date.

- (1) (a) The Principal of Port Hacking High School reported an enrolment of 1,058.199 full time equivalent students.
(b) The Principal of Jannali High School reported an enrolment of 871.175 full time equivalent students.
- (2) (a) The Principal of Port Hacking High School reported an enrolment of 470.936 full time equivalent male students and 587.263 full time equivalent female students.
(b) The Principal of Jannali High School reported an enrolment of 441.239 full time equivalent male students and 429.936 full time equivalent female students.
- (3) (a) The teacher staffing entitlement for Port Hacking High School was 69.5 full time equivalent positions and the school administrative and support staffing entitlement was 12.572 full time equivalent positions.
(b) The teacher staffing entitlement for Jannali High School was 58.2 full time equivalent positions and the school administrative and support staffing entitlement was 10.882 full time equivalent positions.

*3153 SUPPORT FOR CARERS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

Following the Four Corners "In My Shoes" program's exposure of the desperate situation for many people who care for family members with very severe disabilities, what action has the NSW Government taken to:

- (1) Coordinate services and support programs with the Commonwealth Government, given new commitments from the Commonwealth in the 2008/2009 budget?
- (2) Implement Carers NSW's proposed Carers' Recognition Act?
- (3) Introduce a NSW Carer Card based on the Queensland Carer Business Discount Card to help reduce costs for carers?
- (4) Fund Carers NSW's proposed \$50,000 research into carers' needs?
- (5) Expand the Young Carer Project with \$300,000 as requested by Carers NSW?
- (6) Increase funding for the Program of Aids for Disabled People (PADP) to \$35.7 million as recommended by Carers NSW, the Physical Disability Council of NSW and NCOSS?
- (7) Provide support services in conjunction with social housing as listed in the NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012?
- (8) Increase supported accommodation places to meet escalating need, as identified by Carers NSW, NCOSS and disability peak bodies?
- (9) Increase Home and Community Care (HACC) funding by 20 per cent to meet need backlogs?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government, together with other jurisdictions, is working with the Commonwealth Government to better coordinate services and support programs.

State and Commonwealth jurisdictions are currently finalising arrangements for the transfer of \$901 million under the Disability Assistance Package to States and Territories. Through this transfer, NSW is expected to receive \$303.5 million over four years, including \$34.5 million in 2008/09.

These funds will be used to provide support for carers of people with severe and profound disabilities through the provision of respite, supported accommodation, and other support services.

The NSW Government, through Stronger Together, will contribute an additional \$89.3 million for services for people with a disability and their carers in 2008/09.

- (2) The NSW Government has given a strong commitment to the State's 750,000 carers through its NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012.

Released in March 2007, this Plan details the NSW Government's support for carers over five years.

It recognises the contribution of carers in NSW, and outlines our vision, commitment and priorities for action in supporting them. The Plan will contribute significantly to carers achieving improved quality of life for themselves and for the people they care for.

This has been recognised by Carers NSW in a media release published 13 May 2008:

"The NSW Government has already taken measures to show its strong support of the state's 750,000 carers, announcing a five-year NSW Carer Action Plan in 2007 to ensure carers are recognised, respected and valued and that services for carers and the people they care for improved."

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- (3) The NSW Government announced on 20 April 2008 its plan to introduce a NSW Companion Card. The card will be provided to people who always or usually require the assistance of a carer in their daily lives, with eligibility based on the needs of a person with a disability. The card will be free, it won't be means tested, and we estimate it will make it easier for about 25,000 people in NSW to better access the community, everyday services and events. It is anticipated that participating ('affiliate') organisations will recognise the Companion Card and will issue the cardholder with a second ticket for their companion at no charge.

The NSW Companion Card proposal is anticipated to be operational in early 2009.

I am advised that the Queensland Carer Business Discount Card is has recently been introduced in 2008. While a similar card is not planned at this stage in NSW, the progress and effectiveness of the Queensland card will be monitored.

- (4) The NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012 includes a commitment to support for further carer research initiatives, particularly in relation to "hidden carer" groups. The NSW Government, through three agencies (Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, NSW Health and the Commission for Children and Young People) is currently contributing funding and in-kind support for a major three-year Australian Research Council Linkage Project "The Lifecourse Impact of Caring on Children and Young People". The funding contribution for this important young carer research from the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is \$45,000 over three years.
- (5) The NSW "Young Carers Project" is funded through the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. The statewide project, auspiced by Carers NSW, provides information, counselling and peer support for children and young people who have caring responsibilities. As indicated in the NSW Carers Action Plan, recurrent funding for the project will be continued, with annual indexation. The 2007/08 recurrent funding level is \$221,256 per annum.
- (6) This matter falls under the administration of NSW Health.
- (7) The lead responsibility for the social housing initiatives for carers in the NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012 falls within the responsibility of the Department of Housing.
- (8) Under the NSW Government's 10-year plan, Stronger Together, delivers more than \$1.3 billion in new funding over the first five years to provide greater assistance and long-term practical solutions for people with a disability, their families and carers.

There are more than 8,500 supported accommodation and intensive in-home support packages provided across NSW for people with a disability.

Since 1999, more than 1,600 people with a disability received new supported accommodation or intensive in-home assistance. Under Stronger Together, 990 new specialists accommodation support places are being created over five years.

Also refer to answer (1) in relation to additional investment through the cooperation of the State and Commonwealth Governments for supported accommodation.

- (9) Following the announcement of the Federal budget in May, the Commonwealth Government informs the States and Territories of the additional amounts it proposes for the coming financial year.

The Commonwealth Government contributions are made in accordance with the Home and Community Care (HACC) Equalisation Strategy, which aims to deliver the same level of per capita funding nationally through offering proportionally more funding to jurisdictions, including NSW, receiving less than their share of HACC funds.

Under an agreement with the Commonwealth Government, each year, NSW matches the additional HACC contributions made by the Commonwealth Government in order to maintain a split of approximately 60% / 40% between the Commonwealth Government and NSW contributions to the HACC program.

Additional funds from the Commonwealth and NSW Governments amounted to \$34,536,000 in 2007/08. This takes the total NSW HACC funds to \$509,928,000. Under the HACC Equalisation Strategy, NSW can expect significant additional HACC contributions until at least 2010/11.

Since 2003/04, NSW has provided \$4.056 million in unmatched funds to cover the full year's effect of the Social and Community Services 2002 award impact on HACC services.

In 2007/08, cost indexation of 2.3% was determined by the Commonwealth Government and NSW successfully reached agreement to pay 3.3% indexation to service providers to meet cost increases and ensure their viability and sustainability.

18.3% of total HACC funding in 2007/08 was for Centre-Based Day Care and Respite. Total funding for Respite in 2007/08 was \$60.7 million, with \$32.8 million for Centre-Based Day Care. This

funding provides 1.3 million hours of respite and 3.5 million hours of centre based day care across NSW.

Other initiatives in the HACC program, which support carers and ensure effective targeting of HACC services include:

- The HACC Capital Strategy of \$27 million is targeted at the provision of purpose designed dementia day care facilities. A new or upgraded dementia day care facility is planned for each of DADHC's 16 Local Planning Areas; and
- The piloting of the Community Care Review Access Point project providing a single assessment and referral function for HACC services in the Hunter area.

*3154 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many employees within your department/s work outside NSW borders?
- (2) What is the total annual cost of these employees?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Member's question is ambiguous and any interpretation of the question would be subjective. I suggest the Member provide further clarification if a response to this issue is still required.

*3155 PREPAID BUS TICKETS—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) As at 1 May 2008, what is the wholesale price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
- (2) As at 1 May 2008, what is the retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
- (3) As at 1 May 2008, what is the cost difference between wholesale and retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
- (4) As at 1 January 2002, what is the wholesale price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
- (5) As at 1 January 2002, what is the retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?
- (6) As at 1 January 2002, what is the cost difference between wholesale and retail price for each prepaid bus ticket sold to third parties for sale to commuters?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) State Transit's ticket stocks are sold to third parties (resellers) at a wholesale price. These tickets are then sold to passengers at the regulated priced set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW.

*3158 TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the budget amount for the Tweed Hospital for:
 - (a) 2006-07 financial year;
 - (b) 2007-08 financial year?
- (2) What is the expenditure for the Tweed Hospital for:
 - (a) 2006-07 financial year;
 - (b) 2007-08 financial year-to-date?
- (3) What is the number of (i) doctors and (ii) nurses employed at the Tweed Hospital in:
 - (a) the emergency department;
 - (b) the maternity unit?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Area Health Services generally manage their financial year accounts on a whole of Area basis for the hospitals under their control. As such, figures for the North Coast Area Health Service are reported annually in the Area's Annual Report.

(3) The Member has not specified a time period for the data in this question. Without this information any interpretation of the question would be subjective. However, the Member is advised that information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Services Annual Report.

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*3160 RENAL DIALYSIS AT THE TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a group of eight elderly renal dialysis patients rely on NSW ambulances to transport them to and from the Tweed Hospital for treatment three times a week, as a cost of over \$770,000 per annum?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that these renal dialysis patients frequently face waits of up to five hours when patient transport ambulances are re-tasked to emergency duties?
- (3) Given the unpredictable availability of patient transport ambulances and the \$770,000 cost of providing ambulance transport to all eight renal dialysis patients, will the Minister allow them to travel home via taxi instead, at a comparative cost of only \$210,000 per annum?
 - (a) If yes, when will this commence from?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the North Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) to (3) The NSW Ambulance Service transports a group of renal dialysis patients from their home and back for haemodialysis at The Tweed Hospital Renal Unit. This has been a long standing arrangement with the Ambulance Service and is part of the resource base of the local Ambulance Service and as such is a fixed cost of the local service, not an additional cost.

When ambulances are re-tasked to emergency cases, the NSW Ambulance Service contacts the Renal Unit at The Tweed Hospital and alternative transport is provided using local taxi services. Taxi transport occurs on a needs basis. The Tweed Hospital Renal Unit is flexible and adjusts dialysis times when there are delays in patient arrival for any reason.

*3161 SIGHTINGS OF BILBIES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of bilbies in New South Wales since 1980?

Answer—

The Greater Bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*) is currently listed as presumed extinct in NSW under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

Successful re-introductions of the species into NSW have occurred at the privately-owned Scotia Wildlife Sanctuary, a 65,000-hectare property in south-western NSW. The property includes a securely fenced area of 4,000 hectares where re-introductions of a number of native species, including bilbies, have occurred.

Since the release of bilbies at the property in 2004 and 2005, a monitoring program indicates that they are reproducing within this secure reserve.

*3162 SIGHTINGS OF GOLDEN BANDICOOTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of Golden Bandicoots in New South Wales since 1980?

Answer—

The Golden Bandicoot (*Isodon auratus auratus*) is currently listed as presumed extinct in NSW under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

There have been no recent sightings of golden bandicoots in NSW. The only post-1980 records held by the Department of Environment and Climate Change are partly fossilised golden bandicoot bones in owl pellets obtained from two sites in Mutawintji National Park and one site at Coonabarabran.

*3163 SIGHTINGS OF NUMBATS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of numbats in New South Wales since 1980?

Answer—

The Numbat (*Myrmecobius fasciatus*) is currently listed as presumed extinct in NSW under the

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

Successful re-introductions of the species in NSW have occurred at the privately-owned Scotia Wildlife Sanctuary, a 65,000-hectare property in south-western NSW. The property includes a securely fenced area of 4,000 hectares where re-introductions of a number of native species, including numbats, have occurred.

Recent surveys suggest that the numbat population at Scotia has been stable for the past few years at around 80 individuals.

*3164 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) When will the Sydney Catchment Authority's claim against the Reliance Insurance Company over the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project be finalised?
- (2) How much money does the Sydney Catchment Authority expect to receive back from the Reliance Insurance Company?
- (3) What warranty provisions does the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project contractor allege were breached?
- (4) How long does the contractor claim the project was delayed by these alleged breaches?

Answer—

- (1) Payments were to be made to Reliance Scheme of Arrangement creditors commencing 21 May 2008.
- (2) \$2,806,432.33.
- (3) It was a term of the contract entered into with Abigroup Contractors Pty Limited (Abigroup) that Sydney Water Corporation warranted that no additional plans were available that showed the embankment at the Folly Creek area or the extent of fill in that area.

On the date when Sydney Water Corporation entered into the contract with Abigroup (24 December 1998) it had in its possession a contour plan which showed the natural ground contours in the area prior to the construction of Warragamba Dam. These contours, it was claimed, were substantially "lower" than the rock levels described in the documents provided to tenderers during the tender process.

It was also claimed by Abigroup that Sydney Water Corporation, by failing to disclose the contour plan, contravened the Fair Trading Act 1998 (NSW) and the Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth).

There was agreement between the parties that Sydney Water Corporation's failure to disclose the contour plan was an innocent mistake and not intentional.

- (4) 101 days.

*3165 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Given that the Sydney Catchment Authority is currently seeking a Senior Community Engagement Officer:

- (1) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
- (2) On what date did he or she leave?
- (3) Why did he or she leave?
- (4) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?

Answer—

- (1) This is a new position specifically aimed at fostering links with the community to improve the community's input into legislative and other activities of the Sydney Catchment Authority.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

*3166 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY DEBT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) What capital projects were funded with the Sydney Catchment Authority's (SCA) increased borrowings of \$64 million in 2007?
- (2) What institution was this money borrowed from?
- (3) What are the total borrowings for the SCA?
- (4) How much interest does the SCA pay on this debt annually?

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(5) In the Abridged Consolidated Income Statement, what forms of income are included under "Other Income"?

Answer—

(1) to (5) I refer the Member to the answer provided to Question on Notice No. 3050 as this question appears to be identical.

*3176 ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

What plans does the Government have to improve the accessibility of schools in Pittwater for students with a disability?

Answer—

This government is committed to the removal of physical access barriers in schools and TAFE colleges so that students, staff and community members with disabilities can gain entry and participate in education, training and employment opportunities.

The provision of access for students with disability is a priority in the consideration of any major capital works on Departmental sites.

All new schools built in the last decade and a large proportion of TAFE facilities are fully accessible. The Department also requires full accessibility in schools undergoing major upgrades, except in rare circumstances where it has been determined that such a provision is not possible due to severe site restraints, or issues such as heritage conditions.

Funding to provide physical access in schools is targeted so that specific needs of individuals are met in a timely fashion, while increasing the number of accessible schools each year.

In 2007/2008 the New South Wales Government spent approximately \$1.8 million on Integration works for students with a disability in the Pittwater electorate.

The 2008/09 Budget includes state-wide Integration projects valued at more than \$22 million.

*3177 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SCHOOLS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Which schools in the Pittwater electorate are completely wheelchair accessible?

Answer—

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All new schools built in the last decade and a large proportion of TAFE facilities are fully accessible. The Department also requires full accessibility in schools undergoing major upgrades, except in rare circumstances where it has been determined that such a provision is not possible due to severe site restraints, or issues such as heritage conditions.

Funding to provide physical access in schools is targeted so that specific needs of individuals are met in a timely fashion, while increasing the number of accessible schools each year. Additionally, consideration is given to timetabling and organisational matters to facilitate access to appropriate teaching and learning activities.

In the Pittwater Electorate, Barrenjoey High School, Elanora Heights Public School, Newport Public School, Pittwater High School and Terrey Hills Public School have capacity to accommodate students with a wide range of mobility issues in the abovementioned manner.

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The 2008/09 Budget includes state-wide Integration projects valued at more than \$22 million.

*3179 REPLACEMENT OF SICK BUS DRIVERS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is the procedure within Sydney buses to replace a bus driver, when a driver calls in sick for work?
- (2) Has it ever been the case that a replacement cannot be found?

Answer—

I am advised:

State Transit has procedures in place to effectively manage short notice absences and to minimise any impact on scheduled services.

*3180 PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

How many Pittwater residents, as at 13 May 2008, have private medical insurance?

Answer—

NSW Health does not collate such statistics.

Private health insurance coverage is a matter for the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

*3185 FUNDING OF CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What is the Government's plan for the continued funding of catchment management authorities?
- (2) What guarantees exist for funding?
- (3) If no guarantees exist what arrangements are there for funding?
- (4) If there are no guarantees or arrangements for funding, when will funding expire?
- (5) If funding expires, how will catchment management authorities be funded?
- (6) If catchment management authorities intend to levy rates, what formula has been set for the levy of such rates?

Answer—

(1) For 2008/09, the Commonwealth and NSW Governments have announced significant new expenditure for the 13 Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) in NSW. Natural resource investment funding is being allocated from the NSW Government's new Catchment Action NSW program, and funds are also being leveraged from the Commonwealth's new Caring for our Country program. Funds are also available from the previous National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and the extension of the National Heritage Trust Program. In addition, CMAs will also be able to bid for additional contestable funds under the Commonwealth's new Caring for our Country program.

(2) and (3) The CMAs are Government statutory authorities and therefore their budgets are determined in line with normal NSW Budgetary processes. The Commonwealth is yet to announce its post-2008/09 investment funding for NSW CMAs under its five-year Caring for our Country Program.

(4) and (5) NSW funding for CMAs is covered under the normal NSW Forward Estimates period. The Commonwealth's Caring for our Country Program is a five-year program, commencing on 1 July 2008.

(6) The Hunter-Central Rivers CMA is the only CMA that I have authorised to raise a catchment contribution under the Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003. This is a longstanding arrangement, pre-dating the formation of this CMA.

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3190 IPTAAS PAYMENTS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Health—

*3191 SNOWY HYDRO CLOUD SEEDING PROJECT—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

What action has the Minister taken to ensure that the Snowy Hydro:

- (a) Respond to questions from the National Resources Commission as requested by the NSW Government with respect to the Snowy Hydro's cloud seeding project;
- (b) Provide details of rain and snowfall changes during the period of the cloud seeding pilot project recorded by Snowy Hydro and any scientific analysis of those preliminary results?

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Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Primary Industries.

*3192 KANGALOON BOREFIELD—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the claims by the SCA in their Environmental Assessment of the Kangaloon Borefield, that an allocation for extraction of groundwater from their proposed scheme has been reserved under the draft Water Sharing Plan and that this provides a safeguard for their scheme to proceed?
- (2) Under the Water Act does an allocation in an embargoed area have to be accompanied by allocation offsets from elsewhere in the parish or area?
- (3) On what grounds will the Kangaloon Borefield proposal meet the National Water Initiative concerning over-allocated systems?
- (4) Does the water from the Kangaloon Borefield Aquifer currently drain naturally into the Nepean Dam and is then accessed by Sydney Water as needs arise?

Answer—

- (1) The Environmental Assessment states that groundwater extraction would be in accordance with the sustainable yield of the Nepean Sandstone groundwater source, to be set out in the Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region - Groundwater Sources, and any subsequent licence that may be issued by the Department of Water and Energy (DWE). The same will apply to any other licence holder extracting water from this groundwater source. The draft Water Sharing Plan is still under development and in the interim the licensing rules of the Water Act 1912 apply.
- (2) The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) formally notified DWE of its interest in establishing a town water supply borefield in the Kangaloon area prior to the introduction of the embargo in December 2005. This interest was factored into the decision to embargo the Kangaloon parish.

The proposed Kangaloon borefield project has been dealt with in a similar fashion to bore licence applications that were outstanding at the time of gazettal of embargoes over other parishes in the Southern Highlands. These embargoes allowed proponents a period of time to provide technical information on the sustainability of their proposed operations to DWE. The SCA is currently gathering additional information to meet this requirement.

- (3) The Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region - Groundwater Sources, when implemented, will ensure that groundwater extraction is managed within the sustainable yield of the relevant groundwater sources.
- (4) A proportion of the groundwater that the Kangaloon Borefield would extract would have eventually flowed into the Avon and Nepean dams, but the timeframe for this movement is many thousands of years.

*3193 DESALINATION PLANT—BUNGENDORE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) How will the desalination plant be powered when there is insufficient wind blowing in Bungendore to meet the required electricity needed to power the desalination plant?
- (2) Is wind power considered to be part of base load power generation?
- (3) Will the desalination plant in these circumstances use power from conventional sources such as coal or gas?
- (4) Will this uncertainty necessitate an increase in base power generation?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my news release dated 16 May 2008.

Nathan Rees MP Minister for Emergency Services Minister for Water

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GOWARD AND KERR EMBARRASS OPPOSITION ON WIND ENERGY

NSW Water Minister, Nathan Rees has offered the Member for Cronulla, Malcolm Kerr and the Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward remedial lessons in how the electricity market works, after both embarrassed themselves and the NSW Opposition with ludicrous commentary on the Iemma Government's wind farm announcement.

The Premier, Morris Iemma this week said Sydney Water had selected a preferred tenderer to supply 100

per cent renewable energy for Sydney's desalination plant.

"First Ms Goward and now Mr Kerr have entered the public arena with an analysis that says the contract with a renewable energy provider to supply every kilowatt of the energy to run this plant from wind turbines is somehow not real because there are days when the wind doesn't blow," Mr Rees said.

"There will be days when the desal plant will be drawing energy from coal and gas fired power stations just like everybody else. It might be an offset to take wind, but wind will not be powering that desal plant every day that desal plant is in operation." Pru Goward, ABC radio, 14 May 2008.

"The Notice of Determination issued in November by the Department of Planning states very clearly that the plant will be powered by connection to the electricity supply grid. The major proportion of energy from the grid is 94% generated by coal-fired power and is not green, purple or any other colour." Malcolm Kerr, media release, 14 May 2008.

"It's difficult to believe such fundamental ignorance exists in elected Members of Parliament and more incredible that they would voluntarily reveal it publicly.

"I have had occasion recently to explain how this works to small children. They have no trouble grasping it.

"I am happy to provide the same assistance to Opposition spokespeople so they are not embarrassed next time they address a group of savvy primary school children in their electorates.

"Electricity generators produce electrons which are fed into the transmission grid. The grid transports this electrical power all around the country through wires.

"When you contract to buy energy from a generator, you pay them some money and they feed into the grid precisely the amount of energy you paid for. Somewhere else in the state, your home, business or factory draws that energy down off the grid.

"But no, Malcolm and Pru, you can't get the actual electrons generated at a point in time in the Hunter Valley delivered to your house in Cronulla or Goulburn. No one is going to run a special wire from Liddell power station to your house.

"It's a grid. It's the only way you can buy it. Once they are in the grid, all the little electrons are the same.

"When it comes to carbon emissions, it's how the power was generated that matters, not which particular electrons come off the grid. No Malcolm, they are not literally green little electrons that come from wind farms. They are the same as the other ones from burning coal.

"If you want to pay more for renewable energy, you pay a renewable generator such as a wind farm the asking price for a set contracted period and over the course of that period, those wind turbines will feed exactly that amount of energy in. You draw it off to run your house or desalination plant and the result is your activity has caused zero carbon emissions to be produced. Zero.

"That's precisely what we have done with Sydney's desalination plant – the biggest accredited renewable energy purchase by far in Australian history.

"I can provide young Malcolm and Pru with a diagram if this will help."

Media contact: Karen Smith 0409 779 547

*3194 ENERGY USE IN PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES—Ms Pru Goward asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

What are the details of current energy use across all public sector agencies, per agency over the last 12 years, by units of energy?

Answer—

Reports on Energy Use in Government Operations are publicly available for 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02 at www.deus.nsw.gov.au

More recently, the Government has been developing a new Sustainability Policy. This Policy shifts the focus from energy use alone to reporting on the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from government activities as well as on sustainability issues more generally.

Under this new Sustainability Policy, announced by the Government on 8 May 2008, there will be a strengthened focus on measuring the Government's energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions. Annual and 3-yearly reports will be provided against the various targets identified in the Policy.

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3196 BOWRAL COURTHOUSE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

*3197 GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) (a) Has the Government considered any projects other than the proposed Wingecarribee to Goulburn pipeline to guarantee a water supply for Goulburn?
- (b) If yes, what are the details of the alternatives explored and the Government's assessment of the alternatives?
- (2) Will the Government still commit \$20 million for a guaranteed water supply in Goulburn if the Federal Government commit their \$20 million share to another project to guarantee a water supply for Goulburn?
- (3) Will the Minister provide the Government's assessment of the proposed Pejar-Sooley pipeline?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has endorsed the proposal for a pipeline from Wingecarribee Reservoir to Goulburn to secure the water supply for the residents of Goulburn, after years of protracted drought.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council has commissioned significant investigations for the proposed pipeline and other alternatives have been examined as part of Council's ongoing Water Management Strategy. Council has carefully considered the options and I understand it favours the proposed pipeline.

I also understand that the Council arranged for a special presentation to the Honourable Member and other elected representatives to explain Council's consideration of the pipeline and other options in the context of the wider Water Management Strategy.

Financial and technical assistance are being provided by the NSW Government, which will also need to approve to the final strategy.

- (2) The NSW Government remains committed to provide \$20 million towards the pipeline, however, the Government would be prepared to consider any superior option that may be identified and preferred by Goulburn Mulwaree Council and other stakeholders, and that could demonstrably achieve the same outcomes.
- (3) Goulburn Mulwaree Council has commissioned investigations of a proposal for a pipeline from Pejar Dam to Sooley Dam as part of its ongoing Water Management Strategy. Based on these investigations, I understand that the Southern Highlands source (Wingecarribee pipeline) is favoured by Council. This is because of significantly more yield, value for money, better water quality, a more reliable source, and the fact that funding has been committed.

The Honourable Member may wish to approach the Council for any further details that may be required in relation to these investigations.

3198 CLIMATE CHANGE FUND RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

3199 CARBON EMISSIONS FROM COAL-FIRED ELECTRICITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

3200 RESIDENTIAL REBATE RAINWATER TANK PROGRAMME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

3201 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HOMES FOR DISABLED TENANTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

3209 TAMWORTH FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

3210 FAMILIES NSW PROGRAM VISITS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

3211 GREENETHORPE CENTENARY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

3212 RENAL PHYSICIAN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

- 3213 SHORELINK BUS FLEET—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *3214 RESPITE BLOCKED BEDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- In relation to the answer to Question 2505 (respite blocked beds), when will the client be moved to a non-government accommodation provider?
- Answer—
- I am advised by the Department Ageing Disability and Home Care that they are working closely with the client, his family and the preferred NGO provider with a view to moving into permanent accommodation in the second half of 2008.
- 3215 DOCS CASEWORKERS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3216 MOREE POLICE STATION—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3217 HIGHWAY PATROL CARS—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3218 FOSTER CARERS IN CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3219 YOUNG OFFENDERS CLEANUP PROGRAM—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 3220 SURGICAL PROCEDURE AT BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Gerard Martin to ask the Minister for Health—
- *3221 WALSH BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- (1) What was the original estimated amount of profit share to be received by the NSW Government relating to the major redevelopment of Walsh Bay over the past decade?
 - (2) How much was ultimately paid to the government to settle the profit share arrangements?
 - (3) What were the components of this payment?
 - (4) On what date(s) was the payment made and how was it made?
 - (5) Exactly how was the revenue accounted for in NSW Maritime accounts?
 - (6) Did the accounting process followed involve any special or unusual arrangements and, if so, what were they?
- Answer—
- (1) to (6) All payments made to NSW Maritime are reported in the Annual Report.
- 3223 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- *3224 BELL FAMILY JETTY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- With respect to Question 2521 regarding the Bell Family jetty:
- (1) Has NSW Maritime ever recorded the jetty to be a safety hazard?
 - (2) Has NSW Maritime ever recorded the jetty to be over the regulated length?
 - (3) Why has the jetty not been demolished already?
 - (4) Is it true that former NSW Maritime Chief Executive suggested \$80,000 be provided by NSW Maritime for the demolition of the jetty?
 - (5) If so, why was this offer not acted upon in the interests of public safety?
- Answer—
- (1) The jetty at 13 Collingwood Avenue, Cabarita is a private facility.
 - (2) Legal advice indicates existing use rights apply.
 - (3) I refer to my previous answer to Question 2521.
 - (4) and (5) Discussions regarding potential removal of the jetty lapsed with the granting of planning

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consent for rebuilding works.

*3225 TENDER PROCESS AT BLACKWATTLE BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to Question 2347 regarding the tender process at Blackwattle Bay:

- (1) What were the published or advertised tender criteria?
- (2) Under what circumstances is an extension of time given to leases without proper review, as in the case of Bass and Flinders at Blackwattle Bay?
- (3) Was the claim by Bass and Flinders that they had operated charter vessels since 1978 ever checked or verified by NSW Maritime or anyone else?

Answer—

- (1) Advertisements published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 8 and 10 June 2002 contained the following information:

"The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority invites proposals from marine operators for the temporary use of commercial waterfront space and moorings at the head of Blackwattle Bay. An interim licence arrangement for six months (with possible extensions) is available. This arrangement precedes longer-term development of the site for working waterfront on Sydney Harbour.

The location has frontage to Pyrmont Bridge Road and is adjacent to the Sydney Fish Markets and Wentworth Park. The site includes newly constructed pump-out and wharf facilities and it is a requirement of any agreement that a section of these facilities be made available for public use.

To receive further information or inspect the premises please contact . . ."

- (2) Refer to answer provided for LA 2347.
- (3) This is a matter for the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, which conducted the Expressions of Interest process on behalf of NSW Maritime.

*3226 APPOINTMENT OF JOE SCIMONE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) In the matter of PSD/435/06 by William Karel Fergus McPherson in the relevant Government and Related Employees Appeal Tribunal hearing, was the Minister involved in the sacking of a middle level manager, as the decision found?
- (2) Given this personal involvement, can the Minister unequivocally confirm that he had nothing to do with the recruitment or appointment of Joe Scimone to NSW Maritime?

Answer—

- (1) The proceedings in the Government and Related Employees Appeal Tribunal and the decision dated 9 November 2007 related to the dismissal of a manager by NSW Maritime's Chief Executive. Those proceedings and the decision did not involve the Minister.
- (2) The appointment of NSW Maritime staff is a matter for the Chief Executive of NSW Maritime.

3227 TWEED HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

*3228 KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

In relation to Kingscliff Bowls Club:

- (1) Why was the rent of the Kingscliff Bowls Club Ltd. increased from \$56,900 to \$102,864; and then increased again to \$150,000 by the NSW Department of Crown Lands?
- (2) (a) Given that the Kingscliff Bowls Club Ltd. has experienced financial difficulties in recent years, will the Minister move to freeze the Club's rent at \$56,900 so that the Club can continue to remain financially viable and can continue providing the Tweed with sporting and social facilities?
(b) If no, why not?
- (3) Why is the Minister yet to respond to a letter written by the Kingscliff Bowls Club concerning this matter that was sent in February 2008?

Answer—

- (1) The new rebate policy that now applies to leases of Crown land held by registered clubs means that Kingscliff Bowls Club is no longer entitled to a rebate because the Club's gaming revenue exceeds

\$1 million. This policy was adopted earlier this year following extensive consultation with the Clubs NSW, which represents 180 of the 224 registered clubs that lease Crown land within New South Wales. The policy became necessary to ensure that all registered clubs are treated equitably and consistently when determining whether a rebate of rent is warranted.

- (2) No. The new policy also provides for a phasing-in provision to apply when the new rent increases by a margin of more than 50%. In the case of Kingscliff Bowls Club, it will be required to pay only \$55,728 in the first year, \$102,864 in the second year and \$150,000 in the third year. The policy also provides for a longer phase-in period or rental relief in cases of genuine hardship.
- (3) While I did not receive direct representations from the club, I have responded to Kingscliff Bowls Club's representations to the Hon Graham West MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing.

3229 WATER MONITORING AT CUDGEN LAKE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

3231 UNDERAGE DRINKING—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

3233 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROJECTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

*3235 ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE—DUBBO—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) (a) Is there a waiting time for the assessment of Environmental Significance being assessed at the Dubbo Office of the Department of Lands?
(b) If so, what is the waiting time?
(c) If so, why is there such a waiting time?
- (2) What number of staff carry out the assessments?

Answer—

- (1) The Landscape Services Centre of the Department of Lands at Dubbo is currently reviewing and processing assessments received in April 2008. However, there are a small number of assessments not yet finalised because of the need to consult with lessees before covenants are applied in cases of environmental significance.
- (2) 11.

*3236 DIVIDING LINES—BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Why have the dividing lines at the corner of Bells Line of Road and Valley Ridges Road in Bilpin not been added since the intersection was resealed in approximately August 2007?
- (2) When will the dividing lines be added to the road?
- (3) Will the State Government resolve the sight impediments that drivers face when turning onto Bells Line of Road from Valley Ridges Road particularly given the high number of large trucks that pass through this intersection many of which travel at high speeds?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA carried out pavement repairs at the corner of Bells Line of Road and Valley Ridges Road during March 2008. As a result of this work, some of the linemarking was damaged or removed. The time taken from the pavement repairs to the reinstatement of the linemarking depended upon the amount of linemarking removed during the repairs, the general layout of the road, traffic volumes, traffic speeds and weather.

The linemarking was reinstated on 17 May 2008.

Sight distances at the intersection have been specifically inspected and exceed the requirements of the RTA's maintenance standards and are considered to be appropriate.

Motorists should obey the speed limits and if motorists are exceeding the speed limit, then this is an

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enforcement matter for the NSW Police Force.

- 3237 WORKCOVER CLAIM—MR WOODHOUSE-YOUNG—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3238 COLLAPSE OF BEECHWOOD HOMES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

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- 3239 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3240 SALE OF POLICE BOAT “NEMESIS”—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3241 SYDNEY VISITOR CENTRE—SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 3242 POLICE ESCORTS OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3243 COLLINGWOOD ABORIGINAL PLACE NAME NOMINATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3244 GUARDIANSHIP HEARING—EMILY BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3245 LEAD CONTAMINATION AT REID’S FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3246 BOOROWA HOSPITAL STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3247 FUNDING FOR THE NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3248 FEDERAL BUDGET HEALTH SPENDING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3249 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3250 HERITAGE LISTED BUILDINGS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3251 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3252 MARIAN STREET THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3253 MEN’S SHEDS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3254 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRAIN LINES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 3255 MATERNITY UNITS AT HOSPITALS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3256 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A QUARRY AT TERRANORA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3257 MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR TWEED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3258 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3259 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—CREDIT RATING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3260 SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3261 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3262 PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR PANEL PROJECT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3263 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—SUPPLY ROOM ACCESS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3264 ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3265 INCLUSIVE CAP FOR SMALL PRINCIPAL LOANS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 3266 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3267 CULOUL RIDGE TRACK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 3268 DESIGN CODES FOR SINGLE STOREY HOUSES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 3269 DRAINAGE SYSTEMS—STATE RAIL PROPERTY—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3270 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3271 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 3272 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 3273 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3274 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—ELECTORATE OF COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 3275 NSW RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3276 REPAIRS TO DAMAGED ROOFS AND INTERIORS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 3277 COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAMS FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3278 GRENFELL MPS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3279 SHAKING BOG CREEK PINE PLANTATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
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- 3481 AGED CARE FACILITY—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL GROUNDS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 3488 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3489 MULTI ELECTORATE TRANSPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3490 CITYRAIL SHORTFALL ON CAR SETS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 3491 3 X 3 FUEL LEVY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3492 PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
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- 3495 INVESTIGATION INTO BULLYING AND HARASSMENT CLAIMS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3496 SERVICES FOR PROBLEM GAMBLING—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
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- 3498 CHARGES RECORDED—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education—

In relation to the answer provided by the Minister for Police, reference Question and Answer Paper No. 77, Question No 2928 - Charges Recorded:

- (1) Based on the number of charges recorded, what are the ten busiest police stations in:
 - (a) the Sydney Metropolitan area;
 - (b) regional and rural New South Wales?
- (2) What is the number of charges recorded at the Mount Druitt Police Station for the following years:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2006;
 - (c) 2005?

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- 3499 DIVIDENDS FROM THE GENERATION SECTOR OF THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What has been the amount of dividends received from the generation sector of the electricity industry over the following financial years:
 - (a) 2006-2007;
 - (b) 2005-2006;
 - (c) 2004-2005?
 - (2) What has been the amount of dividends received from the distribution sector of the electricity industry over the same periods as mentioned in (1) above?
 - (3) What are the expected dividends from these two sectors for the current and next two financial years?
- 3500 SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- What percentage of the Government's \$46.5 million four-year program to enhance safety of students in school zones will be spent on the Northern Beaches?
- 3501 WAITING TIME FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) What is the current average waiting time for public housing in the Manly electorate?
 - (2) How many applicants are currently on the waiting list for public housing in the Manly electorate?
- 3502 "PINCH POINT" ROAD NETWORK STRATEGY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What work has been done as part of the Government's "pinch point" road network strategy to relieve congestion on Spit Road and Military Road?
- 3503 FERRIES 2010 STRATEGY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- How much does Sydney Ferries estimate fares will need to increase to pay for its "Ferries 2010" strategy?
- 3504 WATERFRONT LAND RENTAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- Why do constituents in Balmain pay 61% more per square metre to rent waterfront land than constituents in Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and Greenwich?
- 3505 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO WALKER INQUIRY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the cause of the delay on the Government's response to the Walker Inquiry into Sydney Ferries?
 - (2) When is an announcement expected?
- 3506 STATEFLEET MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- What was the expenditure on StateFleet Motor Vehicles for the Manly electorate in 2007-08 and 2006-07?
- 3507 PROMOTION OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- Will any of the Government's additional \$40 million in funds to revitalise the State's tourism industry (announced in June 2008) be spent to promote the Northern Beaches?
- 3508 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPERTIES IN RAYMOND TERRACE AND MAYFIELD—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) How many properties does the Department of Housing own and maintain in Raymond Terrace?

- (2) What is the market value of these properties?
 (3) How many properties does the Department of Housing own and maintain in Mayfield?
 (4) What is the market value of these properties?
 (5) What is the median rental price charged to Department of Housing tenants in Raymond Terrace?
 (6) What is the median rental price charged to Department of Housing tenants in Mayfield?
 (7) What is the annual maintenance budget for the Department of Housing in Raymond Terrace?
 (8) What is the annual maintenance budget for the Department of Housing in Mayfield?
 (9) How many vacant Department of Housing properties are in Raymond Terrace?
 (10) How many vacant Department of Housing properties are in Mayfield?
- 3509 REGULATION AND SALE OF ANIMALS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What studies were undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries in advance of the drafting of the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill 2007?
 (2) With regard to the studies and statistics quoted by the Minister, did this originate from his Department?
 (3) If not, which organisations or industry groups commissioned the figures?
 (4) How many submissions from the public concerning the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill has the Minister's office received?
- 3510 INTERSECTION OF WILLIAMTOWN DRIVE AND NELSON BAY ROAD, WILLIAMTOWN—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Given that passenger numbers at Newcastle Airport is around one million per year and that most passengers use private motor vehicles to travel to and from Newcastle Airport and that the only access to the Airport is the intersection of Williamtown Drive and Nelson Bay Road, which has a poor accident record:
- (1) Did the RTA ask Port Stephens Council to condition a Development Application for increased car parking at Newcastle Airport with a requirement to install traffic lights at the intersection with no requirement to upgrade street lighting?
 (2) Is the RTA now requesting extensive street lighting along Williamtown Drive and on Nelson Bay Road, between Slades Road and Moxey Close even though Newcastle Airport Limited has agreed to provide street lighting within the confines of the intersection?
 (3) Will the Minister intervene to:
 (a) Ensure that the RTA accelerate their approval process to enable Newcastle Airport Limited to improve this dangerous intersection?
 (b) Will the NSW Government take full responsibility if the procrastination of the RTA in this matter leads to another serious traffic accident at this intersection?
- 3511 OVERSEAS STUDENTS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- In relation to overseas students studying in New South Wales:
- (1) What would be the annual cost of providing public transport concessions in line with existing student concessions?
 (2) What plans, if any, does the Government have about providing student concessions to overseas students in New South Wales?
- 3512 GLENBROOK RAILWAY STATION—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- In relation to the Glenbrook Railway Station:
- (1) What are the Government's plans for commuter car parking at the station?
 (2) What has been the Minister's response to community representations for better car park facilities at the station?
- 3513 REVIEW OF THE ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Health—

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- (1) Why with the rising cost of petrol has there been no review into the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme?
 - (2) When can residents of rural and regional NSW expect the NSW Government to do a review of this scheme?
- 3514 HOME OXYGEN SERVICE—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Health—
- Given that the Minister has advised me in writing on 19 March 2008 that "assistance through the Home Oxygen Service is available to people in all parts of NSW":
- (1) Why does the local coordinator of the North Coast Area Health Service Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP) Home Oxygen Service Lodgement Centre, Ms Chris Wendt have no funds to help local enquiries?
 - (2) Why is there a three year wait for a machine on the Far North Coast, if there is one available and if the funds are there to pay for it?
 - (3) Why can Ms Wendt provide funds to purchase a mask for a machine but not a machine?
 - (4) What urgent action is the NSW Government taking to address these critical problems?
- 3515 YAMBA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Why was the rent of Yamba Golf and Country Club increased from \$6,080 to \$75,000 by the NSW Department of Crown Lands?
 - (2) (a) Given that the Yamba Golf and Country Club has experienced financial difficulties in recent years will the Minister move to freeze the Club's rent at \$6,080 so that the Club can continue to remain financially viable and can continue to provide the lower Clarence area with sporting and social facilities?
(b) If not, why not?
- 3516 NARDY HOUSE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Why is the Minister failing to meet the Nardy House contractual agreement and failing to meet the requirements of the overriding Nardy House Trust Deed by not providing respite to its designated priority client group i.e. people with profound disabilities?
 - (2) (a) Will the Minister hire registered nursing staff for the specialised Nardy House Respite Facility when the service being offered by DADHC is prioritised to offer respite to people with profound disabilities whose everyday needs require this level of care when away from their families?
(b) If not, why not?
 - (3) (a) Is the Minister prepared to meet the Department's contractual agreement with the Nardy House Trust to offer respite to carers of people with profound disabilities at the specialised respite facility and is the Minister prepared, as a consequence, to hire the appropriate nursing staff to meet the needs of these clients?
(b) If not, why not?
 - (4) How does the Minister propose to guarantee the safety of people with profound disabilities at the Nardy House facility if carers have requested nursing staff be in attendance and DADHC only supplies carers with lesser skills, a nursing monitor or a part-time nurse?
 - (5) Will the Minister explain why DADHC, as the service provider and funding body of the Nardy House Facility, is not providing funds to meet its obligations in relation to service provision at Nardy House?
 - (6) How will the Minister overcome the matter of discrimination against people with profound disabilities and their carers by not providing the agreed contractual service?
 - (7) Will the Minister detail the number of vacant respite beds available to carers of people with profound disabilities requiring nursing level care centre-based care in DADHC funded facilities in NSW at the present time and where these DADHC facilities are situated?
 - (8) Why did the Acting Regional Director Southern Region, offer to a Nowra family, as an alternative to supplying registered nursing staff at Nardy House a week's respite at Dorothy Sales in Canberra at a cost of \$630 per night only to have that offer rescinded the following morning?

- (9) Will the Minister explain the denial of specialised respite to the Nowra family when there were vacant beds at the Nardy House Facility but the requirement to hire registered nursing staff according to need, had not been met?
- (10) Will the Minister explain the provision of in-house respite in Cooma in January of one only carer on a twenty-four hour roster to a young foster child with profound disabilities when the family had requested respite in Nardy House, which at that time had three vacant beds at the facility?
- (11) Is the Minister aware that this family cancelled their holiday and returned home because they felt the child was at risk?
- (12) How many respite care facilities other than Nardy House require more than 60 pages of paperwork before access is granted for any type of respite including emergency care?
- 3517 **MODEM AT QUANDIALLA HEALTH CENTRE**—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- Given that the modem at the Quandialla Health Centre has been unserviceable for at least four weeks, that the \$110 cost of the repair has been approved and that the health centre remains unable to send or receive any electronic health information will you explain why the area health service has not allowed the modem to be repaired?
- Will you immediately require the Greater Western Area Health Service to repair the Quandialla Community Health Centre's modem?
- 3518 **MOTORCYCLE FRONT NUMBER PLATES**—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Is the Roads and Traffic Authority currently considering the reintroduction of front number plates on motorcycles?
- (2) Have representatives of the Victorian government or VicRoads raised this issue with the RTA or the NSW government in any forum?
- (3) If so, is the NSW government considering the joint introduction of Victorian proposals?
- 3519 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET**—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) At which specific locations in the electorate of Burrinjuck is the allocation of \$777,000 for case worker accommodation in the Department of Community Services Major Works Work-in-Progress being spent?
- (2) Will this funding see these particular projects completed or will they attract continuing funding in the 2009/10 budget?
- 3520 **CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) How many children and adolescents have accessed mental health services at Hornsby Hospital's Child and Adolescent Service in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to date?
- (2) How many clients are provided services at the Hornsby Hospital EPIS?
- (3) How many children under the age of 18 years have been admitted into the PECCAT Hornsby Hospital?
- 3521 **HORNSBY CLEARWAYS PROJECT**—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the specific date for completion of the Hornsby Clearways Project and when will it be fully operational?
- (2) What will the final budget figure be for this project?
- 3522 **WET BERTHING**—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Will 'wet berthing' changes be implemented onto individual boats moored at jetties and pontoons?
- (2) When will this occur and what will the change(s) be?

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- 3523 REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI—WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) How much has been spent on the removal of graffiti in the Wallsend Electorate?
 - (2) What financial assistance does the NSW Government give to local councils for the removal of graffiti in the Wallsend Electorate?
- 3524 DEATHS IN SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many deaths occurred in Sutherland Hospital in each of the last five years?
 - (2) How many were attributable to errors in provision of services by health care professionals?
- 3525 COMMUTER CAR PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What are the Government's plans for commuter car parking at:
- (a) Caringbah Railway Station;
 - (b) Cronulla Railway Station;
 - (c) Woollooware Railway Station?
- 3526 MANDATORY LICENCE TESTING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- How many people in the Miranda and Cronulla electorates were required to undertake the mandatory 85 years and over driving test?
- 3527 OUT-OF-COUNTRY BUS DRIVERS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Why can out-of-country drivers not be issued with a NSW bus driver's authority until they have held a licence for 12 full months?
 - (2) Why does this restriction apply in NSW when it does not apply in Victoria?
 - (3) As bus companies are held responsible for the driving skills and fitness of their drivers, why are out-of-country drivers not treated like other drivers and take tests which determine their skills and fitness to drive?
 - (4) As there is a need for bus drivers in rural areas, why are these restrictions placed on potentially competent drivers?
- 3528 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS CORPORATION—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Given that the financial statements for the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Corporation are not contained in their annual reports as advised by the Minister in response to Question No. 2900:
- (1) Are members of the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Corporation Committee paid?
 - (2) How much is paid to the Chairman?
 - (3) How much is paid to the members?
 - (4) How much is paid to the deputy members?
 - (5) Are members paid a set fee per year or per meeting?
 - (6) Who sets the fee and how are amounts of remuneration set?
 - (7) What funds are surplus?
- 3529 LONGWALL MINING IN NSW—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- With regard to longwall mining in New South Wales:
- (1) How many longwall coalmines are currently in operation in NSW?
 - (2) (a) Of these longwall coalmines, how many operate within one kilometre of a water source,

including rivers, creeks, and swamps?

(b) How many of these water sources are connected to Sydney's water supply?

- (3) (a) How many longwall mines have been approved for future operations in which mining activities will occur within one kilometre of a water source, including rivers, creeks, and swamps?
- (b) How many of these water sources are connected to Sydney's water supply?
- (4) What assessment has the NSW Government done on wildlife population in creeklines, riverbeds, and swamps where subsidence has occurred following longwall mining within one kilometre?
- (5) What assessment has the NSW Government done on the long-term impact on creeklines and riverbeds where cracks have occurred following longwall mining activities below or within one kilometre?
- (6) (a) How does the NSW Government monitor water sources where longwall mining activities occur below or within one kilometre?
- (b) Does monitoring include water sources downstream where surface water may have mixed with subsurface water following subsidence?
- (7) How does the Government coordinate investigations of longwall coalmining impacts among departments given different aspects fall within the authority of the Department of Primary Industries, the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and the Department of Water?

3530 FACTORY FARMING STATISTICS—PIGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How many pigs are currently being raised in sow stalls in NSW?
- (2) What proportion of all pigs currently raised in NSW for consumption are being raised in sow stalls?
- (3) What proportion of all pigs currently raised in NSW for consumption are raised indoors (ie. not raised in a free-range environment)?
- (4) What proportion of pigs that are 'bred free range' are raised indoors?
- (5) How many pigs in NSW undergo the following procedures:
- (a) Tail docking;
- (b) Teeth clipping; and/or
- (c) Castration?
- (6) What percentage of those procedures referred to in either 5 a) b) or c) above are carried out without pain relief?

3531 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW RESOURCES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

With regard to the NSW Ombudsman review of Freedom of Information legislation in NSW:

- (1) What resources has the NSW Government provided and/or committed to provide to the NSW Ombudsman to conduct its review into Freedom of Information legislation?
- (2) To what extent will additional resources be made available at the request of the NSW Ombudsman to ensure that the review is able to address all concerns with the current Freedom of Information system?
- (3) What instructions has the NSW Government given to its agencies and departments to cooperate with the NSW Ombudsman while conducting the review?

3532 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

With regard to the Inquiry into Paddington Bowling Club Limited under Section 41X of the Registered Clubs Act 1976, which I understand reported on 31 March 2008:

- (1) Will the Government make public the report, findings and/or recommendations of this Inquiry?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to implement any recommendations following this Inquiry?
- (3) What measures has the Government imposed on Paddington Bowling Club Limited to protect public lands and community assets?
- (4) What measures has the Government imposed on Paddington Bowling Club Limited to protect neighbourhood residential amenity, particularly noise?
- (5) What measures has the Government imposed on Paddington Bowling Club Limited to ensure compliance with licensing conditions?

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- 3533 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What is the Department of Fair Trading doing to prevent private investigators claiming that they can legally access information that is not legally available to them?
 - (2) How many private investigators have been successfully pursued in NSW for making such claims in the past two years?
- 3534 WSN TIP SALE PROCESS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What plans are being considered to sell WSN Environmental Services?
 - (2) What plans are being considered to sell any part of the WSN Belrose site?
- 3535 WSN TIP CURRENT LEVEL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) What is the current operational Reduced Level (RL) of the top of the landfill on then main hill at the WSN Belrose Waste Site?
 - (2) Is the planned finished level still RL 185 metres and, if not, what is the planned level?
 - (3) What is the current estimated date for completion of the landfill to the finished level?
 - (4) What depth of additional fill is planned to be placed over the saddle area between the main hill and the existing Waste Transfer Station?
- 3536 SCRIM TESTING ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Given that the Minister has advised 'SCRIM testing is done annually along the Pacific Highway and the last SCRIM was undertaken on 11 April 2008':
- (1) What were the results/findings of the SCRIM testing undertaken on 11 April 2008?
 - (2) What were the results/findings of the SCRIM testing conducted annually during:
 - (a) 2004;
 - (b) 2005;
 - (c) 2006;
 - (d) 2007?
- 3537 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- Given that the Minister has advised 'The new ward at The Tweed Hospital is a 30 bed ward and that extra allied health staff, which includes Pharmacy positions will be established and recruited to ensure that efficient and effective patient care is maintained on the ward':
- (1) How many additional pharmacy positions will be created 'to ensure that efficient and effective patient care is maintained' in the new 30 bed ward at Tweed Hospital?
 - (2) What other allied health positions will be created to service the new 30 bed ward at Tweed Hospital?
- 3538 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- Given that the Minister has advised that 'The North Coast Area Health Service management is working with the Tweed Hospital Emergency Department staff to develop alternative models of care to alleviate demand pressures' but there is no indication by the Minister that any additional beds will be allocated to the Tweed Hospital Emergency Department:
- (1) How will 'alternative models of care' alleviate the pressures stemming from 1,237 emergency patients being treated in corridors in 2007, and occupancy levels reaching as high as 108%?
 - (2) What are some of the 'alternative models of care' that have been put forward by the North Coast Area Health Service to 'alleviate demand pressures' in the Tweed Hospital Emergency Department?

- 3539 PUBLIC SECTOR WASTE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Will the public sector achieve its goal of not increasing total waste between 2003 and 2008?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 3540 WRAPP PLANS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Which small agency has the highest proportion of waste going to landfill?
 - (2) Since it is not required to report its WRAPP progress, how will the Department promote waste reduction in this agency?
 - (3) How does the Department intend to promote waste reduction within Landcom and the Sydney Olympic Park Authority?
 - (4) (a) Does the Department review and provide feedback on all agencies' WRAPP plans and reports?
(b) If not, when was the last feedback provided?
- 3541 RECYCLED MATERIALS POLICIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) When will the Department develop a policy requiring agencies to measure their carbon footprint and take steps to reduce it?
 - (2) When will the Department set an agency target for purchasing material with recycled content?
 - (3) When will the Government mandate specific clauses in all State Contracts to encourage purchasing materials with recycled content?
- 3542 EASTERN QUOLLS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the suspected sighting of two Eastern Quolls in Roberts Creek Road, East Kurrajong in October 2006?
 - (2) Why has the sighting not been added to the National Parks and Wildlife Service ATLAS database?
 - (3) How many suspected sightings of Eastern Quolls have occurred since the last positive sighting in Vaucluse in 1963?
 - (4) (a) Has the National Parks and Wildlife Service investigated transferring Eastern Quolls from Tasmania into New South Wales?
(b) If so, what did those investigations conclude?
- 3543 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What were the 'minor opportunities' for improvement in internal controls and procedures that the Auditor-General reported to Sydney Catchment Authority management in 2007?
 - (2) What measures have Sydney Catchment Authority management taken to act on these opportunities?
 - (3) What Australian water utility had an average leakage rate of 35 percent as referred to by the Auditor-General?
- 3544 LOGGING ON PRIVATE LAND—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) How much private land has the Department of Environment and Climate Change approved for logging in the past year?
 - (2) What reports do landowners provide before an area is logged?
 - (3) What measures does the Department have in place to identify and protect old-growth forest and sensitive habitats on private land?
- 3545 WASTE REDUCTION AND PURCHASING POLICY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- (1) When will the Department begin its review of the 10 year Waste Reduction and Purchasing Policy?
 (2) Which Government agencies did not submit WRAPP data and information in 2007?
 (3) What action will be taken as a result?
 (4) Are there any financial penalties involved?
- 3546 SINGLE SLICE CT SCANNERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
 (1) Are there any single slice CT scanners still being used in any hospitals in NSW?
 (2) If so, where?
- 3547 MIXED WASTE GARBAGE BINS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
 (1) Is it a legal requirement for mixed waste garbage bins to have red lids?
 (2) Are NSW local councils required to change garbage bins with green lids to have red lids instead?
- 3548 E-PASS TOLL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
 If you drive through the Falcon Street ramp in Sydney without an e-PASS is the toll still \$1.30 or are there further fees?
- 3549 DISASTER MANAGEMENT—COTTAGE POINT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
 What steps has the National Parks and Wildlife Service taken to plan for evacuation of visitors to Kuring-gai Chase National Park and residents of Cottage Point in the event of a disaster at Cottage Point such as a bushfire?
- 3550 CLIFF OVERHANGS—COTTAGE POINT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
 Given the dangerous cliff overhangs to Cowan Drive and Notting Lane at Cottage Point, what action might be taken to alleviate the risk?
- 3551 CLIFF FACE—COTTAGE POINT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
 (1) Is the Minister aware of the risk of water run off destabilising cliff face above the Cowan Drive at Cottage Point?
 (2) If yes, what action does the National Parks and Wildlife Service propose to reduce this geotechnical risk?
- 3552 PENSIONER REBATES FOR RESIDENTS IN RETIREMENT HOMES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
 (1) Did the Minister and his department receive an e-mail dated 16 May 2008 from Steve McGarrigle on the subject of "Pensioner rebates for residents in retirement homes"?
 (2) If so, when will the Minister reply to Mr McGarrigle?
 (3) If the Minister does not intend to reply why will he not reply?