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*1067 NEW SOUTH WALES MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What criteria was used to determine which motor registries would be closed or have their services relocated to other Service NSW centres?
- (2) How many motor registries in New South Wales have not been converted to Service NSW centres?
- (3) What are the locations of the motor registries that are not being converted to Service NSW centres?

Answer—

I am advised sites for the Service NSW network have been chosen based on providing better services to people in different localities. Locations are chosen as part of a network benefitting the whole community allowing for access to the wider range of transaction services. Service NSW continues to assess customer behaviour data and reviews the network design based on this information. Sites are only announced once Service NSW is very confident the site meets all the criteria required.

Plans are on track to deliver at least 30 new centres over the next 18 months with other points of presence being explored. In many cases, these points of presence are and will continue to be in the same region as a motor registry. In other cases, it may be in a different location or merged into a larger centre. This is an assessment undertaken by Service NSW. Motor registries will continue to operate until such time as we expand the Service NSW network.

*1068 CAMPBELLTOWN ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES REGISTRY—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Why did the Government not consult the people of Campbelltown before deciding to close the Campbelltown Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Registry?
- (2) Will Campbelltown residents lose access to any RMS services as a result of the change?
 - (a) If yes, what services will be lost?

Answer—

- (1) The decision to locate the new Macarthur Service Centre at Gregory Hills was made by Service NSW based on a comprehensive set of factors. These included availability of suitable sites, size of premises, capacity for motor vehicle testing, public access, off-street parking, and proximity to growing communities. Service NSW worked extensively with Government Property NSW to assess and review premises in the area. Local council was also engaged as part of this process.
- (2) Once the new Macarthur Service Centre opens, residents and businesses will be able to perform more than 800 services and transactions under the one roof – some previously not available in the Macarthur region. A new Digital Store will be located in Campbelltown providing additional services to customers.

*1069 ALTERNATIVE CYCLE ROUTES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What consultation has been undertaken by the Westconnex Delivery Authority concerning alternative cycle routes?
- (2) What consultation will be taken in the future concerning alternative cycle routes?

Answer—

The widening of the M4 Motorway requires a cycle diversion during construction as detailed on the map on the WestConnex website. The community notification, which is also available on the website, was distributed to 24,000 residents along the project corridor.

The route was selected after consultation with the Traffic Transport Liaison Group, which consists of local councils, WestConnex Delivery Authority, Roads and Maritime Services, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, emergency services and cycle groups.

Provision for cyclists is detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement for each WestConnex project

*1070 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties were vacant on 1 July 2015 in the following allocation zones:
- GW1-Parramatta;
 - GW2-Auburn/Granville;
 - GW8-Holroyd?

Answer—

The number of social housing properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting.

- *1071 TEACHING POSITIONS IN GRANVILLE ELECTORATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

- How many people in full-time teaching roles are currently employed at public schools in the Granville electorate?
- How many people in part-time teaching roles are currently employed at public schools in the Granville electorate?
- How many people in casual teaching roles are currently employed at public schools in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

(1) to (3). The answer to this question can be found in Questions & Answers Paper No.29.

- *1072 GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- When will the Government release the KPMG evaluation of Going Home Staying Home?
- Will the Government implement all of the recommendations resulting from the evaluation?
- What is the time frame for implementing any recommendations resulting from the evaluation?

Answer—

The final report of the KPMG Post Implementation Review was published on 17 August 2015 and is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

The KPMG Post Implementation Review identifies lessons learned that have informed the Specialist Homelessness Services Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy. This is also available on the website.

- *1073 WAIT TIME AT MOTOR REGISTRIES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- What is the average wait time at the Warners Bay Service Centre since its opening?
- What was the average wait time at the Warners Bay Motor Registry during the 2014-15 financial year?
- What was the average wait time at the Belmont Motor Registry during the 2014-15 financial year?
- What was the average wait time at the Toronto Motor Registry during the 2014-15 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Since opening on 26 June 2015, the Warners Bay Service Centre has an average wait time of just over 4 minutes (to 31 August 2015).
- The average wait time at the Warners Bay Motor Registry during the 2014-15 financial year was over 10 minutes.
- The average wait time at the Belmont Motor Registry during the 2014-15 financial year was over 10 minutes.
- The average wait time at the Toronto Motor Registry during the 2014-15 financial year was over 9 minutes.

- *1074 RED BULL AIR RACE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- What support, verbal or written, has the Minister previously provided in relation to the bid to host the Red Bull air race in Lake Macquarie?
- What actions has the Minister taken to support this application?

Answer—

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As the Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW is tasked with actively attracting and nurturing events that provide economic, strategic and/or community benefits to Sydney and Regional New South Wales.

Destination NSW has undertaken its due diligence on this event and has provided regular updates on the actions taken in relation to assessing the feasibility of providing support to a stage of the Red Bull Air Race World Championships in Lake Macquarie.

*1075 HATZISTERGOS REVIEW OF BAIL LAWS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the final report of the Hatzistergos Review of bail laws be completed?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of justice that the final report of the Hatzistergos Review of the Bail Act 2013 was published on 28 August and is available at <http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/publications-research/hatzistergos-bail-act-reviews.aspx>

*1076 ACTING REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Is the current Acting Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages complying in all respects with s6 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that complaints regarding the Acting Registrar's compliance with the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995 should be raised directly with the Department of justice or with the NSW Ombudsman.

*1077 DISCIPLINARY JURISDICTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Since 31 March 2011, how many members of the USA armed forces have been alleged to have committed criminal offences in New South Wales and have under the Australia-USA Status of Forces Agreement been subject to US military and disciplinary jurisdiction rather than New South Wales and Australian jurisdiction?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it does not hold the information required to provide a response to this question.

*1078 LIMITATION PERIODS IN CIVIL CLAIMS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is the Government response to the submissions made to the discussion paper on limitation periods in civil claims for child sexual abuse (which closed on 10 March 2015)?

Answer—

The Government is currently considering submissions, along with the final recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse.

*1079 CRIMINAL CASE CONFERENCING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Will you now adopt the Law Reform Commission recommendation to reinstate the Criminal Case Conferencing which was repealed in 2012?

Answer—

The Government is currently considering recommendations of the Law Reform Commission Report No 141 on Encouraging Early Guilty Pleas.

*1080 YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

In which schools within the electorate of Liverpool is MTC Australia delivering the Youth Frontiers Program?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Multiculturalism.

*1081 TRANSCRIPTION TELECOMMUNICATION INTERCEPTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What was the result of the evaluation of the trial to improve the efficiency of transcription telecommunication interception required for court proceedings that concluded in August 2014 (as referred to in NSW Law Reform Commission Report no. 141, paragraph 548, page 103)?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me the use of a three tier process has reduced the demand for full transcripts. This has cut turnaround times to within the current goal of 28 days.

*1082 PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

(1) What was the total cost to the public of the preparation of the PricewaterhouseCoopers report on the Review of Community Health in South West Sydney Local Health District?

(a) How was this amount constituted?

Answer—

I am advised:

In October 2013, PricewaterhouseCoopers was engaged by South West Sydney Local Health District to undertake a review of the Districts Community Health Services.

The first phase of the review process was completed in December 2013 and the final report signed by the Chief Executive in March 2014. The report provided 32 recommendations.

An executive summary of this final report was distributed widely across the organisation and to the Health Services Union (HSU), NSW Nursing and Midwifery Association and Association of Salaried Medical Officers.

This value forms part of the consultancy costs housed in the profit and loss statement in the annual financial statements.

*1083 DRUG ANALYSIS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

What steps will you take to improve the six month turnaround time to complete drug analysis by the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) in NSW Health Pathology for offences to be dealt with on indictment as referred to in Report no. 141 of the NSW Law Reform Commission (paragraph 5.41 pages 101-2)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Forensic and Analytical Science Service, the NSW Police Force and Department of Justice have worked together to reduce drug analysis turnaround times. The Forensic and Analytical Science Service is now achieving an average 28 day turnaround time for these matters

*1084 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL MRI MACHINE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

When is an MRI machine expected to be installed at Mount Druitt Hospital as announced by the Government during the pre-election campaign?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his earlier question on this matter- LA0752

*1085 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What steps is the Government taking to control the cost of Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance policies in New South Wales, considering current differences in the costs of premiums charged by different insurance providers?

(2) Will the Government cap prices on CTP insurance policies to stop insurance companies charging whatever they like?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Compulsory Third Party (CTP) scheme operates in a competitive market where the licensed insurers apply different combinations of risk-rating factors in determining their Green Slip prices. Each insurer has a different risk profile in their customer base (for example driver age, vehicle type and geographical regions) which is why Green Slip prices differ between the insurers.

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The Government encourages motorists to shop around for the best Green Slip price using the Green Slip calculator on the Motor Accidents Authority website.

The Government proposed reforms to the CTP scheme in 2013 with the aim of putting downward pressure on Green Slip premiums. The reforms were not supported by the Legislative Council and were withdrawn from Parliament.

The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA), which has assumed the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority from 1 September 2015, seeks to ensure that Green Slip premiums are as affordable as possible for all New South Wales vehicle owners, including those with the highest risks, while also ensuring that CTP insurers adequately cover the costs of future claims. The SIRA has only limited power to affect pricing. The number and cost of claims and external economic factors have the greatest impact on how much motorists will pay for their Green Slip.

Over the past year, the Authority has implemented a number of regulatory and operational reforms to help ensure fair Green Slip pricing for all New South Wales motorists. New Premiums Determination Guidelines are now in place which clarify and strengthen the requirements on insurers to justify Green Slip price changes. The Regulations impose an affordability ceiling on Green Slip prices – the average maximum CTP premium payable for a New South Wales passenger vehicle (excluding GST) is to be within 50 per cent of the average weekly earnings for New South Wales workers. New Market Practice and Business Plan Guidelines have also commenced which promote a competitive CTP market with equality of access to Green Slips for all New South Wales vehicle owners.

In addition, the Authority has commissioned an independent review of insurer profit in the CTP scheme and is proposing to undertake a review of the CTP premium system in the current financial year. The SIRA's improved analysis of premiums is being supported by the establishment of a new Green Slip Policy Database, which will enhance the Authority's business intelligence capabilities.

The Government will continue to pursue opportunities to identify and develop options to achieve more affordable and competitive Green Slip prices and a more efficient CTP scheme.

- (2) As noted above, the SIRA's Premiums Determination Guidelines require CTP insurers in New South Wales to ensure that the average maximum CTP premium (excluding GST) payable for a New South Wales passenger vehicle is within 50 per cent of the average weekly earnings for New South Wales workers.

*1086 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients presented at the Emergency Department of Blacktown Hospital between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015?
(a) What percentage of these patients reside in the Mount Druitt electorate?

Answer—

Health data is not collected on Emergency Department presentations based on State electorate boundaries.

*1087 CLASS SIZES IN SCHOOLS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the average class size at primary schools in the Wallsend electorate?
(2) What is the average class size at secondary schools in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Average class sizes at government primary schools can be found on the Department of Education's website.
(2) Class size information is not collected at secondary schools in New South Wales.

*1088 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUS ROUTES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) With reference to the answer to LA Q.0028, will modifications to bus routes in Newcastle be confined to the eastern suburbs in order to support revitalisation projects in the inner-city?
(a) If so, are reviews planned for bus routes in the western suburbs?
(b) If not, how will these modifications impact on bus routes in the western suburbs?

Answer—

I am advised:

Regular reviews of bus networks take place across New South Wales. Any modification will be made to support the revitalisation of Newcastle and integrate with the wider public transport network.

*1089 WALLSEND AFTER HOURS MEDICAL SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) With reference to the recent withdrawal of funding to Wallsend After Hours Medical Service by the Hunter New England Local Health District, what other after hours medical services within the Wallsend area provide on-site access to x-ray services (as provided by Wallsend After Hours Medical Service)?
- (2) What after hours medical services are available in the Wallsend area (excluding the John Hunter Hospital/GP Access and the Mater) that are of no cost to patients or provide bulk billed services?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) X-Ray services are available at GP Access After-Hours Clinics co-located at the John Hunter Hospital, Calvary Mater Newcastle and the Toronto Community Health Centre. These clinics are managed by Hunter Primary Health Network. In an emergency, X-ray services are available at the John Hunter and Calvary Mater Newcastle hospitals.

The following services provide after-hours GP services that are either fully bulk billed or bulk bill pensioners and those with a Health Care Card:

- Charlestown Medical and Dental Centre;
- Newcastle After Hours Surgery;
- Hunter Street Medical Centre;
- GP Access Toronto Community Health Centre;
- Arain Pty Ltd Surgery Wallsend;
- Charlestown Square Medical Centre;
- Mayfield Medical Centre;
- Newcastle After Hours Medical Service (home visits); and
- Doctor to your Door (bulk bills until midnight).

*1090 GOVERNMENT ASSETS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Government assets in the Wallsend electorate have been sold since 25 August 2011?
 - (a) How much revenue was generated by these sales?

Answer—

- (1) According to records contained in the Government Property Register 302 Government assets have been sold to private buyers between 25 August, 2011 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) These sales have generated \$74,433,754.

*1091 NEWCASTLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Why have no new police officers been assigned to the Newcastle Local Area Command, considering 131 new police officers joined the NSW Police Force in August 2015?
- (2) Were any other Local Area Commands overlooked when new police officers were assigned?

Answer—

The allocation of police resources is based on operational requirements and determined by the Commissioner.

*1092 CRIME IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What action is the Government taking to address instances of crime in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

The Wallsend electorate is covered by the Newcastle City Local Area Command and the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command. Both Commands deal with crime in Wallsend and the surrounding suburbs.

As at 1 May 2015 the authorised strength and operational capacity of the Newcastle City LAC was 245 and 96 percent, and the authorised strength and operational capacity of the Lake Macquarie LAC was 187

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and 98 percent. Both Commands are above the Government's operational capacity target of 90 percent. Since 2011 the Newcastle City LAC received a total of 36 probationary constables and the Lake Macquarie LAC received a total of 39 probationary constables.

The NSW Police Force is committed to a visible police presence in Wallsend by having police actively out in the community, conducting high visibility police patrols. These patrols are regularly tasked to areas in the Wallsend electorate and can be supplemented by special region based squads and taskforces

*1093 WALLSEND MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) With reference to the impending closure of the Wallsend Motor Registry while the facility is converted to a Service NSW branch, will there be staff redundancies as a result of the closure?
- (2) While the facility is closed, where will residents of the Wallsend be able to go to utilise Roads and Maritime Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*1094 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many Housing NSW properties are in the Hunter?
- (2) In addition to these properties, how many properties are overseen by the non-government sector in the Hunter?

Answer—

Details about the number of social housing properties in each allocation zone are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

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*1095 MUSHROOM FARM IN THE GLENBROOK RAILWAY TUNNEL—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How much rent is paid per month by the operators of the mushroom farm in the Glenbrook railway tunnel beneath the Great Western Highway?
- (2) Is a lease agreement in force with the current occupier, Mushroom Biotech Australia?
 - (a) If there is a lease agreement in force with another party other than the occupier, Mushroom Biotech Australia, who is that party?
 - (b) If there is no lease agreement in force, when did the most recent lease agreement lapse and who was the lessee?
 - (c) Has any lease agreement for the site allowed for any on-site, overnight accommodation of workers?
- (3) How long has the Department of Primary Industries, Lands Office been aware of management, environmental and safety issues at the site?
- (4) Has the Department's staff visited the site in the 18 months prior to 25 August 2015?
 - (a) If yes, please indicate the date of the visits and the role and title of any staff who participated?
- (5) Has the Department of Primary Industries, Lands Office given any deadlines to the operator for remediation, clean up or compliance with standards and regulations?
 - (a) If yes, what is the deadline and what aspects of the site have been identified as requiring remediation and clean up?
 - (b) If yes, has this deadline ever been the subject of an extension?
 - (i) If yes, what was the first deadline provided to the operator before any extensions were granted?

Answer—

(1) - (2) Requests of this nature should be made through the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

(3) - (5) The Department has been working with regulatory authorities to achieve a resolution to the issues associated with this site.

*1096 MAITLAND PCYC UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) When will the upgrading of the facilities at the Maitland Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC) commence?

(2) What amount has been allocated in the 2015-16 Budget?

(3) When will the works be completed?

(4) What impact will the floods have on the upgrade of the Maitland PCYC in terms of extending costs and/or the time frame?

(5) Will flood damage be repaired as part of the costs?

(6) What will the additional costs of repairs be?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Police and Citizens Youth Club NSW Ltd (PCYC NSW) is a public charitable company independent of both the Government and the NSW Police Force.

The Government is a strong supporter of the work of PCYC NSW and has committed funding over four years to help relocate, refurbish, or expand three PCYC clubs, including an expansion and refurbishment of the sports and youth hub at Maitland.

*1097 MAITLAND PCYC—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

When will the 2015 election promise of a \$1 million upgrade to Maitland PCYC be fulfilled?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to her related Written Question No. 1096 on this subject.

*1098 EDGECLIFF RAILWAY STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Has the Minister visited the Edgecliff Railway Station in relation to access issues at this station?

(2) Are there plans to make the busy Edgecliff Railway Station interchange accessible for people?

(a) If so, when will this occur?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the New South Wales Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 400 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

Transport for NSW has started the design and planning approval process for improvements to Edgecliff Station.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

*1099 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Will the Government extend the requirement to regularly release public diary summaries to include Parliamentary Secretaries?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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Under Premier's Memorandum 2014-07, all government ministers are required to publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals. The summary discloses the organisation or individual with whom the meeting occurred, details of any registered lobbyists present, and the purpose of the meeting. Meeting summaries are published quarterly.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is undertaking a review of this process.

*1100 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Minister commit beginning construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass in the 2017-18 budget year?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer LA 0046.

*1101 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the current estimated cost of constructing the new permanent toilet facilities at Shellharbour Junction Station?
(2) What are the reasons for not including the new toilet facilities in the original construction of the Shellharbour Junction Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The cost of constructing the new permanent toilet facility forms part of the total cost for the new Shellharbour Junction Station.
(2) Refer to my previous answer LA 88.

*1102 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will the Minister commit to construction of the upgrade of Shellharbour Hospital in the 2016-17 budget year?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will deliver on its commitment to invest \$251 million in the redevelopment of the hospital.

*1103 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

When will the National Disability Insurance Scheme be operational in the Inner West electorate of Strathfield?

Answer—

On 16 September 2015, the NSW Premier Mike Baird and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull signed an agreement outlining how the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be rolled out in NSW over a two year period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018.

From 1 July 2016, people living in Hunter New England, Southern NSW, Central Coast, Northern Sydney, South Western Sydney, Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains will be able to access the NDIS.

From 1 July 2017, the NDIS will be in place across the rest of New South Wales, and people living in Northern NSW, Mid North Coast, Sydney, South Eastern Sydney, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Murrumbidgee, Western NSW and Far West NSW will be able to access the NDIS.

More information about the NDIS roll out is available at www.ndis.nsw.gov.au.

*1104 RAIL MARSHALLING YARD—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
What traffic, noise and air monitoring is in place for the rail marshalling yard at Enfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight advises me for the land known as the "new Enfield Marshalling Yards", which is not part of the Enfield Intermodal and Logistics Centre, there is currently no traffic, noise or air monitoring in place.

*1105 DRUG TESTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many roadside drug tests were conducted in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 26 August 2015)?
- (2) How many positive results to roadside drug tests were received in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 26 August 2015)?

Answer—

The Government is detecting and prosecuting drug drivers through the random Roadside Drug Testing program. In the recent Budget, \$1.7 million over two years was allocated to triple the number of roadside drug tests conducted per year.

By 2017, police will be drug testing around 100,000 drivers per year.

*1106 TAREE POLICE STATION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to renovate the Taree Police Station?
 - (a) If so, what is the budget for these renovations?
 - (b) If so, when will work begin?

Answer—

Yes. The Government made a commitment to invest in a multi-million dollar upgrade to Taree Police Station.

*1107 P902 INCIDENT NOTIFICATION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many injuries resulting in a P902 Incident Notification Form occurred for the 2014-15 year:
 - (a) At the workplace;
 - (b) On a journey to or from work;
 - (c) Work not on police premises;
 - (d) At a crime scene;
 - (e) On patrol?
- (2) How many police officers (currently employed) fit into the following age categories for the 2014-15 year:
 - (a) 18-30;
 - (b) 30-40;
 - (c) 40-50;
 - (d) 50+?
- (3) How many P902 Incident Notifications were reported for the following age categories for the 2014-15 year:
 - (a) 18-30;
 - (b) 30-40;
 - (c) 40-50;
 - (d) 50+?
- (4) For the 2014-15 year, how many P902 Incident Notification Forms indicated injuries that were psychological?
- (5) For the 2014-15 year, which 10 local area commands (LACs) reported the highest number of psychological injuries?
- (6) For the 2014-15 year, which 10 LAC's had the highest number of Incident Notification Forms and what was the number of incidents at each of these LACs?

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Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) to (4) The NSW Police Force has 16,693 police officers in the four age categories as at 30 June 2015.

P902 Incident Notification Forms are used for reporting incidents and notifications identified as psychological do not equate to actual claims for psychological injury. The NSW Police Force employees lodged 8,725 P902 forms in the circumstances requested.

(5) Albury

Brisbane Water

Chifley

Coffs/Clarence

Lake Macquarie

Mid North Coast

Penrith

St George

Tweed/Byron

Wagga Wagga

(6) Brisbane Water

Central Hunter

Coffs/Clarence

Lake Macquarie

Newcastle City

Northern Beaches

St George

Sydney City

Tuggerah Lakes

Wollongong.

*1108 BLACKTOWN INTERNATIONAL SPORTSPARK—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

Why has the Blacktown International SportsPark been denied any funding allocation, considering the Minister's comments that funding is available for former Olympic venues?

Answer—

Local government authorities play a key role in establishing and maintaining community sporting facilities and Blacktown Venue Management Ltd is responsible for the management of Blacktown International Sports park.

The number of requests for grants received by the Office of Sport each year greatly exceeds the funding pool available. This means that requests need to be carefully assessed against criteria and prioritised according to the impact they will have. Not all requests can be supported.

*1109 INGLEBURN FIRE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Will the Ingleburn Fire Station remain open?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW advises me that currently Ingleburn Fire Station will remain open.

*1110 HEALTH CENTRES IN INGLEBURN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Health—

Will the Ingleburn Oral Health Clinic and the Ingleburn Community Health Centre remain open?

Answer—

I am advised that the South Western Sydney Local Health District has no current plans to close or reduce

services at the Ingleburn Oral Health Clinic or the Ingleburn Community Health Centre.

- *1111 STUDENT ENROLMENTS AT MACQUARIE FIELDS TAFE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many full-time and part-time students were enrolled at Macquarie Fields TAFE for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

- *1112 STAMP DUTY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much revenue did the Government raise in Stamp Duty in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 from the following postcodes:
- 2566;
 - 2565;
 - 2564;
 - 2167?

Answer—

- (1) This information is not collected by Treasury. While the Treasurer has responsibility for state tax policy, the Office of State Revenue, in the portfolio of the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, has responsibility for collecting taxes and holds data in regard to transfer duty.

- *1113 INGLEBURN MOTOR REGISTRY STAFF—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- When will the Ingleburn Motor Registry permanently close?
- Will all staff employed at the Ingleburn Motor Registry be guaranteed employment in the New South Wales public sector?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Ingleburn Motor Registry will merge with the Liverpool Service Centre from early November 2015. The Liverpool Service Centre offers expanded services and is open for extended trading hours.
- As service centre outlets are being rolled out, staff are invited to join Service NSW through a priority assessment process.

- *1114 INGLEBURN COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Will the Ingleburn Community Services Centre remain open?

Answer—

There are no plans to close this Centre.

- *1115 TRAIN TICKET SALES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly train tickets were sold in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 at the following railway stations:
- Leumeah;
 - Minto;
 - Ingleburn;
 - Macquarie Fields;
 - Glenfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly train tickets sold at the following railway stations was:

Station	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Leumeah	43,958	37,175	7,796

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Minto	45,247	43,532	10,145
Ingleburn	43,402	40,094	8,236
Macquarie Fields	17,132	16,715	3,559
Glenfield	70,553	76,319	17,729

*1116 STAFFING AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the staffing at Minto, Ingleburn, Macquarie Fields and Glenfield railway stations not be reduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

Opal ticketing provides Sydney Trains an opportunity to improve our approach to customer service. While there will be a change to total numbers of staff, customers will notice more staff out on stations helping them with their journeys.

This approach has been trialled extensively across the network and resulted in a more than 20 per cent increase in compliments from customers regarding the service they received.

*1117 ST GEORGE COLLEGE—Mr Stephen Kamper asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has the Department of Education and Communities sought any advice or quotes, or in any way discussed the sale of the St George College site of Sydney TAFE?
- (2) Has the Minister received any information, advice or quotes on the sale of the St George College site of Sydney TAFE?
- (3) Will the Minister sell the St George College site of Sydney TAFE during this term of Parliament?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) In 2014 Infrastructure NSW released an update to the State Infrastructure Strategy recommending that TAFE NSW immediately start preparing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure that the TAFE asset portfolio keeps pace with changes in training needs in an increasingly competitive environment and is realigned to better match demand.

TAFE NSW will regularly review all of its assets to determine the best localised and responsive forms of delivery to suit new and emerging customer requirements in a more competitive VET environment.

*1118 GREEN STATE POWER BOARD—Mr Stephen Kamper asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Who are the chair and members of the Green State Power Board?
 - (a) What are their service dates?
 - (b) What are the total remuneration amounts received by the chair and members?
- (2) Who were the previous chair and members of the Green State Power Board?
 - (a) What were their service dates?
 - (b) What were the total remuneration amounts received by the previous chair and members?
- (3) When was the last remuneration payment made to the chair and board members of the Green State Power Board?
- (4) What are the outstanding liabilities of Green State Power?

Answer—

As the Green State Power Board is a matter for the Treasurer, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, this Question should be referred to her for consideration and response.

*1119 COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Local Government—

Has a document concerning the merger of Parramatta and Holroyd City Councils been circulated within the Government ?

Answer—

The Government has been working with local councils since 2011 to create stronger councils and stronger communities. The Government is committed to meaningful reform in local government. As such, councils were asked to consult the community and prepare proposals to demonstrate how they would change and become fit for the future.

In October 2015 the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal will put recommendations to the Government following a review of submissions from 144 councils and communities.

No decision has been made about any individual councils.

*1120 MERRYLANDS ROAD TOURISM—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

What funding opportunities are available to local government, small businesses and non-government organisations to promote Merrylands Road as a foodie tourism destination?

Answer—

New South Wales is well placed to take advantage of the growing food and beverage visitor market, being the most geographically diverse, multicultural and populous state, as well as welcoming more international visitors than anywhere else in Australia.

Destination NSW promotes food and wine experiences, including different food styles and tours through its consumer websites Sydney.com and VisitNSW.com. Restaurateurs and business owners can list their product or service free of charge through the Get connected program.

Destination NSW employs a Food and Wine Specialist who works with stakeholders to provide advice and assistance to promote Sydney and New South Wales as Australia's premier food and wine destination.

*1121 MULTICULTURAL GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

(1) How many multicultural organisations received Government grants in the Granville electorate in the 2014-15 financial year?

(a) What was the average amount of the grants received?

Answer—

Multicultural NSW publishes details of its grants in its annual report.

*1122 FIRE STATIONS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How many new fire station sites have been developed under the current Government on the Central Coast?

(2) How many fire station staff are currently employed:

(a) On the Central Coast;

(b) At stations in The Entrance?

(3) How many fire station staff were employed for each of the years from 2011 to 2014:

(a) On the Central Coast;

(b) At stations in The Entrance?

(4) Has land been acquired at Lisarow and Munmorah for new fire stations to complete the Effective Network Coverage as per the NSW Fire Rescue (NSWFR) strategic plan?

(a) If so, where are the sites located and what are the plans for their development?

(5) When will NSWFR be allocating the provision of a dedicated aerial appliance so as to complete the strategic capability of the Central Coast to combat Major fires safely and effectively?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

(1) Two new fire stations have opened at Terrigal (2014) and Kincumber (2011).

(2) (a) 341 as at 26 August 2015. (Fire Stations in the Gosford and Wyong Local Government Areas).

(b) The Entrance electorate has four fire stations and 87 staff.

(3) (a) In 2011: 316; in 2012: 344; in 2013: 344; and in 2014: 341. (Fire Stations in the Gosford and Wyong Local Government Areas).

(b) In 2011: 61; in 2012: 93; in 2013: 90; and in 2014: 87.

(4) No.

(5) The Central Coast already has two aerial appliances, located at Umina and Bateau Bay fire stations. These appliances, known as 'aerial pumpers', have a 15m boom designed for use in low to medium rise environments, which are prevalent on the Central Coast.

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While there are currently no plans to introduce any further aerial appliances on the Central Coast, Fire and Rescue NSW regularly reviews the type and location of its aerial appliance fleet across New South Wales, and this may result in changes in the future.

*1123 CENTRAL COAST BUSES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are buses on the New South Wales Central Coast included in the Government's response to the school bus safety committee announced on 30 July 2013?
- (2) Are any Central Coast buses scheduled to have seat belts fitted over the next:
 - (a) 12 months;
 - (b) Four years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Central Coast is considered to be an outer metropolitan area for the provision of bus services.

*1124 UPGRADES AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) With reference to train stations located at Tuggerah, Ourimbah, Lisarow, Niagara Park and Narara:
 - (a) How often are railings, seats, gutters and shelters cleaned?
 - (b) What maintenance work is scheduled over the next:
 - (i) 12 months;
 - (ii) Four years?
 - (c) What upgrades to the existing facilities are scheduled over the next:
 - (i) 12 months;
 - (ii) Four years?
 - (d) What new facilities are proposed to be built over the next:
 - (i) 12 months;
 - (ii) Four years?
 - (e) Will lifts be provided to any of these stations over the next:
 - (i) 12 months;
 - (ii) Four years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) Stations are cleaned regularly. Railings, seats and shelters at Tuggerah, Ourimbah, Lisarow, Niagara Park and Narara are cleaned at least five times a week. Gutters are cleaned as required.

(b) to (e) Customers on the Central Coast are already benefitting from additional lighting at the Tuggerah Station car park, an easy access upgrade and security improvements at Ourimbah and security improvements at Narara Station.

The Government will invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 400 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. Lifts at the locations listed will be considered under the Transport Access Program.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

*1125 COUNCIL AMALGAMATION ADVERTISING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the Government conducting an advertising campaign on council amalgamations?
 - (a) What is the total budget for this advertising campaign?
 - (b) How is it allocated to different media?
 - (c) What were the advertising agency costs?
 - (d) What arguments do these advertisements provide against council amalgamations?
- (2) When will the Government provide information that canvasses the case for and against amalgamations?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure the community is fully informed about council amalgamations?

Answer—

The Government has been working with local councils since 2011 to strengthen local communities. Independent experts have recommended that change is needed.

New South Wales has 152 councils, nearly twice as many as Victoria and Queensland, with boundaries set over 100 years ago. We need to make sure councils are strong, efficient and able to deliver services and facilities that people deserve now and into the future.

The state government is helping councils and communities make the changes needed, with up to \$1 billion in support and benefits on offer.

The Government is conducting a public information program to effectively communicate this message and utilises television, print, radio and digital media. The public information program complies with all necessary requirements. Final costs will be printed in the annual report.

*1126 STRENGTHENING THE RULES FOR LOBBYING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What consideration is the Government giving to extending provisions that require ministers to disclose details of meetings with lobbyists to:
 - (a) Parliamentary secretaries;
 - (b) Ministerial staff members;
 - (c) Persons employed, contracted or engaged in a public sector agency?
- (2) Will the Government consider mandatory publication of details of meetings between government representatives and lobbyists either on the agency's website, as is currently required for the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, or on a central website?
- (3) What other ways to strengthen requirements with regard to lobbying is the Government considering?

Answer—

Under Premier's Memorandum 2014-07, all government ministers are required to publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals. The summary discloses the organisation or individual with whom the meeting occurred, details of any registered lobbyists present, and the purpose of the meeting. Meeting summaries are published quarterly.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is undertaking a review of this process.

*1127 PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What training is provided to Housing NSW officers to help them work with people with a mental illness?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to requiring officers to do the Mental Health First Aid course, as is required by NSW Police Force?
- (3) What proactive measures does Housing NSW take to help a tenant with a mental illness who is displaying anti-social behaviours maintain their tenancy, excluding Anti-Social Behaviour Orders?

Answer—

A range of training programs are offered to Department of Family and Community Housing officers to assist them in their work with people with a mental illness.

Officers managing tenants with complex needs such as a mental health condition take all reasonable action to support and sustain the tenancy. Officers call on Specialist Client Service staff for expert assistance in managing clients with mental health issues and provide any necessary referrals to mental health support workers.

In each Family and Community District there is a formal arrangement for liaison between the mental health services of the local Health District and local housing staff

*1128 STRATA AND COMMUNITY TITLE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many decisions by Adjudicators on strata and community title applications were appealed to the tribunal since the commencement of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)?
 - (a) Of these, how many were overturned?
- (2) How many decisions by the NCAT on strata and community title applications were appealed to the courts since the commencement of the NCAT?

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- (a) Of these, how many were overturned?
(3) How many members on NCAT's Consumer and Commercial Division have experience in strata and community title law?

Answer—

A selection of written decisions made by NCAT are published at http://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/ncat_decisions/published_decisions.aspx.

Tribunal Members of the NCAT Consumer and Commercial Division are appointed on the basis of merit and relevant experience to oversee matters within the jurisdiction of this division.

*1129 CENTENNIAL PARKLAND—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many hectares of Moore Park land were built on for:
(a) The Tibby Cotter Bridge;
(b) Hard surface car parks?
(2) How many hectares will be built on for the CBD and South East Light Rail project including for stations, bridges and portals?
(3) How many hectares of Moore Park will be fenced off from public access for the planned synthetic field?
(4) How many hectares will be built on, including for entry and exit points and ventilation stacks, for the planned underground car park identified in the recent draft Moore Park Master Plan?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) Approximately 0.3 hectares.
(b) Transport for NSW has provided 0.215 hectares of parking at the Alison Road Tennis Centre as part of the early works for light rail.
(2) The extent of the works on Trust land is subject to on-going design.
(3) The synthetic field is 0.82 hectares fenced off for community sporting use. The synthetic field is replacing existing hardstand areas.
(4) There are no plans to build underground car parks at Moore Park.

*1131 TYRE RECYCLING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What data does the Government have about the number of tyres that are recycled, dumped in landfill or burned in New South Wales each year?
(2) What assessment has the Government made of options for tyre recycling?
(3) What local tyre recycling programs does the Government support?
(4) What support is the Government providing to ensure the successful implementation of the National Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme?
(5) What plans does the Government have to ensure recycling of tyres in New South Wales?
(6) What further action is planned to provide for recycling of tyres used in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Australian Government with assistance from the states and territories commissioned Hyder Consulting to prepare a national assessment into the fate of end-of-life tyres. The Hyder Consulting study titled 'Stock and fate of end-of-life tyres 2013/14' was released on July 2015. It can be viewed at www.nepc.gov.au/system/files/resources/8f17c03e-1fe7-4c93-8c6dfb4cdc1b40bd/files/stocks-and-fate-end-life-tyres-2013-14-study.pdf.

Burning tyres is not permitted in NSW unless this is done for energy recovery purposes at purpose-built facilities and in compliance with strict requirements contained in the NSW Energy from Waste Policy. No purpose-built Energy from Waste facilities are in operation in NSW at this point in time.

- (2) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has identified end-of-life tyres as a priority waste stream for funding under the NSW Government's \$8.5 million Innovation on Priority Problem Waste Management Grants Program. This grant program will fund projects that will provide new recycling infrastructure solutions and markets for wastes considered to be 'priority problem' waste, such as end-of-life tyres.

- (3) The Government supports all lawful recycling operations targeting tyres and is working to establish a level playing field for legitimate operators in the industry, including the lowering of the licensing threshold for an environment protection licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the development of a new waste tracking system using smartphone technology.
- (4) The Government supports Tyre Stewardship Australia and the national Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme. The EPA is working closely with the tyre industry to promote the scheme.
- (5) In addition to the funding allocated for new recycling infrastructure, the Government is introducing new reporting obligations on the generators and transporters of waste tyres and facilities receiving waste tyres. These new requirements will discourage illegal dumping and unlawful storage and divert more tyres to lawful recycling facilities. They will also provide funding opportunities under the Innovation on Priority Problem Waste Management Grants Program to stimulate investment in recycling infrastructure.
- (6) Under the Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative, the government is providing future grant funding opportunities to increase the recycling of tyres and to further develop market opportunities for the products of tyre recycling in NSW. Tyre recycling and market development will remain a high priority for the NSW Government and the EPA.

*1132 RETIREMENT VILLAGE RESIDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What protections exist for vulnerable residents where a retirement village owner or operator files for bankruptcy?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to establishing a fidelity fund to protect such residents in these situations?
- (3) What probity occurs prior to the registration of retirement village operators?
 - (a) What concerns have been raised about the adequacy of this probity?
 - (b) What consideration is the Government giving to increasing this probity?
- (4) How is the Government responding to calls from the Retirement Village Residents Association for stronger protections against departure fee and guaranteed capital gains share rorts?

Answer—

- (1) The Retirement Villages Act 1999 (the Act) contains a number of provisions aimed at protecting residents in these situations. If a village is sold to another operator, the Act requires all existing contracts with residents to be honoured. If a village closes as a result of the village operator or owner's bankruptcy, a statutory charge generally ensures that the refund entitlements of residents rank higher than other creditors.
- (2) There is insufficient evidence of market failure to support the establishment of a fidelity fund at this time. The Retirement Villages Act 1999 (the Act) already contains a number of provisions that adequately protect residents in these situations.
- (3) Registration is an administrative requirement whereby the use of the land as a retirement village is recorded on the title and no significant concerns have been raised regarding the registration of retirement village operators.
- (4) The Retirement Villages Act 1999 (the Act) already contains a number of provisions that adequately protect residents in these situations. In 2013, the Government delivered on its commitment to introduce a standard retirement village contract. This assists prospective residents to better understand the financial costs associated with different retirement villages and to make more informed choices.

*1133 LOWER RICHMOND RIVER KOALAS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What concerns have been raised about the impact that Stage 10 of the Pacific Highway upgrade could have on the Lower Richmond River Koala population?
- (2) What assessment has been made of how impacts on the Lower Richmond River Koala population will affect other koala populations in the Northern Rivers region?
- (3) What action will the Government take to protect the Lower Richmond River Koala from destruction during the Pacific Highway upgrade?
- (4) Will the Minister consider relocating Stage 10 of the Pacific Highway upgrade away from areas occupied by the Lower Richmond River Koala to protect the koalas?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Roads and Maritime understands there is a range of community views on the location of the new highway between Broadwater and Coolgardie and its impact on a koala population.

Roads and Maritime investigated and assessed many routes for the new highway over a period of 10 years before obtaining approval for the route. The approved route between Broadwater and Coolgardie (Section 10), known as Route 2C, provides the best balance when considering all, and at times competing factors. This includes impact on plants and animals, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage, flooding, ease of building, cost and safety.

As part of the approval conditions, Roads and Maritime is required to demonstrate the impact to the Ballina koala population will be acceptable before building can start in Section 10. Roads and Maritime is also required to carry out Population Viability Analysis (PVA), for a 50-year timeframe, to demonstrate "the long-term viability of the Ballina koala population, taking into account the impacts resulting from the road upgrade in Section 10".

Information on proposed environmental conservation and protection measures for Section 10 of the Pacific Highway is available at: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/pacific>.

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- *1134 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties are in the Mount DrUITt Electorate?
- (2) How many anti-social behaviour complaints were received in the last 6 months in the Mount DrUITt Electorate?
- (3) How many evictions for all causes occurred in the last 6 months in the Mount DrUITt Electorate?
 - (a) What are the top three reasons for these evictions?

Answer—

- (1) Details about the number of social housing properties in each allocation zone are available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au
- (2) Information relating to making complaints to the FACS Client Feedback unit is also available on the FACS website.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

- *1135 BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Local Government—

Does the Minister support a name change for Blacktown City Council, considering a majority of Blacktown City Councillors voted to hold a referendum on renaming the city, which requires a proclamation by the Governor and support from the Minister for Local Government?

Answer—

In recommending that the Governor make a proclamation to change the name of a council, a Council must show evidence of significant community consultation and community support for the proposed new name.

The Minister has not received any formal proposal to change the name of Blacktown City Council at this time.

- *1136 TRAFFIC SIGNALS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the Minister investigate changing the phasing of the traffic signals at the intersection of Oxford and Cumberland Road in Ingleburn, so that all four ways of traffic will be brought to a stop only during school hours (not 24 hours 7days a week)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current operation of traffic signals at the intersection of Oxford and Cumberland Roads, where all four ways of traffic stop as part of the cycle, is designed to ensure the safety of school children.

To ensure the safety of all pedestrians and eliminate confusion for pedestrians and motorists a crossing must operate in the same way at all times.

*1137 YABUN FESTIVAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Did Destination NSW contribute to the annual Yabun Festival held on 26 January 2015?

(a) If so, how much funding was allocated towards this event from Destination NSW?

Answer—

Destination NSW invested in the Yabun Festival in 2015 and the previous two years.

Information relating to funding provided to specific events is commercial in confidence between the event owner and Destination NSW and cannot be disclosed.

*1138 ACTION 2.2 OF THE ABORIGINAL TOURISM ACTION PLAN 2013-2016—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

How much funding was allocated to Action 2.2 of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?

Answer—

Destination NSW worked with the NSW State Tourism Data Warehouse to complete this action. Specific tasks included building dedicated Aboriginal tourism pages on Sydney.com and Visit NSW.com, identifying and establishing the necessary criteria to ensure the integrity and authenticity of Aboriginal tourism product contained on its websites.

This work is incorporated into the overall Get Connected program project and contributes to goal three of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan: Increased market awareness of NSW as a destination where Aboriginal culture is strong, vibrant and diverse.

*1139 ACTION 1.1 OF THE ABORIGINAL TOURISM ACTION PLAN 2013-2016—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

How much funding was allocated to Action 1.1 of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?

Answer—

Destination NSW has developed dedicated Aboriginal tourism pages on Sydney.com and Visit NSW.com and includes Aboriginal products in its marketing and promotional activities.

This work contributes to goal one of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan: Increased market awareness of NSW as a destination where Aboriginal culture is strong, vibrant and diverse.

*1140 ACTION 1.2 OF THE ABORIGINAL TOURISM ACTION PLAN 2013-2016—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

How much funding was allocated to Action 1.2 of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?

Answer—

Information relating to funding provided to specific major events is commercial in confidence between the event owner and Destination NSW and cannot be disclosed.

In addition to Corroboree and the Yabun Festival, Destination NSW also supported Aboriginal events through the Regional Flagship Events Program including \$10,000 for the Saltwater Freshwater Festival in 2015, \$10,000 for WUPA@Wanaruah in 2013 and 2014 and \$10,000 for the 5 Lands Walk from 2011 to 2013.

These initiatives contribute to goals one and three of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan: Increased market awareness of NSW as a destination where Aboriginal culture is strong, vibrant and diverse and; Increased awareness, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture in NSW by Government, the tourism industry and visitors.

*1141 ACTION 1.4 OF THE ABORIGINAL TOURISM ACTION PLAN 2013-2016—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

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How much funding was allocated to Action 1.4 of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?

Answer—

Destination NSW has developed dedicated Aboriginal tourism pages on its Sydney.com and Visit NSW .com websites to promote Aboriginal experiences and products in NSW.

This work contributes to goal one of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan: Increased market awareness of NSW as a destination where Aboriginal culture is strong, vibrant and diverse.

*1142 ACTION 2.1 OF THE ABORIGINAL TOURISM ACTION PLAN 2013-2016—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

How much funding was allocated to Action 2.1 of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?

Answer—

Destination NSW's Aboriginal Tourism Specialist works closely with emerging Aboriginal tourism operators to gain entry to the Indigenous Tourism Champions Program. This work includes providing business development support so that the products can become export ready and therefore gain entry to the Program.

This work contributes to goal two of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan: Development of sustainable market-ready and export-ready Aboriginal tourism products and experiences.

*1143 CORROBOREE SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

How much funding was allocated to the Indigenous festival Corroboree Sydney 2013-2015?

Answer—

Information relating to funding provided to specific major events is commercial in confidence between the event owner and Destination NSW and cannot be disclosed.

*1144 WUPA@WANARUAH—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Has Destination NSW allocated funding to the WUPA@Wanaruah in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (2) Will Destination NSW allocate funding for the event in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

Destination NSW supported WUPA@Wanaruah in 2013 and 2014 through its Regional Flagship Events Program, which is a calendar year program. The supported events took place in September/October 2013 and 2014 and received \$10,000 to support the marketing of each event in each year.

WUPA@Wanaruah applied for funding for the 2015 round of this program but was unsuccessful, the event owners were provided with feedback on their application.

Events in Regional NSW, including WUPA@Wanaruah were invited to submit expressions of interest for the 2016 round of Regional Flagship Events Program funding. Expressions of interest opened on 10 August and closed on Sunday 6 September 2015, however the event organisers did not make a submission.

*1145 OPPORTUNITY, CHOICE, HEALING, RESPONSIBILITY, EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Has the Office of Sport and Recreation allocated any funds to the Government's Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE) programs/initiatives?
 - (a) If so, how much has been allocated?
 - (b) What initiatives has this funding been allocated for?

Answer—

The Office of Sport (OoS) is involved in the Campbelltown Opportunity Hub, which aims to build partnerships between schools, employers, education and training providers and the local community.

OoS also provides leadership and support to programs in Western and Far West NSW, which will assist with the wellbeing and healing processes pursued through OCHRE.

In relation to financial support, OoS's key contribution is the salaries of staff. Program funding is sourced from other agencies, for example from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet under the Indigenous Sport Program.

*1146 APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many Apprehended Violence Orders have been granted to women in the Wallsend area in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 13 August 2015)?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) publishes NSW recorded crime statistics.

*1147 WYONG AND TOUKLEY AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Health—

What are the projected start dates for the upgrades of Wyong and Toukley ambulance stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will deliver on its commitment to invest \$9.1 million in new ambulance stations at Wyong and Toukley.

NSW Health is investing \$122 million in the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration which will deliver new and upgraded ambulance stations in rural and regional New South Wales.

*1148 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

Which schools in the Charlestown Electorate are scheduled to receive school zone flashing lights in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*1149 DUST DISEASES BOARD—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many individuals from the Hunter region are registered with the Dust Diseases Board?
- (2) How many individuals from New South Wales are registered with the Dust Diseases Board?
- (3) What is the average length of time that an individual from the Hunter is registered with the Dust Diseases Board?
- (4) What is the average length of time that an individual from New South Wales is registered with the Dust Diseases Board?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2015, there were 446 individuals from the Hunter region registered with the Dust Diseases Board(as at 30 June 2015).
- (2) As at 30 June 2015, there were 3,652 individuals from New South Wales registered with the Dust Diseases Board(as at 30 June 2015).
- (3) and (4) Workers receiving workers compensation benefits from the Dust Diseases Board (now known as the Dust Diseases Authority) receive those benefits for the remainder of their life. The length of time that individuals from the Hunter region are registered with the Dust Diseases Authority varies depending on their age at the time of application and at death.

The dependant spouses of deceased workers who were receiving benefits continue receiving those benefits for the remainder of their life or until they remarry or enter into a new relationship. The dependent children of workers and dependant spouses continue receiving benefits until they reach 16 years of age, or 21 years of age if they are in full-time education, whichever is the latter.

*1150 HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Have any Housing NSW assets in the Charlestown Electorate been sold in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (a) If so, what type of asset and how many?
 - (b) What revenue did the Government receive from these sales?
 - (c) Will the proceeds be used for future Housing NSW assets?

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(d) What percentage of the revenue will be used to purchase new Housing NSW assets?

Answer—

Information about sales and supply is available in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's Annual Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au

Proceeds from all sales are re-invested into the social housing system across New South Wales.

*1151 VIDEO TO BE FILMED WITHIN CENTENNIAL PARK—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Were any approvals given by the Centennial and Moore Park Trust for any election video to be filmed within Centennial Park prior to the 2015 State Election?

Answer—

No. Written permission is required to use television, cinematographic or photographic equipment for commercial or promotional purposes in the Parklands. News crews are permitted without a permit to record emerging events.

*1154 MAJOR EVENTS FUNDING—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Will the \$4 million funding promised in the lead up to the recent election for major events in the Blue Mountains be provided?

(a) If yes, will it be spent within one budget year or spread across multiple years?

(b) If yes, will the overall \$4 million recur or is it a once-off investment?

(2) Will the decision on which events shall be funded be subject to transparent industry and community consultation?

Answer—

(1) Yes

(a) Spread across multiple years.

(b) It is a one-off investment.

(2) Yes, Destination NSW is working with relevant stakeholders to explore opportunities to bring an appropriate event to the Blue Mountains.

*1155 FUNDING FOR CONGESTION STUDIES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Will funding promised in the lead up to the recent election for Springwood congestion study proceed?

(a) If so, in which calendar year will the study occur?

(2) Will funding promised in the lead up to the recent election for Katoomba congestion study proceed?

(a) If so, in which calendar year will the study occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding has been allocated to study congestion at Springwood and Katoomba as part of the Government's \$100 million safety and congestion package to fund 54 congestions projects over four years. The studies are expected to be completed in 2016.

*1156 LINK2HOME PHONE LINE—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Does the Link2Home phone line have the resources to make appropriate referrals?

(2) When will the Government re-direct resources back to local services that understand their community needs and have the networks to successfully refer people who are homeless?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) Link2Home is a centralised service which forms part of a no wrong door approach to link people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with appropriate accommodation and support services. In 2015-16, a record \$182 million has been provided to enhance and strengthen the delivery

of locally-based client-centred homelessness services. Further information on specialist homelessness services is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1157 RED LIGHT CAMERA FINES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) With reference to the red light camera at the traffic lights at Woodville Road, Granville northbound, what are the top ten postcodes of recipients of fines for offences at this site in 2014-15 financial year?
 - (a) What is the value of the fines issued for each postcode in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?
 - (b) What is the value of the fines collected for each postcode in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?

Answer—

The table below shows the top ten postcodes of recipients of red light camera fines for offences at the traffic lights at Woodville Road, Granville northbound in 2014-15, and the value of fines issued and collected in 2014-15 and 2013-14.

Each	2014-15 financial year	2013-14 financial year		
Postcode	Value issued	Value collected	Value issued	Value collected
2161	\$81,220	\$57,903	\$126,240	\$108,478
2160	\$81,595	\$64,952	\$116,488	\$98,878
2170	\$79,155	\$57,405	\$119,768	\$103,351
2166	\$43,920	\$41,874	\$84,160	\$72,359
2165	\$48,465	\$35,480	\$87,765	\$80,649
2144	\$36,430	\$30,208	\$63,521	\$51,011
2142	\$40,215	\$26,773	\$75,250	\$64,802
2145	\$32,270	\$27,107	\$57,041	\$49,086
2176	\$28,160	\$23,305	\$54,603	\$46,908
2124	\$31,075	\$24,465	\$33,583	\$27,103

Data based on the number of fines issued, and includes fines paid after they have been enforced.

*1158 TAFE STAFF—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Does the TAFE NSW HR system contain data on the number of permanent and contract staff employed at the Granville TAFE campus?
- (2) How many staff were employed at the Granville TAFE campus in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015) on:
 - (a) Permanent basis;
 - (b) Part-time basis?
- (3) How many employees at the Granville TAFE campus have been converted from a permanent basis to part time basis between 2011 and 2015?
- (4) Does the TAFE NSW HR system contain data on the number of permanent and contract staff employed at the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE?
- (5) How many staff were employed at the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015) on:
 - (a) Permanent basis;
 - (b) Part-time basis?
- (6) How many employees at the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE have been converted from a permanent basis to part time basis between 2011 and 2015?
- (7) Does the TAFE NSW HR system contain data on the number of permanent and contract staff employed at the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE?
- (8) How many staff were employed at the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE in each of the years from

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2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015) on:

- (a) Permanent basis;
 - (b) Part-time basis?
- (9) How many employees at the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE have been converted from a permanent basis to part time basis between 2011 and 2015?

Answer—

- (1) The TAFE NSW HR system contains data on the number of permanent staff employed. Contract staff are engaged through a separate process.
- (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.
- (3) It is not possible to convert permanent officers to part-time officers.
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- (9) It is not possible to convert permanent officers to part-time officers.

*1159 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many people in the Granville electorate have renewed their motor vehicle registration late in each of the calendar years from 2012 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?

Answer—

Data collected regarding customer postcode or address details are the domain of the individual agency for which Service NSW carries out the transactions.

Motor vehicle registration data falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*1160 KOORAGANG EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Why has the approval of the emergency response plan for Kooragang been delayed?

Answer—

The Kooragang Precinct Emergency Sub Plan was endorsed by the Chair of the State Emergency Management Committee on 26 August 2015 and is available on the Emergency NSW website, www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.

*1161 JAMES FLETCHER HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the James Fletcher Hospital site currently being used for?
 - (a) Are there unoccupied buildings at this site that could be used for community needs?
 - (b) How many square metres is this site?

Answer—

I am advised:

The James Fletcher Hospital site provides a number of mental health services including an inpatient unit and also accommodates some nursing and midwifery teams. Buildings currently unoccupied are planned for re-use by the local health district.

*1162 CONSTRUCTION AT THE JAMES FLETCHER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Did the Government approve construction of a car park on the James Fletcher Hospital site?

(2) Was any damage done to the James Fletcher Hospital site?

Answer—

I am advised:

Approval was obtained from the Office of Environment and Heritage NSW. The local health district is not aware of any damage.

*1163 URBAN GROWTH PLANNING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) Is there a link between the sale of land on the rail corridor and Government infrastructure spending in Newcastle?

(2) Will bus services run all the way to Watt Street as they do now?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) UrbanGrowth NSW is at the early stages of this process and no decisions have been made. The community engagement process under Revitalising Newcastle will enable community input to the prioritisation of infrastructure for Newcastle.

(2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

*1164 JUDGES IN NSW DISTRICT COURTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Is the Government replacing retiring judges in NSW District Courts?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) Will the Government hire new judges to clear the backlog of cases in Newcastle?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Attorney General.

*1165 THE STORE BUILDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is the Government planning to purchase The Store Building as part of the planned Wickham Interchange?

Answer—

I am advised:

UrbanGrowth NSW has been announced as the successful tenderer in the purchase of the Store site.

*1166 INCINERATOR AT EASTERN CREEK—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the Government's plan for the proposed incinerator at Eastern Creek?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment has requested the applicant prepare a report in response to the issues raised during the public exhibition period of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Once the applicant's report is submitted, the Department will carry out a comprehensive and detailed assessment before referring the proposal to the Planning Assessment Commission.

*1167 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What Government funded programs are in Western Sydney that assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims from non-English speaking backgrounds?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information concerning domestic violence and sexual assault services can be found at www.domesticviolence.nsw.gov.au.

*1168 WAITING LIST FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many applicants are on the waiting list for social housing within the electoral district of Prospect?

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Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1169 GIRRAWEE HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Education—

When will the electrical upgrade for Girraween High School in the capital works program commence?

Answer—

NSW Public Works has engaged an electrical consultant to investigate what can be done to improve the power supply to the school.

Once the results of the investigation have been received, the Department's local Asset Management Unit will work with the school to plan an electrical upgrade.

*1170 EASY ACCESS UPGRADE TO PENDLE HILL RAILWAY STATION—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Which company has been contracted to construct the easy access upgrade to Pendle Hill Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

*1171 THE HORSLEY DRIVE UPGRADE—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why does The Horsley Drive upgrade stop at Cowpasture Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the Horsley Drive upgrade is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website, including the options assessment and preferred route option report.

*1172 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the monetary value of the Roads and Maritime Services landscape maintenance contracts within the Prospect electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services vegetation maintenance contracts are not administered or undertaken at an electorate level. The Prospect electorate is located within the Sydney West zone. Vegetation maintenance in this zone was about \$6.41 million in the 2014-15 financial year.

*1173 BADGERY'S CREEK AIRPORT—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What funding has been committed to build infrastructure in support of Badgery's Creek Airport?

Answer—

The NSW and Federal governments are jointly funding a 10 year, \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.

Key road projects, including the Bringelly Road upgrade and the Werrington Arterial Road upgrade, will improve and support access to Badgerys Creek Airport. Planning work has also commenced to extend the South West Rail Link line to Badgerys Creek Airport.

The NSW Government remains committed to delivering infrastructure to improve accessibility in and around Western Sydney, supporting jobs growth and the economy.

*1174 ARTS FUNDING—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Why does Western Sydney get 10 percent of arts funding, whilst the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney gets 90 percent?

(a) Why is there no equitable balance of this funding?

Answer—

The information in your question is inaccurate.

Western Sydney has an innovative arts and cultural sector, attracting new audiences and providing significant growth opportunities. The Government recognises the artistic excellence in Western Sydney and is focused on growing the arts and cultural sector in the region and creating more opportunities for local audiences. This is recognised in the State's first Arts and Cultural Policy Framework (Create in NSW) launched in February this year and through funding provided in the 2015-16 Budget, including:

- a minimum of \$20 million over four years for arts and culture in Western Sydney, including \$7.5 million in additional funds for local artists and arts and cultural organisations.
- \$10 million over two years to commence planning for the relocation of the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta as part of the development of an arts and cultural precinct.

This is an investment of over \$30 million in Western Sydney arts and culture.

*1175 FISHERMAN'S BAY—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning—

What is the cost of the resources which have been expended by Landcom and Urban Growth in the pursuit of the now-withdrawn Fisherman's Bay Development Application?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landcom (trading as UrbanGrowth NSW) has not incurred any costs in the management of the Fisherman's Bay Development Application.

Under the Crown Lands Home Sites Program, costs associated with the Fisherman's Bay development application are borne by the Department of Primary Industries.

*1176 HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning—

How did the Minister ensure the independence of the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel in the planning process for the Fisherman's Bay Development Application?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel is one of six independent regional panels determining matters throughout the State. Each Panel is comprised of five members; three independent experts appointed by the State and two appointed by the relevant local council. The Chair of each panel is appointed with the concurrence of Local Government New South Wales.

The Regional Panels are statutory bodies and operate independently of councils. This policy applies to all regional panel members.

*1177 FISHERMAN'S BAY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) Does UrbanGrowth NSW have plans to resubmit a development application to develop the parcel of land owned by the Land and Housing Corporation at Fisherman's Bay?

(a) If not, will the land be redesignated as a National Park?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) No.

(a) This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment.

*1179 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE LIVING IN PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

(1) What is the number of indigenous people living in Port Stephens?

(a) What percentage of the Port Stephens' population does that number represent?

(b) How does that percentage compare with the total number of indigenous people living in New South Wales?

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Answer—

Stephens electorate out of a total population in Port Stephens of 67,503. Aboriginal people thus accounted for 3.6% of the population of Port Stephens in 2011.

Aboriginal people accounted for 2.5 percent of the population living in New South Wales in 2011.

*1180 SPECIALIST MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many beds are being utilised at the Specialist Mental Health Services for Older People Unit at Wollongong Hospital?
- (2) Is the facility being fully utilised for those older people with mental health issues?
- (3) Has there been any reduction in bed or patient numbers through changes to budgetary requirements?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*1181 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many treatment bays currently exist in Wollongong Hospital Emergency Department?
- (2) How many patients since 3 April 2011 were treated in the Hospital corridors due to a lack of beds?
- (3) How many emergency department patients since 3 April 2011 were moved into another area of the Hospital in order to meet time targets for the emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) NSW Ambulance continues to work with the NSW Ministry of Health and local health districts to implement the recommendations of the Auditor General's report on 'Reducing ambulance turnaround time at hospitals' which further validated the extensive work already in progress in New South Wales to reduce delays for ambulances.

On 26 August 2015, the Minister for Health announced a package of measures to improve patient flow in Emergency Departments, including ambulance off load times and reduce delays to allow ambulances to get back on the road quicker.

The Peak Activity Team led by the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer has commenced work with NSW Ambulance and Local Health Districts and Speciality Networks (LHD/SNs) to implement the following initiatives;

- Nurse off-stretcher models that have already demonstrated improved patient flow in some of the largest hospital emergency departments including Royal Prince Alfred and Liverpool Hospitals;
- Ensuring Medical Assessment Units are being utilised efficiently and that patients with chronic conditions can access hospital with greater ease;
- Criteria Led Discharge to avoid unnecessary delays in getting patients home once they have been given the medical all clear;
- Out of Hospital Care- making sure patients are accessing the community based care programs that NSW Health has been investing in to help reduce or avoid the need for hospitalisation;
- The usage of non-Emergency Patient Transport fleet to reduce demand on the emergency ambulance fleet.

The Peak Activity Team will work with NSW Ambulance and LHDs/SNs to implement the initiatives, and to build on the significant work already undertaken in New South Wales to improve patient flow and access to facilities and services.

*1182 MEALS ON WHEELS—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What are the requirements to obtain a contract to distribute Meals on Wheels?
- (2) What targets are required of organisations with these contracts?
- (3) How often are those contracts reviewed?
- (4) How much the Government funding do Meals on Wheels Illawarra receive?
- (5) What Governance systems are in place for knowing who the participants in service delivery for

particular suburbs are?

Answer—

(1) to (5) I am advised:

Meals on Wheels services in NSW receive 93 per cent of their funding through the Commonwealth Government's Home Support Program to provide meals services to people aged 65 years and over. The remaining seven per cent of funding for Meals on Wheels services comes from the NSW Community Care Supports Program for the provision of meals services to people with disability.

All organisations entering into a funding agreement for the first time with the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) are required to demonstrate their capacity to enter into a FACS Funding Agreement. Generally, Funding Agreements are renewed every three years, with ongoing monitoring of contracts and service delivery throughout the term of each funding agreement.

Details about grant and subsidies payments including funding to non-government organisations is published in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report which is available on its website: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

Each service provider has reporting obligations at the state and national level. The Minimum Data Set is a set of nationally agreed data items collected four times per year.

*1183 GONG SHUTTLE SERVICES—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are there any Government plans to reduce the hours of the Gong Shuttle services?
- (2) Have there been any meetings with the bus company and/or local MP's to discuss reducing the night services of the Gong Shuttle?
- (3) Have there been any undertakings given on reduction in the contract requirements?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.

*1184 LAKE ILLAWARRA FORESHORE—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Government planning to sell state owned assets along and around the Lake Illawarra Foreshore?
- (2) Have any meetings taken place between Government representatives and Wollongong City Council representatives, where selling off assets around the foreshore was discussed?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) When did any meeting/s take place?
 - (ii) Who was in attendance?
 - (iii) Were any documents presented?
 - (iv) What was the result of such meetings?

Answer—

Senior staff from Government Property NSW and Wollongong City Council have met on several occasions to consider options for the future use of sites along and around the Lake Illawarra Foreshore. At present, no decision has been made regarding future use.

Should any changes be deemed necessary or appropriate, they will be determined in consultation with Wollongong City Council and the community.

*1185 DESTINATION WOLLONGONG—Ms Noreen Hay asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) How much of taxpayers money was spent on the Crown Campaign in Wollongong?
- (2) What is the total funding provision from the Government to Destination Wollongong?
- (3) Does Destination Wollongong answer to Destination NSW or are they completely autonomous?
- (4) How much control of Destination Wollongong does Wollongong City Council exercise in return for financial investment?
- (5) Are Destination Wollongong tasked with providing incentives and/or attractions for tourists to visit the Wollongong CBD?

Answer—

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- (1) The Office of Local Government has not provided any funding to the Crown Campaign.
- (2) There has been no funding provided from the Office of Local Government to Destination Wollongong.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Hon. Stuart Ayres, MP.
- (4) This is a matter for Wollongong City Council.
- (5) This is a matter for Destination Wollongong.

*1186 NUMBER OF AMBULANCES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many ambulances are assigned to the following electorates:
 - (a) Cessnock electorate;
 - (b) Maitland electorate;
 - (c) Upper Hunter electorate;
 - (d) Lake Macquarie electorate?
- (2) Are any of these ambulances assigned to more than one electorate?
- (3) Are any of these ambulances assigned to more than one ambulance station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) NSW Ambulance resources are not allocated by electorate. NSW Ambulance vehicles are assigned to operational zones which can cover more than one electorate. Vehicles can be assigned to more than one ambulance station to provide cover for routine or unscheduled maintenance.

*1187 STAFFING AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

With regard to medical staffing levels at Cessnock Hospital since 1 January 2015:

- (1) How many times has the required on duty staff levels fallen below 80 percent?
- (2) How many times has the required on duty staff levels fallen between 80 percent and 90 percent?
- (3) What departments have experienced the greatest staffing shortfalls?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staff levels are monitored on a daily basis (nursing hours per patient day) as required.

Staffing is also monitored by the Nurse Unit Manager and after-hours manager on a shift-by-shift basis. Any sick leave is replaced with casual or permanent part-time staff working extra shifts. If staff are not available, overtime is offered to staff or a manager will work the vacant shift.

*1188 STAFFING AT KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

With regard to medical staffing levels at Kurri Kurri Hospital since 1 January 2015:

- (1) How many times has the required on duty staff levels fallen below 80 percent?
- (2) How many times has the required on duty staff levels fallen between 80 percent and 90 percent?
- (3) What departments have experienced the greatest staffing shortfalls?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staff levels are monitored on a daily basis (nursing hours per patient day) as required.

Staffing is also monitored by the Nurse Unit Manager and after-hours manager on a shift-by-shift basis. Any sick leave is replaced with casual or permanent part-time staff working extra shifts. If staff are not available, overtime is offered to staff or a manager will work the vacant shift.

*1189 RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Does the Reserve Bank of Australia consult with the New South Wales Government and its departments over monetary policy?

Answer—

The Reserve Bank of Australia and the New South Wales Government act in accordance with relevant regulations and legislation.

*1190 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Are all Family and Community Services offices in the Cessnock Electorate staffed by the required full-time equivalent (FTE) allocation?
 - (a) If not, how many additional staff are required to ensure the offices are manned to required FTE allocation?
 - (b) Does the required FTE staffing number include staff on extended leave (ie sick, long service, leave without pay)?
- (2) Are staff members who are on extended leave replaced by relieving staff at their normal place of work?
 - (a) If not, how many additional staff are required to ensure the offices are manned to required FTE allocation?

Answer—

Information about workforce numbers are in the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) Annual Report which is available at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au

The approach to backfilling FACS staff on extended leave varies depending on their role and the length of the leave.

- *1191 CALLOUTS IN THE CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What was the average waiting time for callouts in the Central Hunter Local Area Command of the NSW Police Force in each of the years from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (to 27 August 2015)?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me the average response time for P1/P2 call outs attended in the Central Hunter Local Area Command is approximately 12 minutes 47 seconds.

- *1192 CONTACT WITH NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

With reference to the contact made with NSW Police Force by either phone or visiting a police station to advise of an incident:

- (1) Is all contact recorded?
 - (a) If not, how is statistical information provided by the NSW Police Force accurate?
- (2) Are all advised incidents given an Incident number?
 - (a) If not, how is statistical information provided by the NSW Police Force accurate?
- (3) What types of incidents are not recorded?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me every case of a member of public contacting the NSW Police Force to advise of a specific incident is recorded. The only types of incidents reported to police which are not recorded are minor motor vehicle collisions.

Incidents are recorded on the NSW Police Force's Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS). However, the COPS is an operational database and not a statistical one. Crime data is best sourced from BOCSAR, the official agency for reporting crime statistics.

- *1193 INTERNATIONAL FEE PAYING STUDENTS AT TAFE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many international fee-paying students are enrolled at TAFEs within the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) At what TAFEs are they enrolled?

Answer—

- (1) and (1) (a) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

- *1194 INTERNATIONAL FEE PAYING STUDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many international fee-paying students are enrolled at schools within the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) At what schools are they enrolled?

Answer—

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At the end of Term 2, 2015 there were no international full fee paying school students enrolled within the Cessnock electorate.

*1195 WOLLONGONG AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) paramedics are currently employed at the Wollongong Ambulance Station?
 - (a) How many of these are intensive care paramedics?
- (2) How many rapid response paramedics are employed at the Wollongong Ambulance Station?
- (3) Are there any plans to increase the number of employees at the Wollongong Ambulance Station?
- (4) How many vehicles are based at the Wollongong Ambulance Station?
 - (a) What is the current average age of these vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance resources are fluidly deployed dependent upon demand requirements within an area.

Resources are allocated towards the growth areas of the Illawarra based on demand modelling. The way in which services are delivered varies to meet the needs of the community.

*1196 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the 60 new literacy and numeracy teachers promised to the Illawarra in 2010 are currently in Illawarra schools as at 26 August 2015?
 - (a) At which schools have these teachers been assigned?
- (2) When will the remaining teachers be assigned?

Answer—

As at 26 August 2015, resources equivalent to 42.7 full time teachers have been provided to 13 schools in the Illawarra since the beginning of 2012.

The schools are Albion Park Rail Public School, Barrack Heights Public School, Bellambi Public School, Cringila Public School, Farmborough Public School, Kemblawarra Public School, Koonawarra Public School, Mount Warrigal Public School, Primbee Public School, Warilla North Public School, Warrawong Public School, St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, Warrawong and Illawarra Christian School Tongarra campus, Albion Park.

By the conclusion of the Action Plan in December 2016, resources equivalent to more than 60 full time teachers will have been provided to targeted Illawarra schools.

*1197 PLINTHS AT BUS STOPS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the installation of bus timetable plinths at bus stops:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any concerns that have been raised about the quality of the installation of these plinths?
- (2) Is the company currently contracted to install these plinths complying with all of the tender requirements?
- (3) Have there been any occasions when the company currently contracted to install these plinths have not complied?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (4) Once plinths have been installed, do they require engineering certification?
 - (a) If so, have engineering certificates been provided for each installed plinth?

Answer—

I am advised:

Two companies were originally engaged in 2009 to design and install bus plinths following an open commercial tender process. Instances of non-compliance by both companies were satisfactorily resolved through standard contractual engagement. Engineering certification for bus plinth designs was provided by both companies.

*1198 PENSIONER CONCESSION GOLD OPAL CARD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the minimum amount of credit that must be on a Pensioner Concession Gold OPAL card for it to

be used?

Answer—

I am advised:

The minimum balance or value that a customer with a Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal card needs to have on their card when they tap on to travel is \$2.50.

*1199 CREDIT ON OPAL CARD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Does the credit on an Opal card expire?

(a) If so, after how long?

Answer—

I am advised:

Credit on an Opal Card does not expire.

*1200 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will the annual Illawarra Regional Transport Plan update for the 2014-15 financial year be publicly released?

Answer—

The annual update for the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan for the 2014-15 financial year is currently being finalised and will be released in the coming months.

*1201 ACCIDENTS ON RAIL TRACKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many people have accidentally fallen on to rail tracks (including prams) over each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?

(2) How many people have been caught trespassing on rail tracks over each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?

(3) How many people were hit by moving trains over each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (3) The Government takes rail safety very seriously and customer safety is improving year on year. There are over 10,000 CCTV cameras monitoring the network to keep customers safe. In addition a new commuter safety campaign was launched on 10 August 2015 to educate customers on the dangers of trespassing on train tracks.

Category	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (to 27 August)
Fallen on tracks	57	49	74	57	35
Hit by moving train	38	39	43	43	16

2011 – 30 June 2013 – RailCorp network.

1 July 2013 – 27 August 2015 – Sydney Trains network.

(2) Refer to my previous response LA 0969. Trespassing is illegal and we take this matter very seriously. The recent trespassing of Labor MPs at Hawkesbury River Bridge should be condemned and recognised as a breach of the Passenger Transport Act 1990.

*1202 BOUNDARY ROAD BRIDGE CROSSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) Has Sydney Water conducted a study/review into the widening of the Boundary Road bridge crossing the pipeline in Chester Hill?

(a) What was the outcome of this study/review?

(2) Will the Government commit funding to widening of the Boundary Road bridge in Chester Hill to enable vehicles that are travelling in different directions to cross the bridge simultaneously?

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- (a) If yes, when will the bridge be upgraded?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water has not undertaken any studies to widen the Boundary Road Bridge. Bankstown and Parramatta Councils are investigating the potential widening of the bridge and Sydney Water has provided environmental information to assist the councils in their investigation.
- (2) This question should be referred to Roads and Maritime Services for response.

*1203 DRIVING INSTRUCTORS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many driving instructors are available for P1 Provisional License Driving Tests at the Bankstown Service NSW office?
- (2) How many driving instructors were available for P1 Provisional License Driving Tests at the former Bankstown Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?
- (3) How many driving instructors were available for P1 Provisional License Driving Tests at the Padstow RMS office in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 14 driver testers are allocated to the Bankstown Service Centre to deliver P1 Provisional License tests.
- (2) and (3) During the years 2011 to 2015, there were approximately three to five driver testers at the Bankstown Motor Registry and one to three at the Padstow Motor Registry with support also provided by the motor registry driver testing relief pool.

*1204 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Minister enable the parents of Bankstown North Public School access to park on vacant land adjacent to the school during peak school hours to ease traffic congestion (near the intersection of Beresford Avenue and Hume Highway) and to address the school's pedestrian safety concerns?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The land adjacent to Bankstown North Public School is owned by Roads and Maritime Services and is required for functions related to heavy vehicle safety compliance.

*1205 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there at Chester Hill High School?
- (2) What is the average number of demountable classrooms for a secondary school in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Chester Hill High School has eight demountable classrooms.
- (2) The number of demountable classrooms on a school site is dependent on the school's accommodation needs at any given time.

*1206 CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the Government upgrade the demountable classrooms at Chester Hill High School with permanent classrooms, given that there are 1213 students at the school?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Department uses demountable buildings to manage changing enrolment patterns. Where a long term need for additional school accommodation is established, and funding is available, this is provided by expanding existing schools and building new schools when necessary.

*1207 OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

For each accredited statutory Out of Home Care provider in New South Wales, what is the breakdown for the total number of children and young people under their care?

Answer—

Information about the transition of children and young people in out of home care to accredited statutory Out of Home Care providers is published on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1208 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many complaints has Family and Community Services received regarding anti-social behaviour of its tenants in each of the years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (to 27 August 2015)?

Answer—

Information relating to making complaints to the FACS Client Feedback unit is available on the FACS website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1209 RECOGNITION AS A TENANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many applications have been made for recognition as a tenant since the changes to the succession policy on 25 March 2013?

(a) How many of these applications were successful?

(b) Of those applicants who were unsuccessful, how many subsequently applied for priority housing assistance through Housing Pathways?

Answer—

(1) To date over 1,500

(a) Nearly all tenants obtained a six month lease.

(b) Fewer than 40.

*1210 MILLERS POINT PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How much money in total has been spent on repairs and other maintenance work on vacant properties at Millers Point since March 2014 in preparation for their sale?

Answer—

Information about maintenance expenditure is outlined in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report which is available at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

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*1211 MR FLUFFY ASBESTOS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many properties in each of the following Local Government Areas (LGAs) have been identified as being impacted by Mr Fluffy Asbestos:

(a) Lake Macquarie LGA;

(b) Newcastle LGA;

(c) Port Stephens LGA;

(d) Cessnock LGA;

(e) Maitland LGA;

(f) Muswellbrook LGA?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*1212 PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health—

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What was the average wait time for public dental services in the Hunter New England Health area for the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please direct your question to Minister Goward, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*1213 IMPOUNDING RECORDS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) With reference to Section 31 of the Impounding Act 1993, does a member of the public have the right to inspect impounding records held by an impounding authority?
- (2) Why have Ms Lisa Ryan's requests to access Cowra Council's impounding records been delayed despite several communication efforts requesting access?
- (3) When will Cowra Council ensure its animal pound is compliant with all relevant regulations?

Answer—

A member of the public, including Ms Ryan, is entitled to inspect any record kept by Council during normal Council business hours, in accordance with section 31 of the Impounding Act 1993.

The RSPCA investigation of Cowra pound found no significant faults with the operation of the pound. Cowra Council has advised that its animal pound is compliant with all relevant regulations.

*1214 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO IMPROVE ANIMAL WELFARE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Will the Government consider increasing financial support to non-government, not-for-profit organisations that improve animal welfare, including animal shelter and rescue groups, similar to the support offered by the Victorian Government's Animal Welfare Fund Grants Program?

Answer—

Animal Welfare is an issue the Government takes seriously. The Government supports the RSPCA NSW through annual funding of \$424,000 and has committed another \$2 million over four years for their education centre. This equates to \$3.7 million over four years. Additional funding of \$7.5 million for redevelopment of the Sydney Shelter at Yagoona was provided in 2012-13. The Government also provides Animal Welfare League NSW with \$75,000 annually to assist with the operation of three animal shelters and a veterinary hospital.

1215 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WAITING LISTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

1216 APPRENTICES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

*1217 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning—

How many times have the conditions of the Infrastructure Approval, conditions of any Environment Protection Licence or any other relevant approval been breached during the construction of the M4 widening project?

Answer—

I am advised that reports on the Department of Planning and Environment's monitoring and compliance activities are available online at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Compliance.

Questions in relation to compliance with the Environment Protection Licences should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

*1218 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) In each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15, how much money in total has been spent on repairs and other maintenance work on vacant properties in each of the following allocation zones:

- (a) GW1 Parramatta;
- (b) GW2 Auburn/Granville;
- (c) GW8 Holroyd?

Answer—

Information about maintenance expenditure is outlined in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report which is available at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1219 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to cataract surgery at Westmead Hospital Eye Clinic:
 - (a) How many patients are currently on the waiting list?
 - (b) How long is the waiting time for patients on the waiting list?
 - (c) How many patients are not on the waiting list yet but have been told they will be contacted and put on the waiting list at a later time?
 - (d) What is the Government doing to reduce waiting times?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) to (d) In the public health system the amount of visual acuity that has been lost is assessed before determining whether someone needs to have surgery or not. Currently, 50 to 80 per cent of the population over the age of 65 years have some degree of cataract. Not all need to have surgery.

Patients with good vision in one eye are placed on the waiting list.

*1220 TAXI PLATES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many taxi plates are currently registered to owners residing within the Granville electorate, the Holroyd Local Government Area and the Parramatta Local Government Area?
 - (a) How many of these taxi plates are currently not being utilised?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently 444 taxi licences and taxi plates in the Granville, Holroyd and the Parramatta Local Government Area registered to owners.

Three taxi licences and taxi plates are currently not in use as they are being transferred to a new operator.

*1221 LAMBTON GARDENS ESTATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What will the Government do to ensure that homes in the Lambton Gardens Estate that have been extensively damaged due to mine subsidence are repaired as soon as possible, considering prior delays in fixing and rebuilding the homes to their pre-damaged state?

Answer—

I am advised that the Mine Subsidence Board has commenced action to carry out immediate repairs, relocate residents, purchase properties and carry out permanent repairs and rebuilds. It is anticipated that final repairs will be completed in the near future.

1222 ELECTRICITY NETWORK LEASING PROCEEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

*1223 HUMAN RESOURCES TRANSITION PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) When will the Human Resources Transition Plan in relation to the NSW Trustee and Guardian be:
 - (a) Completed;
 - (b) Implemented?
- (2) How many full-time equivalents is it anticipated will be lost as a result of the plan?
- (3) How many positions is it anticipated will be lost as a result of the plan?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the Human Resources Transition Plan is currently the

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subject of proceedings before Industrial Relations Commission ('the Commission').

It would not be appropriate to comment further on matters currently before the Commission.

*1224 ST. SHENOUDA COPTIC ORTHODOX MONASTERY (NSW) PROPERTY TRUST ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Has the St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust Act been proclaimed?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust Act 2014 was proclaimed on 9 September 2015.

*1225 COURT INFORMATION ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Has the Court Information Act been proclaimed?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Information regarding the status of New South Wales legislation can be found on the official Government website for online publication of legislation: <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/>.

*1226 CORONERS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is the status and progress of the statutory review of the Coroners Act?

Answer—

The statutory review of the Coroners Act 2007 is currently underway.

*1227 ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Does Rod Blackman, former Crime Manager at Orana Local Area Command remain suspended?
 - (a) If so, when will the suspensions cease?
 - (b) If not, when did the suspensions cease?
- (2) Has the police internal investigation into Rod Blackman, former Crime Manager of Orana Local Area Command, been completed?
 - (a) If so, when was it completed and what was the outcome?
 - (b) If not, when will it be completed?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it has taken appropriate action in this matter in accordance with established police procedures.

*1228 BORONIA COSP—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) For how long were Corrective Services staff living in the former Boronia COSP at Lot 3-6 Bathurst Road, Emu Plains?
 - (a) How many staff were involved?
 - (b) What rent, licence fee, or other payment was made by those staff in connection with that accommodation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No Corrective Services staff member has been living at the former Boronia COSP on a full-time, permanent, and rent-paying basis. The facility was made available for the temporary midweek accommodation of staff involved in project works in the area.
 - (a) One staff member was provided temporary midweek accommodation over five months up to September 2015.
 - (b) None. Temporary accommodation was provided in lieu of compensation for additional travel time and expenses staff would otherwise be entitled to.

*1229 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE PAY LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Is there any evidence of disparity between the pay of male and female professional athletes in New South Wales?
- (2) Are there any mechanisms in place to ensure parity or address any disparity between the pay of male and female professional athletes?

Answer—

This is a matter for the relevant sports controlling body, players and players association. However, as I stated in Budget Estimates I will always advocate that women are treated equally across all sports.

*1230 FUNDING IN THE SOUTH EAST AND TABLELANDS REGION—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Which projects or businesses have been provided funding under the Regional Industries and Investment Fund in the South East and Tablelands region since 2011?
 - (a) How much funding was provided?
- (2) Which projects or businesses have been provided funding under the State Investment Attraction Scheme in the South East and Tablelands region since 2011?
 - (a) How much funding was provided?

Answer—

- (1) Since 2011, 11 businesses have received funding through the Regional Industries Investment Fund (RIIF) in the South East and Tablelands region. This has resulted in the investment of approximately \$16.4 million and the creation of 305 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs.
 - (a) A total of \$666,400 was provided to these projects. As funding agreements between the Department of Industry and businesses are commercial-in-confidence, the funding amount has not been disclosed.
- (2) One project in the South East and Tablelands has received financial assistance under the State Investment Attraction Scheme (SIAS), through the former Digital Media Initiative and Interactive Media Fund. The funding provided through the Interactive Media Fund facilitated the employment of three additional FTE and one part-time staff member. A total of five projects have received non-financial assistance through SIAS in the South East and Tablelands since 2011. These projects have resulted in 108 FTE jobs.
 - (a) As funding agreements between the Department of Industry and businesses are commercial-in-confidence, the funding amount has not been disclosed.

*1231 GENERAL MEDICAL WARD—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

How many active beds were available in the General Medical Ward at Mount Druitt Hospital at the time of that ward's closure?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to Member to Question on Notice LA 0151.

*1232 NURSING HOME PATIENTS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

How many patients from nursing homes are being admitted to a public hospital emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised that:

This information is not held centrally.

*1233 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) As at 1 September 2015, how many active beds are at Mount Druitt Hospital in each the following wards:
 - (a) Rehabilitation;
 - (b) Paediatrics;
 - (c) Palliative Care;
 - (d) Emergency;
 - (e) Elective Surgery;

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(f) Any other active beds not mentioned above?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the Member to LA QoN 0563.

*1234 OVERTIME HOURS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

(1) In relation to overtime hours worked by paramedics in the last six months to 8 September 2015:

- (a) How many overtime hours have been worked?
- (b) How many paramedics have worked these overtime hours?
- (c) What percentage of the paramedics were required to work overtime hours?
- (d) What is the overtime cost for the past six months?

Answer—

I am advised:

Paramedics may be required to work additional time when delayed on cases, when they are the nearest appropriate resource to respond to an emergency, when there are delays offloading patients during busy periods at hospitals, or when they are required to fill a shift due to unplanned leave.

*1235 TREGEAR AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Are there any plans to close down the Tregear Ambulance Station (which services the Mount Druitt electorate) and to relocate the remaining two ambulance vehicles elsewhere?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance and Health Infrastructure continue to work together to plan all elements of the \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy.

To date, five sites which will make up the Paramedic Response Network have been announced (Penrith, Blacktown, Liverpool, Kogarah and Bankstown) with further sites expected.

*1236 ROMLEY CRESCENT AND ROOTY HILL ROAD NORTH INTERSECTION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) With reference to the intersection of Romley Crescent and Rooty Hill Road North, Oakhurst:

- (a) How many accidents have happened at this intersection since 7 September 2012?
- (b) Is this intersection considered a 'black spot'?
- (c) Are there any plans to install traffic lights at this intersection?

Answer—

(1) (a) There have been no reported crashes at this intersection between 7 September 2012 and 15 September 2015. [NB: all crash data for 2015 is preliminary and subject to change].

(b) The site has not been nominated as a 'black spot' under the Federal Government's Black Spot Programme.

(c) Roads and Maritime Services is investigating improvement opportunities along the Rooty Hill Road corridor, including at the intersection of Romley Crescent and Rooty Hill Road North, as part of the Pinch Point Program. Investigations are expected to be completed by June 2016.

*1237 MOBILE PHONE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When a person is driving and using a mobile phone on a Bluetooth hands free device, is it illegal for the mobile phone to be located in his pocket and not in a phone cradle?

Answer—

I am advised:

In accordance with the NSW Road Rules 2014 a mobile phone may only be used while driving if:

- the phone is secured in a commercially manufactured mounting which is fixed to the vehicle and does not obscure the driver's view of the road; or
- the phone can be operated by the driver without touching any part of the phone.

Therefore, a driver is allowed to retain a mobile phone in their pocket and use Bluetooth provided they do not touch the phone in any way.

While driving, a mobile phone cannot be used for text messaging, video messaging, emailing or similar communication.

The navigational function of a phone may only be used when driving if the phone is mounted. This is consistent with the model law of the Australian Road Rules, on which the States and Territories base their jurisdictional road rules.

*1238 MEDIAN STRIP MAINTENANCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Does Roads and Maritime Services have a benchmark standard to measure the performance of contractors hired to conduct maintenance on median strips that are under its control?
- (2) Where can a copy of the current standard and scope of works that is used for the Mount Druitt electorate be obtained?

Answer—

I am advised:

Routine Roadside Maintenance Requirements are available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

These specifications cover maintenance in Mount Druitt electorate.

*1239 ANTIBIOTIC USE IN FARMING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What proportion of animal farms for meat, poultry and dairy in New South Wales use antibiotics in order to improve growth rates?
- (2) What proportion of factory animal farms for meat, poultry and dairy in New South Wales use antibiotics in order to improve growth rates?
- (3) What antibiotics are used in New South Wales meat, poultry and dairy farming that are also used by humans?
- (4) What liaison occurs between the Department of Primary Industries and NSW Health to exchange information and advice about antibiotic use in farming, including impacts on drug resistant superbugs?
- (5) How does the Government help farmers reduce unnecessary antibiotic use?
- (6) What results have been achieved in reducing antibiotic use in farming?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government does not keep statistics on antibiotics use on farms. The use of antibiotics for growth promotion in animals in Australia is illegal due to constraints imposed by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

The availability of antibiotics for use in animals in NSW is governed by the Commonwealth through the APVMA registration process, not the Government.

(4) The transfer of drug resistant bacteria between animals and humans resulting in disease is rare in NSW and Australia. Staff from NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and NSW Health meet annually to exchange information and discuss animal health issues, including antibiotic resistance issues.

(5) The Government has actively promoted herd and flock level biosecurity for many years. These biosecurity recommendations reduce the risk of herds and flocks acquiring new infections and minimise spread of endemic infections within herds that might cause them to use antibiotics.

NSW DPI provides a diagnostic service to veterinarians who wish to identify the best antibiotic for treatment and eradication of infections to avoid overuse of antibiotics and use of the wrong antibiotic.

NSW DPI has been actively engaged in research on antibiotic resistance in animals for over 15 years and has internationally recognised scientists working on this issue.

The Department is making a leading contribution to the national effort that will include surveillance of animals for antibiotic resistance and surveillance of antibiotic use.

NSW DPI has been actively engaged in researching alternatives to antibiotics. This includes exploring the use of probiotics and the development of vaccines especially for those circumstances where antibiotics are used the most. However, these are very technically complex issues with findings that only

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gradually evolve. Successful animal health programs that have greatly reduced disease that might otherwise have resulted in antibiotic include programs for mastitis in cattle and lameness in sheep.

(6) As already noted in the earlier responses, data on antibiotic use are not kept by the Government.

*1240 ARTS EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What proposals are being considered or developed for the future of the UNSW Art & Design (previously College of Fine Arts), National Art School and Sydney College of the Arts and their education programs?
- (2) What consultation has the Government undertaken on the future with staff and students?
- (3) What consultation has the Government undertaken with adjacent communities and the wider arts communities?
- (4) Is the Government committed to retaining the individual strengths and approaches of all three schools?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to re-organise arts education programs and how will this affect current and future students?
- (6) Is the Government committed to ongoing funding for these three schools and students at current levels?
- (7) What changes to funding have been considered or proposed?
- (8) What changes to the number of students has the Government considered or proposed?
- (9) What changes to the buildings and location of the schools have been considered or proposed?
- (10) What action will the Government take to ensure that these schools continue?

Answer—

- (1) to (10) These are matters for the Minister for Education.

*1241 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB LIQUOR LICENCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Did the operators of Paddington Bowling Club plead guilty to 40 breaches of the Registered Clubs Act, the Gaming Machines Regulation and the Liquor Act and were the operators fined more than \$50,000?
- (2) What action has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing taken about:
 - (a) Cancelling the Registered Club's licence;
 - (b) Cancelling the liquor licence?
- (3) What advice has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing provided to the Department of Primary Industries about grounds for termination of the lease?
- (4) What further action will the Government take about the registered clubs licence and liquor licence?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The registered club licence and liquor licence are the same licence. In December 2014, the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing applied to have the Club's licence cancelled as part of a disciplinary complaint lodged with the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
- (3) The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing has provided all relevant investigation material to Crown Lands for its consideration.
- (4) The disciplinary complaint against the Club is under consideration by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority. This is the appropriate mechanism to consider any further action in relation to the Club's licence.

*1242 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB LEASE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Did the Paddington Bowling Club operators plead guilty to 40 breaches of the Registered Clubs Act, the Gaming Machines Regulation and the Liquor Act and were fined more than \$50,000?
 - (a) What assessment has the Government made of these charges, the court outcome and enforcement action?
 - (b) Given these breaches, what advice has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing provided about:
 - (i) Cancelling the Registered Clubs licence;
 - (ii) Cancelling the liquor licence?

- (c) Does each of these breaches constitute grounds to terminate the lease?
 - (d) What action has been taken about terminating the lease?
 - (e) Does the Government intend to cancel the lease?
 - (f) Has the Government initiated forfeit clauses of the lease?
 - (g) What impact do these breaches have on the Crown Land dedication?
- (2) Has the Paddington Bowling Club been liquidated and the legal entity wound up?
 - (3) Has CSKS Holdings ceased trading, removed furniture and fittings and abandoned the Paddington Bowling Club site?
 - (4) What consideration has the Government given to future use of the Paddington Bowling Club site for public recreation?
 - (5) Has the Government considered transferring this lease to Woollahra Municipal Council and what steps have been taken towards doing this?
 - (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure that this Crown Land is used for public recreation?

Answer—

(1) to (4) and (6) Answers to these questions should come from the Deputy Premier, are publicly available or are currently under consideration.

(5) No proposal has been put forward by the Department.

*1243 INNER CITY HOMELESSNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Noting that the City of Sydney street count in August 2015 identified 828 people sleeping rough in the inner city, continuing an upward trend in number of people sleeping rough:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made about new programs to house people sleeping rough in the inner city?
- (2) What new supported housing has been provided since August 2012 when numbers began increasing?
- (3) How many homeless people from the inner city have been housed each year over the past four years?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to address inner city homelessness?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government's reform of the specialist homelessness services system led to the establishment of 17 new specialist homelessness services in the inner city Sydney area and Connect 100, a service that assists homeless people in the inner city to find private rental accommodation and support in suburban or regional locations.

(3) Information on specialist homelessness services data is available on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's website at: www.aihw.gov.au.

(4) In 2015-16, the Government is investing a record \$182 million into homelessness services and programs, including funding for specialist homelessness services in inner city Sydney. The Specialist Homelessness Services Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy will inform ongoing improvements to the homelessness service system.

*1244 BIRTH CERTIFICATES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Does New South Wales legislation allow birth certificates to include more than two parents?
 - (a) If not, what is the rationale for this restriction?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the provisions in British Columbia's Family Law Act that allows up to four legal parents to be named on birth certificates?
- (3) What action will the Government take to allow for birth certificates to reflect diverse family structures including families with more than two parents?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety ('the Committee') reported in October 2012 on the "Inclusion of donor details on the Register of Births."

The Committee concluded that donor details should not appear on the births register or the birth certificate, but recommended the donor-conceived status be recorded on the register and that an addendum, indicating that further information is available, be attached to birth certificates issued to adults who are recorded as donor-conceived.

The Government supported this recommendation.

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*1245 ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What estimates does the Government have on the number of lesbian couples in New South Wales who use assisted reproductive technology each year?
- (2) What estimates does the Government have on the number of lesbian couples that have a family through both members of the couple carrying a child using the same donor gametes?
- (3) What information is provided to lesbian couples about the 'five women limit', (which prevents men donating sperm to more than five women) and how this may affect the ability for both women to have children from the same donor in the future?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that donors are aware of the 'five women limit' and how it can affect their future parental prospects through assisted reproductive technology with future partners?
- (5) What consideration is the Government giving to the recommendation in the Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2007 Discussion Paper to change the 'five women limit' to a 'five family limit' to prevent adverse impacts on same sex couples?
- (6) What action will the Government take to remove adverse effects of the 'five women limit'?

Answer—

It is the responsibility of ART providers to ensure compliance with the Assisted Reproductive Technology Act and ensure that patients understand the effects of s27 of that Act.

In 2013, the Ministry conducted a statutory review into the ART Act. The report on the review recognised that s27 can have unintended consequences for certain groups in the community, including same sex couples.

*1246 METHAMPHETAMINE USE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the use of methamphetamine increasing or decreasing:
 - (a) In New South Wales;
 - (b) In the inner city?
- (2) What percentage of drug users are using methamphetamine and is this increasing or decreasing:
 - (a) In New South Wales;
 - (b) In the inner city?
- (3) What new programs has the Government funded or provided for treatment regarding the use of methamphetamine since 13 November 2014?
- (4) What evidence-based education programs does the Government provide to prevent people from using methamphetamine, educate users about minimising harms and intervene or treat problematic use?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to prevent and treat methamphetamine use and address community impacts?

Answer—

Please direct your question to Minister Goward, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*1247 PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY MR FLUFFY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Considering properties impacted by Mr Fluffy have been found in Parramatta, Manly, Ku-ring-gai and Bankstown Local Government areas, but not North Sydney, The Hills Shire and Warringah Local Government areas, why have Manly, Ku-ring-gai, The Hills Shire, North Sydney and Warringah been included among the Local Government areas eligible for free testing services but Parramatta and Bankstown Local Government areas have not?

Answer—

Free home testing is currently available to owners of pre-1980s residential premises in 27 Local Government Areas (LGAs) across NSW, including Parramatta and Bankstown.

The full list of eligible LGAs is published on the NSW Fair Trading website (www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au).

The Government has announced a voluntary purchase and demolition program for all NSW residential property owners with positive results for loose-fill asbestos insulation.

The voluntary program offers eligible homeowners a choice:

- a New South Wales Government purchase of premises and land or;
- a New South Wales Government purchase of the premises only.

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- 1248 AMBULANCE PATIENTS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1249 TAFE DELIVERED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DISCRETE COURSES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1250 STAFF AT MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- *1251 GOVERNMENT RUN PRESCHOOLS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) How many preschools are run by the Department of Education?
 - (a) What is the name and location of each of these preschools?
 - (b) What is the total budget for Government run preschools?
 - (c) How much are the fees charged by Government run preschools?
- Answer—
- (1) The Department of Education runs 100 preschool sites (with distance education provided through Dubbo Distance Education Preschool and Broken Hill School of the Air Preschool).
 - (a) The name and location of each of these preschools can be found on the Department website.
 - (b) The total budget for Government run preschools is \$30 million.
 - (c) The fees will vary across the government schools with preschool classes and will be set with reference to the relative Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) value of the school.
- *1252 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE FACILITIES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- How will the \$20 million announced for new Out of School Hours Care facilities provide 45,000 new places for school children in out of hours care?
- Answer—
- The \$20 million Before and After School Care Fund has been established to help provide before and after school care services in Government schools and less well-resourced non-government schools.
- New South Wales schools may apply for a one-off grant of up to \$20,000 which may be used for site modification and fit-out costs, project management including tendering or regulatory costs, or to pay for necessary equipment to support new services.
- The online application for grants went live on 3 August 2015.
- 1253 INCOME RECEIVED BY SCHOOLS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1254 DATA ON MARINE SPECIES—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1255 SHARK CONTROL PROGRAM—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1256 SHARK CONTROL (BATHER PROTECTION) PROGRAM—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1257 LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1258 HUB AT MILLER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 1259 SAFER PATHWAY PROGRAM IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1260 DENTAL SERVICES BUDGET ALLOCATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1261 RISK OF SERIOUS HARM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1262 ASSISTED SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1263 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1264 PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1265 OPAL CARD USAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1266 SENIORS TRAVEL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1267 COMMUTER CARPARK AT THIRROUL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1268 SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- *1269 REPORTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- How many reports of domestic violence were received and recorded by the Waratah Police Station in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- Answer—
- The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics and provides these for a range of offences.
- 1270 WALLSEND FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1271 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1272 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1273 SPECIALIST SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1274 HOUSING NSW WAITING LIST—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- *1275 DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COURSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Will extra staff be employed at TAFE NSW to teach disability and community services students when the TAFE fees are dropped?
 - (2) How many places will be available across New South Wales for disability and community services courses?
 - (3) How many places will be available in each individual TAFE campus in the Hunter for these courses?
 - (4) When will the people of New South Wales be advised?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW regularly reviews and adjusts its staffing requirements in response to changes in demand for skills. TAFE NSW Institute Directors are responsible for the employment of staff at individual campuses. TAFE NSW provides staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.
- (2) The Government is creating over 510,000 subsidised VET training places this year in qualifications demanded by employers.

On 11 September 2015 I announced that the Government will invest \$10 million into 2,170 additional subsidised training places in Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications to support the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in 2016. This will create more opportunities for people to train to work in disability and community services.

- (3) TAFE NSW does not set a fixed number of places for specific qualifications at each campus. As is the case for all registered training organisations (RTOs), TAFE NSW Institutes receive subsidies for enrolments in qualifications they have been approved to deliver in specified regions, up to their Financial Caps.
- (4) TAFE NSW Institutes advertise course offerings throughout each year.

*1276 TAFE FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Will the Minister drop fees for TAFE courses that train people to work in disability and community services?
 - (a) If so, when will the fees drop, by how much, and which courses will be affected?

Answer—

Smart and Skilled student fee policies apply for all subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Student fees are determined by the individual students' characteristics.

Thousands of people are able to train to work in disability and community services for free. Eligible Aboriginal students and students with a disability will pay no fee to access these qualifications, or any other qualification on the NSW Skills List. Under the Government's fee-free scholarship program, each year for four years up to 50,000 eligible disadvantaged young people aged 15-30 will pay no fee to access Certificate I-IV qualifications on the NSW Skills List.

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1277 NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS CLEANING CONTRACT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

1278 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

*1279 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal people who move to new areas are able to access culturally specific services, considering the growth of Aboriginal communities in places like Maitland is now above 3.5 percent (1 percent above the State average)?
- (2) What is the Government doing to enable Aboriginal people who move to new areas to make connections with Aboriginal social support networks?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal people who move to new areas avoid social isolation?

Answer—

The Minister responsible for these matters is the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1280 EAST MAITLAND DISTRICT COURT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Attorney General—

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- 1281 SES COMMUNICATION SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1282 SES COMMUNICATION SERVICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1283 RUTHERFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1284 FUTURE OF EAST MAITLAND DISTRICT COURTHOUSE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- *1285 MAITLAND CITY COUNCIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) Why has Maitland City Council approved \$38,300 for payment for a study to establish the maintenance costs of the Gaol?
 - (2) What contribution is the Government making to the upkeep and maintenance of this significant state heritage asset?
- Answer—
- I am advised as follows:
- (1) This is a matter for Maitland City Council.
 - (2) Between 1996 and 2012, \$337,000 has been provided in Government Heritage Grant funding for the former Maitland Gaol.
- 1286 IMPROVEMENTS TO CONGESTION AND ROAD SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1287 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- *1288 GRANTS FOR PROJECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- What grants are available to community organisations to facilitate projects of environmental benefit to New South Wales?
- Answer—
- I am advised as follows:
- The Office of Environment and Heritage administers several funding programs for community organisations; information is available at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/.
- 1289 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE AT SPRINGWOOD—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1290 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1291 VALUE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1292 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1293 CALLOUTS IN THE CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1294 POLICE REPORTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- *1295 PRESCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) Is Preschool Disability Support Program funding only available to community preschools?
 - (a) If yes, what funding is available for privately owned and run preschools?

- (2) Why does a metropolitan preschool receive a lower amount per child per annum than a rural or remote preschool?
- (3) How many hours per day does \$45 cover to enable trained staff to assist and provide individual support to a child with a disability who requires moderate help (Level 1)?
- (4) How many hours per day does \$90 cover to enable trained staff to assist and provide individual support to a child with a disability who requires considerable assistance (Level 2)?
- (5) How many hours per day does \$120 cover to enable trained staff to assist and provide individual support to a child with a disability who requires intensive support (Level 3)?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. Early childhood education and care services that are Child Care Benefit (CCB) accredited can apply to the Commonwealth under the Inclusion and Professional Support Program (IPSP) for funding to support children with additional needs or a disability.
- (2) In 2015, preschools located in regional or remote areas will receive \$75 per eligible child per annum, in recognition of the fact that children with disability in these areas face barriers to funding because of the logistical complexities.
- (3) to (5) Funding is provided to community preschools to support access for up to 15 hours per week or 600 hours per year, per child. It is the decision of individual community preschool operators how best to utilise funding within the parameters of the Preschool Disability Support Program Guidelines. This may include, but is not limited to, employing additional staff.

- 1296 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1297 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1298 REVENUE FROM PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1299 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1300 CONTAMINATION FROM WILLIAMTOWN RAAF BASE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1301 CONTAMINATION AT THE WILLIAMTOWN RAAF BASE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1302 TESTING AND MONITORING OF THE PORT STEPHENS AREA—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1303 SECURITY TRAINING FOR DISABILITY WORKERS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1304 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1305 FISHERMAN'S BAY—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1306 MILLERS POINT SALES AND RELOCATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1307 SYDNEY CBD LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1308 BLUESCOPE STEEL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1309 SHARKS AND SCHOOLS OF FISH—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- 1310 ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1311 CAMPBELLTOWN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1312 STAFF AT THE GREGORY HILLS SERVICE CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1313 SERVICE CENTRE AT GREGORY HILLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1314 'L' PLATE DRIVER EXAMINATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1315 MANLY MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1316 SOCIAL HOUSING FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1317 TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1318 STARTTS CARRAMAR—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1319 EXTRA ENROLMENT POSITIONS IN THE INTENSIVE ENGLISH CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- *1320 TAFE SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Will the Government provide extra Intensive English Courses at TAFEs in South-West Sydney?
(a) If yes, which TAFEs?
- (2) How many enrolment places will the Government provide for Intensive English Courses for adults?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) All TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust course offerings in response to changes in demand for skills.
- 1321 COST OF MOBILE PHONE SCANNERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1322 SYRIAN REFUGEES IN SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1323 SYRIAN REFUGEES WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1324 ASSYRIAN RESOURCE CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1325 DISMISSED TERMINATION AND VACANT POSSESSION ORDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General—
- 1326 TERMINATION AND VACANT POSSESSION ORDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General—
- 1327 TERMINATION AND VACANT POSSESSION ORDERS MADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General—
- 1328 SYDNEY METRO—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 1329 FUNDING MODELS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1330 WELL-BEING MEASURES FOR OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1331 RE-CONTRACTING FRAMEWORK FOR OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1332 OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1333 INDEPENDENT REPORTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1334 HUNTER STREET MALL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1335 COURT DECISION ON NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1336 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE COURT CASE COSTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1337 PRIVATE OPERATOR OF PORT BOTANY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1338 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL SHUTTLE BUS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1339 WILLIAMTOWN CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1340 YOUTH FOCUSED PROGRAMS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1341 DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN THE HUNTER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1342 NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1343 HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN STRATEGY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1344 RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE NEAR MERRYLANDS EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- *1345 PRESCHOOLS IN THE SUBURB OF THORNTON—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Maitland Mobile Preschool has been forced to close its operations in the suburb of Thornton?
 - (2) Why is Thornton no longer classified as a rural/regional area?
 - (3) What exactly have been the changes to Government funding of preschools?
 - (4) Where should parents in the suburb of Thornton now look for childcare?
- Answer—
- (1) KU Children's Services advised the Department of Education in July 2015 that it would be closing KU Maitland Mobile Preschool on 18 December 2015.
 - (2) The classification of the suburb of Thornton has not changed under the Preschool Funding Model. Under the previous funding model Thornton was not classified as regional or rural, and as such services in Thornton were not eligible for a remoteness loading.
 - (3) In line with the Brennan Review's recommendations, under the Preschool Funding Model, funding for community preschools is being targeted to four and five year old children in the year before

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school and children aged three and above from low income and Aboriginal backgrounds. Targeting funding to children in the year before school is a requirement of the State's National Partnership agreement with the Commonwealth.

(4) Parents can consult the MyChild website at <http://www.mychild.gov.au/> to locate nearby services.

- 1346 KING EDWARD HEADLAND RESERVE COURT CASE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1347 SHARK MESHING PROGRAM—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- 1348 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT ACT 2005—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1349 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1350 WOLLONGONG COUNCIL POLICIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1351 MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1352 GRAFTON LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1353 VICTIM'S ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1354 MACLEAN LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1355 LOCAL COURT CHANGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1356 ELIZABETH BAY MARINA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1357 SIR JOHN YOUNG CRESCENT BUS LAYOVER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1358 FIT FOR THE FUTURE PROCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1359 NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT AT BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1360 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKETS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1361 WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLANDS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1362 GOLD PENSIONER OPAL CARD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1363 JOBS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1364 AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1365 TAFE LAND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1366 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- 1367 REFUGES IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1368 FEMALE PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1369 WALLSEND MOTOR REGISTRY OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1370 SOUTHWEST RAIL LINK EXTENSION—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1371 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE IN CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1372 FARE EVASION FINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1373 STAFF AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE OF MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1374 MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- *1375 DIRECTOR OF TAFE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Did the current Director of TAFE, South Western Sydney Institute previously retire from the institution now known as TAFE under what is known as the 'old super scheme'?
 - (2) Is that Director now employed under additional contractual arrangements receiving payments in addition to his previous superannuation benefits?
- Answer—
- (1) Yes.
 - (2) TAFE NSW employees are not required to disclose arrangements that they may have in place with their superannuation fund.

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- 1376 GENERAL MEDICAL WARD SPACE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1377 MAINTENANCE OF MEDIAN STRIPS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1378 HOMEPRIDE HINDU CENTRE INC—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 1379 PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL CONTENT IN PROJECTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- *1380 GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What plans does the Minister have regarding the TAFE campus at Glendale?
 - (2) Are there any plans to sell the campus or part of the campus?
 - (a) If so, what is being sold?
 - (b) If so, what are the proceeds of the sale intended to be used for?
 - (3) Will the sale impact on service delivery at the campus?
 - (a) If so, what is being done to offset any negative impacts?

Answer—

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- (1) and (2) TAFE NSW is developing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure training is matched with the changing needs of students and employers. TAFE NSW regularly assesses facility requirements in line with course delivery.
- (3) Where vacant land or underutilised facilities are sold, the proceeds will be re-invested into modernising and improving TAFE facilities and learning platforms for the benefit of students.
- 1381 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1382 TRANSGENDER CHILDREN SUPPORT UNIT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1383 SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1384 SIRIUS BUILDING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1385 SENIORS CARDS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1386 REHOMING OF COMPANION ANIMALS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1387 COMPANION ANIMALS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1388 SOCIAL HOUSING TENANCY TERMINATION ORDER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 1389 HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1390 RAIL STABLING YARDS—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1391 NORTH WARNERVALE RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1392 SHARK NETTED BEACHES—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- 1393 SOBERING UP CENTRES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1394 BILLBOARDS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1395 TOLL AVOIDANCE PERCENTAGE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1396 TOLL NOTICES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1397 SPECIALIST SERVICES—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- *1398 KU MOBILE PRE-SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Why has funding been reduced for the KU Mobile Pre-School?
- (2) What should parents in Thornton do to obtain child care following this reduction?

Answer—

- (1) There has been no reduction in funding for the service in 2015.
 - (2) Parents can consult the MyChild website at <http://www.mychild.gov.au/> to locate nearby services.
- 1399 FOXGROUND TO BERRY BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1400 GERRINGONG UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1401 TOWN HALL RAILWAY STATION PUBLIC TOILETS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1402 COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1403 RELOCATION OF RESIDENTS FROM THE STOCKTON CENTRE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1404 PRIVATISATION OF THE STOCKTON CENTRE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1405 TRANSITION FROM STOCKTON CENTRE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 1406 ESSENTIAL ENERGY ELECTRICITY PRICES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1407 NELSON BAY ROAD TRUCK MOVEMENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1408 PRIVATE BUSINESSES OPERATING WITHIN NEW SOUTH WALES TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1409 LEASE OF NEW SOUTH WALES ELECTRICITY POLES AND WIRES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1410 KOORAGANG RECYCLED WATER SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1411 PRESCHOOL DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 1412 UNDERGROUND ASSETS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1413 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES WITH SAME KEYS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1414 SANDSTONE BUILDINGS IN BRIDGE STREET, SYDNEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- 1415 DEPRECIATION RESERVATION FOR STATE OWNED PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1416 TRANSFORMATION OF AUSGRID—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1417 HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1418 BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1419 CAR CLUBS IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1420 WOODVILLE JUNCTION INTERCHANGE SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1421 WILLIAMTOWN CONTAMINATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1422 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1423 BROADMEADOW RAILWAY STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1424 NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- *1425 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- What has been the change in student numbers from public vocational education and training (VET) to private VET in Newcastle for each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 17 September 2015)?
- Answer—
- The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) publishes data on student numbers with public and private providers, which can be found at <https://www.ncver.edu.au>.
- NCVER data at a regional level can be accessed through VOCSTATS at <http://vocstats.ncver.edu.au/webapi/jsf/login.xhtml>.
- *1426 DISADVANTAGED STUDENT ENROLMENTS AT TAFE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Has there been decline in disadvantaged student enrolments in Newcastle TAFE for both the 2014 and the 2015 years?
- (a) If so, how many?
- Answer—
- TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.
- *1427 TAFE PROPERTIES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- Are there plans to sell any TAFE owned land or properties in Newcastle?
- Answer—
- TAFE NSW is developing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure training is matched with the changing needs of students and employers. TAFE NSW regularly assesses facility requirements in line with course delivery.

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- 1428 STADIA STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1429 SINGLE GOVERNING ENTITITY FOR STADIUMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1430 STADIA STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1431 STADIA STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1432 ALLIANZ STADIUM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1433 RECOMMENDATION 5 OF THE STADIA STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1434 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STADIA STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1435 ANZ STADIUM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1436 STADIUM IN PENRITH—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1437 STADIUM UPGRADES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 1438 GST AND TAXES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1439 UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1440 FUNDING FOR BIG TICKET EVENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1441 RESPONSES TO THE DRUG 'ICE'—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- *1442 SALE OF TAFE CAMPUSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Are there future plans to sell the Maitland TAFE Campus?
 - (2) How will the planned sale of parts of the Scone, Muswellbrook, Belmont and Glendale campuses affect students who are currently enrolled at these campuses?
- Answer—
- (1) TAFE NSW is developing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure training is matched with the changing needs of students and employers. TAFE NSW regularly assesses facility requirements in line with course delivery.
 - (2) Where vacant land or under utilised facilities are sold, the proceeds will be re-invested into modernising and improving TAFE facilities and learning platforms for the benefit of students.
- 1443 MEASURES TO REDUCE SHARK ATTACKS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1444 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1445 HSC MARKS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1446 COST OF NECESSARY AIDS TO QUIT SMOKING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 1447 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal people who move to new areas are able to access culturally specific services, considering the growth of Aboriginal communities in places like Maitland is now above 3.5 percent (1 percent above the State average)?
 - (2) What is the Government doing to enable Aboriginal people who move to new areas to make connections with Aboriginal social support networks?
 - (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal people who move to new areas avoid social isolation?
- 1448 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) In the last 6 months, how many evictions for all causes occurred in social housing properties in the Mount DrUITt Electorate?
 - (a) What are the top three reasons for these evictions?
- 1449 JUDGES IN NSW DISTRICT COURTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Is the Government replacing retiring judges in NSW District Courts?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) Will the Government hire new judges to clear the backlog of cases in Newcastle?
- 1450 URBAN GROWTH PLANNING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Will bus services run all the way to Watt Street following the sale of land on the rail corridor and Government infrastructure spending in Newcastle as they do now?
- 1451 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- How many times have the conditions of the Infrastructure Approval, conditions of any Environment Protection Licence or any other relevant approval been breached during the construction of the M4 widening project?
- 1452 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- How many people in the Granville electorate have renewed their motor vehicle registration late in each of the calendar years from 2012 to 2015 (to 27 August 2015)?
- 1453 MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the status of the new police station proposed for Mount DrUITt?
 - (2) Will funding be allocated in the 2016-17 Budget?
- 1454 ARTS EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What proposals are being considered or developed for the future of the UNSW Art & Design (previously College of Fine Arts), National Art School and Sydney College of the Arts and their education programs?
 - (2) What consultation has the Government undertaken on the future with staff and students?
 - (3) What consultation has the Government undertaken with adjacent communities and the wider arts communities?
 - (4) Is the Government committed to retaining the individual strengths and approaches of all three schools?
 - (5) What plans does the Government have to re-organise arts education programs and how will this affect current and future students?
 - (6) Is the Government committed to ongoing funding for these three schools and students at current

- levels?
- (7) What changes to funding have been considered or proposed?
 - (8) What changes to the number of students has the Government considered or proposed?
 - (9) What changes to the buildings and location of the schools have been considered or proposed?
 - (10) What action will the Government take to ensure that these schools continue?
- 1455 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB LEASE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Did the Paddington Bowling Club operators plead guilty to 40 breaches of the Registered Clubs Act, the Gaming Machines Regulation and the Liquor Act and were fined more than \$50,000?
 - (a) What assessment has the Government made of these charges, the court outcome and enforcement action?
 - (b) Given these breaches, what advice has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing provided about:
 - (i) Cancelling the Registered Clubs licence;
 - (ii) Cancelling the liquor licence?
 - (c) Does each of these breaches constitute grounds to terminate the lease?
 - (d) What action has been taken about terminating the lease?
 - (e) Does the Government intend to cancel the lease?
 - (f) Has the Government initiated forfeit clauses of the lease?
 - (g) What impact do these breaches have on the Crown Land dedication?
 - (2) Has the Paddington Bowling Club been liquidated and the legal entity wound up?
 - (3) Has CSKS Holdings ceased trading, removed furniture and fittings and abandoned the Paddington Bowling Club site?
 - (4) What consideration has the Government given to future use of the Paddington Bowling Club site for public recreation?
 - (5) Has the Government considered transferring this lease to Woollahra Municipal Council and what steps have been taken towards doing this?
 - (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure that this Crown Land is used for public recreation?
- 1456 METHAMPHETAMINE USE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Is the use of methamphetamine increasing or decreasing:
 - (a) In New South Wales;
 - (b) In the inner city?
 - (2) What percentage of drug users are using methamphetamine and is this increasing or decreasing:
 - (a) In New South Wales;
 - (b) In the inner city?
 - (3) What new programs has the Government funded or provided for treatment regarding the use of methamphetamine since 13 November 2014?
 - (4) What evidence-based education programs does the Government provide to prevent people from using methamphetamine, educate users about minimising harms and intervene or treat problematic use?
 - (5) What further action will the Government take to prevent and treat methamphetamine use and address community impacts?
- 1457 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REGISTER—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Why has the Justice of the Peace Register not been updated since March 2015 to show the contact details for new Justice of the Peace appointments?
 - (2) When will the Justice of the Peace Register be updated?
- 1458 PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- What was the average wait time for public dental services in the Hunter New England Health area for the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 financial years?

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- 1459 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Which schools in the Charlestown Electorate are scheduled to receive school zone flashing lights in the 2015-16 financial year?
- 1460 DESTINATION WOLLONGONG—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- Does Destination Wollongong answer to Destination NSW or are they completely autonomous?
- 1461 SPECIALIST MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many beds are being utilised at the Specialist Mental Health Services for Older People Unit at Wollongong Hospital?
 - (2) Is the facility being fully utilised for those older people with mental health issues?
 - (3) Has there been any reduction in bed or patient numbers through changes to budgetary requirements?
- 1462 WALLSEND MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) With reference to the impending closure of the Wallsend Motor Registry while the facility is converted to a Service NSW branch, will there be staff redundancies as a result of the closure?
 - (2) While the facility is closed, where will residents of the Wallsend be able to go to utilise Roads and Maritime Services?
- 1463 GREEN STATE POWER BOARD—Mr Stephen Kamper to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Who are the chair and members of the Green State Power Board?
 - (a) What are their service dates?
 - (b) What are the total remuneration amounts received by the chair and members?
 - (2) Who were the previous chair and members of the Green State Power Board?
 - (a) What were their service dates?
 - (b) What were the total remuneration amounts received by the previous chair and members?
 - (3) When was the last remuneration payment made to the chair and board members of the Green State Power Board?
 - (4) What are the outstanding liabilities of Green State Power?
- 1464 BOUNDARY ROAD BRIDGE CROSSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Will the Government commit funding to widening of the Boundary Road bridge in Chester Hill to enable vehicles that are travelling in different directions to cross the bridge simultaneously?
 - (a) If yes, when will the bridge be upgraded?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 1465 LAND AT FISHERMAN'S BAY—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- Will parcel of land owned by the Land and Housing Corporation at Fisherman's Bay be redesignated as a National Park?
- 1466 YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- In which schools within the electorate of Liverpool is MTC Australia delivering the Youth Frontiers Program?
- 1467 MR FLUFFY ASBESTOS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

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- (1) How many properties in each of the following Local Government Areas (LGAs) have been identified as being impacted by Mr Fluffy Asbestos:
- Lake Macquarie LGA;
 - Newcastle LGA;
 - Port Stephens LGA;
 - Cessnock LGA;
 - Maitland LGA;
 - Muswellbrook LGA?
- 1468 ELECTRICITY BLACKOUTS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- How many electricity blackouts occurred in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014?
 - How many electricity blackouts occurred across New South Wales between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014?
 - Which LGA in New South Wales had the most electricity blackouts between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014?
- 1469 ASSISTANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SYRIAN REFUGEES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- What services will be available in the Cabramatta electorate to assist the additional Syrian refugees expected to be settled in the area?
 - Will the Government be providing additional funding to these services to cater for the additional Syrian refugees?
 - If so, how much additional funding will be provided?
- 1470 SKILLS SHORTAGES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- What new programs has the Government rolled out to tackle major skills shortages identified in a recent Western Sydney skills audit?
- 1471 MILLER TAFE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- Can the Minister confirm that Miller TAFE will not be sold?
 - How many TAFE employees in the South Western Sydney area have been made redundant between 1 January 2015 and 13 October 2015?
- 1472 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Can the Minister confirm that commuters in Cabramatta will not face increases in public transport fares in this term of Government?
- 1473 AMALGAMATION OF FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL AND LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- Will the Government carry out any analysis before making any decisions regarding the amalgamation of Fairfield City Council and Liverpool City Council?
 - Will the Government allow the local community to have a say before making any decision regarding the amalgamation of Fairfield City Council and Liverpool City Council?
- 1474 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Will a school crossing supervisor be installed at the Bonnyrigg Public School?
 - How many schools in New South Wales currently have a school crossing supervisor?
 - How often are the needs of schools for school crossing supervisors reviewed?
 - How many schools in New South Wales have applied to have a school crossing supervisor between 1 March 2011 to 1 October 2015?
 - How many of these schools have had their applications rejected?

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- 1475 CLEARWAY SIGNAGE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will a signage that indicates the presence of a 'clearway' be installed on Cabramatta Road, near the corner of Hill Street, Cabramatta?
- 1476 ASBESTOS UNDER THE M4 MOTORWAY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will the remaining piles of asbestos under the M4 Motorway at Granville be removed?
- 1477 WENTWORTHVILLE RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What are the planned milestones for the Wentworthville Railway Station upgrade?
- 1478 SYRIAN REFUGEES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- What housing arrangements are planned to support the arrivals of new Syrian refugees?
- 1479 SERVICE NSW FACILITIES IN REGIONAL AREAS—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- What criteria is used by the decision making panel to determine the placement of Service NSW facilities in regional areas?
- 1480 PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Health—
- What information is available relating to the privatisation of public radiation therapy services around New South Wales?
- 1481 GOSFORD SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- When will additional car parking spaces (considering there are currently four spaces) be provided at the Gosford Service NSW Centre?
- 1482 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- When will the review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, pursuant to s130 of that Act, be completed?
- 1483 REVIEW OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- What has been the outcome of the review of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into in 2010 between the Department of Family and Community Services, Legal Aid NSW and the Department of Justice concerning the position of a child or young person in out-of-home care that may have a claim against the State of New South Wales (as referred in my letter to you dated 22 January 2015)?
- 1484 PRESENCE OF SHERIFF OFFICER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- On how many court sittings days does the Local Court or District Court in Lismore not have a Sheriff Officer present?
- 1485 OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- What is your response to the issues raised in my letter to you dated 27 July 2015, concerning gaps in and failures in implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding between your Department, Legal Aid NSW and the Department of Justice concerning the position of a child or young person in out-of-home care that may have a claim against the State of New South Wales?
- 1486 UNDER-UTILISED COURT HOUSES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- Which under-utilised court houses do you propose to sell?

- 1487 RELOCATION OF MULTICULTURAL NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- (1) When will Multicultural NSW move to Liverpool?
 - (2) To what address in Liverpool will Multicultural NSW move?
- 1488 MULTICULTURAL NSW HEAD OFFICE LEASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- When does the lease on the current premises of Multicultural NSW Head Office expire?
- 1489 OFFICE OF THE NSW INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- What is your response to the recommendations by the Office of the NSW Information and Privacy Commission to Liverpool Council in September 2015, concerning Council's decision on the release of information in response to a request for release of information concerning the outsourcing arrangement between Liverpool Council and Propel?
- 1490 RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- Why are drivers aged between 45 and 75 not eligible to renew their Class C drivers licence for a period of 10 years?
- 1491 MOUNT DRUITT FIRE STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) How much land has been transferred from the Mount Druitt Hospital grounds to Fire and Rescue NSW to accommodate the building of the new fire station?
 - (a) When did this transfer take place?
 - (2) Has any public consultation been undertaken to relocate the fire station to this new location?
- 1492 TIMELY RESPONSE BY MOUNT DRUITT FIRE STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- What plans are proposed to ensure a timely response to emergencies by Fire and Rescue NSW, when the fire station is relocated to the grounds of the Mount Druitt Hospital, considering the only access to suburbs located west of the hospital is through the Francis Street overpass which is heavily congested during peak hours?
- 1493 AMBULANCES IN THE MOUNT DRUITT AREA—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the Minister's response to community concerns in Western Sydney that there were no ambulances available in the Mount Druitt area on Tuesday 15 September 2015?
 - (2) What is the Minister's response to community concerns that at midday on 15 September 2015 an ambulance had to be dispatched from Campbelltown to attend to an emergency at Mount Druitt?
- 1494 SUPERVISION OF PATIENTS BY NURSES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- With reference to the article in the Sydney Morning Herald on 18 September 2015 titled 'Hospital trial was a factor in two deaths', in which it was reported that in a previous trial whereby patients arriving at hospital by ambulance were being supervised by nurses until such a time as the emergency department could take over the patients care resulting in two deaths and the trial being terminated in 2007, why is this concept being reintroduced when it previously failed and resulted in patients deaths?
- 1495 COMPETENCY CARDS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- Under the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, the new competency cards expire five years after the completion of the first course. If other courses with a five year expiration are completed at a later date, the competency class can be added to the card. However, the expiry date for each course completed does not extend to the full five years, is there any future plan to adjust these Competency Cards to reflect the true expiry dates for each course completed?

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- 1496 WALLSEND ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) During the transition of the Wallsend Roads and Maritime Services office to a Services NSW Centre, will all services currently available at the Wallsend office be available to the public from the temporary location?
 - (2) Will on the spot licences be issued from the temporary location, as has been available at the existing Wallsend location?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 1497 HIGH SPEED RAIL BETWEEN SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What is the status of any plans for high speed rail between Sydney and Newcastle?
- 1498 WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What are the main issues that are causing stress and psychological injury to teachers in New South Wales schools?
 - (2) What is the procedure for managing workplace psychological injuries?
 - (3) Is there workplace training and workshops provided in schools for the mental health of teachers and professional staff in New South Wales schools?
 - (4) Are there strategies in development for improving the psychological safety of workplaces?
 - (a) Is so, what is the nature of these strategies?
- 1499 STAMP DUTY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- What is the cumulative amount received by the Government in stamp duty from the sale of houses in the 2014-15 financial year?
- 1500 SELF-HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Government increasing resources to aid in the prevention of self-harm among young people, particularly those aged between 15 and 24?
 - (2) Will the Government increase funding to Hunter New England Health to increase staff and programs to aid in the prevention of self-harm?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 1501 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many days per week is the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic currently operating?
 - (2) Can all tests and procedures be conducted at the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic?
 - (a) If not, is this due to lack of appropriate equipment?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (3) What procedures cannot be conducted at the John Hunter Hospital Eye Clinic?
 - (4) What procedures need to be referred to Sydney Eye Hospital?
- 1502 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Will the Government stay with the current funding model of \$148.5 million towards domestic violence prevention over the next four years?
 - (2) Will the Government follow the Commonwealth Government's lead and increase funding to domestic violence prevention?
 - (3) Is domestic violence a priority that necessitates increased awareness and increased funding?
 - (4) What steps will the Government take regarding building an effective and sustainable funding model to provide support services for women, that reflects the Commonwealth Government's commitment to creating a cultural shift in Australia?
- 1503 AUSGRID EMPLOYEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- (1) Is there a minimum staff protection level of Ausgrid employees in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what is the October 2015 minimum staff protected level for Ausgrid employees in New South Wales, and what is the duration of the protection level?

- (b) If not, what is the minimum protection level of Ausgrid employees?
- (2) Does the figure comprise of both Ausgrid full-time and part-time employees?
 - (a) If not, what is the composition of the protected number for:
 - (i) Full-time employees?
 - (ii) Part-time employees?

1504 FIT TO DRIVE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

At the 'Fit to Drive' forum in Newcastle on Monday 21 September 2015, seniors said it took between two and three hours to commute from Swansea-Belmont to the Mater Hospital in Waratah.

- (1) What is the Government doing to enhance and improve public transport across the Hunter?
- (2) When will a full bus review be conducted in the Hunter?