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*2036 RETAIL ELECTRICITY MARKET—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How many companies are currently selling electricity on the retail market in New South Wales?
- (2) How many of these companies are publicly owned?
- (3) How many of these companies are privately owned?
- (4) What are the names of the retail companies mentioned in the answers to questions (2) and (3) above?
- (5) What are the latest estimates of the market share that each of these companies have in New South Wales?
- (6) How have those market share figures changed over the past three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There are 19 licensed retailers selling electricity in the NSW market as at 7 March 2008. I am advised that an additional six companies hold retail electricity licences but were not offering to sell electricity to consumers in NSW.

(2) There are five State-owned corporations selling electricity in NSW:

- The three 'standard' retailers, EnergyAustralia, Country Energy and Integral Energy, who supply small customers on regulated prices and conditions within their respective supply areas, in addition to supplying electricity to 'market' customers; and
- Two generators, Delta Electricity and Eraring Energy, who supply a small number of large electricity customers directly.

(3) There are 14 privately-owned retailers selling electricity in NSW.

(4) The names of those companies are as follows:

State-owned retailers:	Privately-owned:
EnergyAustralia	ActewAGL Retail Ltd
Integral Energy	AGL Sales Pty Limited (Formerly AGL Victoria Pty Limited)
Country Energy	AGL Sales (Queensland Electricity) Pty Limited (ex Powerdirect Australia)
Delta Electricity	Aurora Energy Pty Ltd
Eraring Energy	Australian Power and Gas (NSW) Pty Ltd
	Independent Electricity Retail Solutions
	Jackgreen (International) Pty Limited
	Momentum Energy Pty Limited
	Origin Energy Electricity Limited
	Powerdirect Pty Ltd
	Red Energy Pty Ltd
	Sun Retail Pty Ltd TRUenergy Pty Ltd (formerly SPI & TXU)
	TRUenergy Yallourn Pty Ltd

(5) The NSW Government does not collect information on the market share of different companies. Such information is provided annually to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) on a commercial-in-confidence basis.

(6) According to IPART's public data, at the end of 2002/03, six months after full retail competition was introduced in NSW, Country Energy supplied 99.8% of the customers in its supply area, EnergyAustralia supplied 93.6% and Integral Energy supplied 95.8%.

The information in IPART's 2007-2010 Retail Price Determination is that, as at July 2006, Country Energy supplied 96.9% of the customers in its supply area, EnergyAustralia supplied 79.3% and Integral Energy supplied 80.0%.

*2037 COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF LEVELS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

When will the underlying 213 care worker vacancies identified by Director General Shepherd in the recent DoCS Supplementary Estimates hearings be filled?

Answer—

This question was comprehensively answered by the former Director-General at the Supplementary Estimates hearing on Friday 15 February 2008.

*2038 LYMPHOEDEMA TREATMENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Does the NSW Department of Health provide any financial assistance for patients diagnosed with Lymphoedema who require specialised sleeves, costing \$418 each, as part of their treatment?
- (2) If so, what are the details of, and criteria for, accessing this assistance?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are a range of treatment modalities available for the management of lymphoedema. Recommendations for appropriate treatment intervention are made by the person's treating medical team.

Area Health Services are responsible for the provision of treatment for lymphoedema.

The Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP) provides pressure garments and pressure relief equipment to financially eligible applicants for circulatory support for long term functioning in the community.

- (2) People who require garments for circulatory support for long term functioning in the community may contact the PADP Lodgement Centre in their Area Health Service.

People seeking assistance through PADP for pressure garments are prioritised on the basis of their financial circumstances and their clinically assessed need. This is to ensure that the program assists people with the highest level of need.

*2039 BEECHWOOD HOMES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

- (1) How many complaints has the Office of Fair Trading had about sub-standard work carried out by Beechwood Homes in the past three years?
- (2) How many complaints against Beechwood Homes has the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal heard in the past three years?
- (3) Of these complaints how many resulted in a finding requiring rectification action by Beechwood Homes?

Answer—

The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

- (1) In the past three years the Office of Fair Trading has received 119 complaints for sub-standard work carried out by L E D Builders Pty Ltd trading as Beechwood Homes and its associated companies.
- (2) Between 25 February 2005 and 25 February 2008 there were 30 applications lodged at the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal against Beechwood Homes.
- (3) The Office of Fair Trading issued one rectification order and in the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal five applications resulted in a work order for rectification.

*2040 FTE AGENCY NURSES—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses have been employed at Hornsby Hospital (with a separate estimation for the Mental Health Unit) for the years:

- (a) 2003;
- (b) 2004;
- (c) 2005;
- (d) 2006;
- (e) 2007 to date?

Answer—

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NSW Health utilises agency nurses on a needs basis, to ensure continuity of service provision during periods of staff absences or pending recruitment action to fill vacancies and where appropriate staff from the Area Health Service are unavailable.

The Department of Health routinely provides state-wide workforce data in its Annual Report. Similarly, all Area Health Services publish localised workforce data in their Annual Reports.

To answer this question would unjustifiably divert the resources of the Department and Area Health Service away from the exercise of their core functions.

*2041 MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many beds are in the Mental Health Unit of Hornsby Hospital?
- (2) What was the bed occupancy rate for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 to date?
- (3) Have any beds been closed over this period?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Information relating to Mental Health beds and occupancy rates by facility is published in the Department of Health's Annual Report.

(3) Temporary bed closures have occurred occasionally for short periods of time due to nursing staff shortages or essential maintenance issues.

*2042 GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL—SECURITY FENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

What is the latest update on the need to install a security fence around Galston High School as a result of continuing and frequent events e.g. vandalism at the school?

Answer—

As part of the NSW Government's \$2 billion Building Better Schools Program, 200 schools will receive security fencing over the term of the current government at an estimated cost of \$39 million.

Galston High School will receive a security fence as part of this four year Program.

*2043 DESALINATION PROJECT—STAGE 2—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) Regarding the desalination project you have spoken of, worth nearly \$2 billion, why have you not mentioned or costed Stage 2, which will be necessary to pump the water uphill some 90 metres to Potts Hill Reservoir which gravity-feeds most of Sydney's drinking water, from Yagoona to Coogee?
- (2) Is the value of this infrastructure of pipes and pumping stations a further billion dollars, meaning the desalination project will cost nearly \$3 billion?

Answer—

I am advised by Sydney Water:

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government's decision was to build a desalination plant that will produce 250 million litres of water a day, which can be upscaled to 500 million litres a day in the future if needed.

Water will be piped from the desalination plant at Kurnell to a connection point with the existing drinking water supply at Erskineville, via an 18 km pipeline. At Erskineville, the water from the desalination plant will be fed into an existing water tunnel and distributed to customers. No further work is required on this tunnel.

The total cost of the desalination project, including connection to the existing Sydney Water network, is \$1.9 billion.

*2044 UNION CONSULTATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) Which unions, including the CFMEU and the United Services Union, were consulted before the Government wrote to relevant electricity industry employees about the proposed power sell-off?
- (2) What was the form and nature of that consultation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government has consulted with and continues to consult with representatives of relevant unions regarding the Government's proposals to secure the State's energy supply.

The Consultative Reference Committee, chaired by the Hon Barrie Unsworth also includes trade union representatives.

The terms of reference for the Committee are publicly available and the Committee reported to Government on 7 March 2008.

The Government remains committed to an ongoing dialogue with workforce representatives.

*2045 NORTHERN PENINSULA TRANSPORT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Did the Military Road working group established by the Government report by the end of 2007, as the Member for Maroubra indicated it would when he spoke on 6 December 2007 on a motion regarding Northern Peninsula transport?
 (2) When will this report addressing integrated transport options for the corridor be made public?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised that this matter falls within the administration of the Minister for Roads.

*2046 NSW MARITIME—EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

In relation to the employment of staff in NSW Maritime:

- (1) Regarding the recent employment of Steve Dunn as Deputy Chief Executive and GM Property Division:
 (a) Was his position advertised and subject to a competitive merit selection process?
 (b) How many applicants were there for the role?
 (c) Which of your Ministerial colleagues advocated in favour of his appointment?
 (d) Is it now proposed for him to become the new CEO following Mr Chris Oxenbould's recent retirement?
- (2) Regarding the recent employment of senior managers in the Property Division:
 (a) Other than the GM, how many SES officer or senior officer positions were there prior to Mr Dunn's appointment?
 (b) Who were they and how much were they paid in total?
 (c) Other than the GM, how many SES officer or senior officer positions are there now?
 (d) Who are they and how much will they be paid in total once all in place?
- (3) Regarding the recent employment of Joe Scimone to a senior role in the Property Division:
 (a) Who in your Ministerial Office spoke with the external recruiter involved in the recruitment process?
 (b) Who outside NSW Maritime had input into drafting the job specification and why?
 (c) What employment screening or probity checks were undertaken before you appointed Mr Scimone?
- (4) Regarding the recent promotion of Dennis Buttigieg to a senior role in the Property Division, how many applicants were there for his new role and what was the selection process?
- (5) Regarding the 2006 employment of Patrick Low as GM Policy:
 (a) Is he the same former Labor Ministerial staffer who was unavailable to ICAC when it investigated the controversy relating to Cecil Hills High School?
 (b) Which of your Ministerial colleagues advocated in favour of his appointment?
 (c) How many people were there in the Policy Division before his appointment?
 (d) How many people currently report to him as GM and do they work in the same building as him?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The position was filled in accordance with s87 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1972.
 (b) Refer to 1 (a).
 (c) None.

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- (d) The position of Chief Executive Officer, NSW Maritime has been advertised and is the subject of an open recruitment process being conducted by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (2) (a) There were 5 SES or manager positions reporting to the General Manager.
(b) The annual report provides details of SES Officers.
(c) There are currently four SES or manager positions reporting to the General Manager.
(d) Executive Director, Strategic Development and Commercial Property Management, SES 3.
Executive Director, Infrastructure Procurement and Planning, SES 2.
Manager, Business Support, SMO 1.
Manager, Domestic Leasing and Mapping, SMO 1.
- (3) (a) No one.
(b) Mercer Consulting.
(c) NSW Maritime made an appointment to this position after conducting reference checks in accordance with standard public service recruitment procedures.
- (4) Eight applications were received. The position was advertised externally and the position filled in accordance with standard public service recruitment procedures.
- (5) (a) The Honourable Member's attention is drawn to page 2 of the report of the Independent Commission Against Corruption "Report on an investigation into matters from a Ministerial Statement to the Legislative Assembly on 10 April 2001" dated 10 August 2001, which states "All relevant parties co-operated fully with the ICAC's investigation."
(b) None.
(c) Nil.
(d) As from 25 March 2008 there will be 26. NSW Maritime staff locations are dictated by the requirements of their position.

*2047 PHARMACISTS—GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many positions exist for pharmacists in the Greater Southern Area Health Service hospitals?
(2) How many of these positions are currently vacant?
(3) How many of these positions have been vacant for less than 12 months?
(4) What action is being taken by NSW Health to address these shortages?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Greater Southern Area Health Service:

- (1) 18.2 FTE.
(2) Two.
(3) One.
(4) Greater Southern Area Health Service continues to actively recruit into vacancies, with positions being posed on the Society of Hospital Pharmacist jobs register website.

Greater Southern Area Health Service continues to use recruitment agencies and also trains graduate pharmacists with a view to retaining staff in the hospitals as junior pharmacists.

Greater Southern Area Health Service participated in NSW Health's pharmacist reconnect program in 2007 to encourage pharmacists who have been out of the workforce for several years to return.

*2048 POPPA BILL'S MOTEL—BANORA POINT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

In relation to Poppa Bill's Motel in Banora Point, which is used to accommodate Department of Housing clients, and its recent sale to a property developer:

- (1) (a) Will the Department of Housing provide the ten displaced persons, who have been given less than two weeks notice to vacate their homes, with emergency accommodation?
(b) If yes, for how long will the accommodation be provided for?
(c) If not, why not and what alternative will the Department provide to these persons?
(2) What are the long-term accommodation options the Department of Housing will present to these persons?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes. Housing NSW has approached all residents to discuss their eligibility for housing assistance and to offer them financial assistance to secure temporary accommodation.
- (b) Up to 28 days.
- (c) N/A
- (2) Residents will be able to apply for housing and in some cases priority housing. Residents will also be offered Rentstart which is assistance to find accommodation in the private sector through financial assistance in the form of bond and advance rent.

*2049 KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

In relation to safety concerns at Kingscliff High School regarding a stormwater drainage pond in the school's ground:

- (1) Will the Department of Education provide additional maintenance funding to repair or replace the severely deteriorated fencing which surrounds the pond?
- (2) What is the number of complaints/inquires made to the Department of Education regarding safety concerns in Government schools in the Tweed electorate during:
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008 year to date?

Answer—

- (1) The Department has approved a project to provide a new galvanized post and chainmesh fence around the stormwater retention pond. Weather permitting, the project will be completed by the end of Term 1 this year. In the interim, the school Principal is managing the situation to ensure the safety of students and staff.
- (2) In accordance with Departmental policies and procedures, occupational health and safety issues and complaints are normally addressed at the workplace. Each workplace should have an occupational health and safety committee or an occupational health and safety representative.

If school principals require advice or support concerning specific occupational health and safety issues, they are able to contact the Regional Occupational Health and Safety Liaison Manager.

*2050 TWEED HEADS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

Given that only 0.5 of a paediatric physiotherapist position remains active at Tweed Heads Community Health Centre and that treatment is only administered to the most critical patients, leaving a patient waiting list that extends to October 2008:

- (1) What treatment options will be made available to:
 - (a) Patients who require urgent treatment and cannot wait until October 2008?
 - (b) Premature babies, whom the level 1 paediatric physiotherapist occupying the active 0.5 position cannot legally treat without supervision?
- (2) Why was the position for a level 2 paediatric physiotherapist not filled when the person previously occupying this position took maternity leave?
- (3) Why has a senior paediatric physiotherapist, who was recruited to cover the position left vacant when the physiotherapist referred to in (2) took maternity leave, let go?

Answer—

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

- (1) (a) Paediatric physiotherapy hours within Tweed Heads Community Health have not been reduced to 0.5 of a position.

Patients requiring treatment are assessed and prioritised through an intake system. Urgent cases are seen within one to three weeks and non-urgent cases are effectively managed on waiting lists with patients' guardians provided with a range of alternative avenues of treatment, should they choose to consider other options.

(b) Premature babies are still receiving treatment from either a level two paediatric physiotherapist or a level one physiotherapist with access to supervision by a level two physiotherapist.

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- (2) The temporary recruitment against a paediatric physiotherapist taking maternity leave in Tweed Byron Community and Allied Health Network was delayed briefly, while staffing priorities for that network were assessed.
- (3) Locums are in place to cover this vacancy while the recruitment process is underway.

*2051 ATTENDANCE AT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How does the Minister account for the difference between the number of people who attended emergency departments in September 2007 (154,710) and the number of patients who went through the triage process in September 2007 (145,254)?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of patients reported under each triage category represent those patients that are Emergency attendances that have undergone the triage process and been provided with clinical treatment.

The total number of people attending emergency departments also includes patients attending for non-emergency services, such as planned follow up of a previous attendance, and patients who choose to depart from the emergency department prior to receiving clinical treatment.

*2052 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the Greater Western Area Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Member has not specified a time period for the data in this question it is not possible to provide accurate data and any interpretation of the question would be subjective.

However, the Department of Health reports agency nursing staffing data on a monthly basis on the NSW Health internet site at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs. Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Services Annual Report.

*2053 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

How many FTE agency nurses are employed at each hospital in the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Member has not specified a time period for the data in this question it is not possible to provide accurate data and any interpretation of the question would be subjective.

However, the Department of Health reports agency nursing staffing data on a monthly basis on the NSW Health internet site at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/dohrs. Additionally, information about Health Service staffing is published each year in the Area Health Services Annual Report.

*2054 UNUSED SCHOOL SITES—Mr George Souris asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Is there a policy to allow the private sector to lease or purchase unused school sites?
- (2) If so, regarding the unused school site on the corner of Kelso and Church streets Singleton, is it available to be either leased or purchased by non-government schools?

Answer—

- (1) Department of Education and Training land/facilities will generally be leased to Out of School Hours Centres, Pre-Schools and limited commercial operations. Commercial ventures on school premises must compliment the primary use of the site, consistent with the provisions of the Government's Guidelines for Privately Financed Projects.

The Department of Education and Training follows the NSW Government's policy in the disposal of surplus property. In such cases property is sold in a competitive and transparent manner.

The Department has a further policy of not selling or leasing surplus land to non-government schools.

(2) This site has not been declared surplus to the needs of the Department of Education and Training.

*2055 LAND AT NARRABEEN LAGOON—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

What is the legal status of the land west and south of the main Academy of Sports building and down to the shore of the Narrabeen Lagoon that was gazetted by the Department of Lands in August 2006 as part of the Oxford Falls Crown Reserve?

Answer—

Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve is reserve no. 1012168 for the public purpose of access and public requirements, rural services, tourism purposes and environmental and heritage conservation notified on 25 August 2006. Land west and south of the main Academy of Sports building is also either within freehold land standing in the name of the Minister administering the Sporting Venues Act 2002 or within reserve no. 81304 for the public purpose of national fitness and physical education notified 12 December 1958.

*2056 DOCTORS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—WHITE COATS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

Are doctors at Mona Vale Hospital required to wear a white coat over their street clothes?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service that there is no specific requirement for doctors at Mona Vale Hospital to wear white coats over their street clothes.

*2057 MEDICAL STAFF AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—UNIFORMS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

Are medical staff at Mona Vale Hospital who are required to wear uniforms, required to change into their uniforms at the hospital, or are they permitted to travel to and from work in uniform?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service that there is no requirement for medical staff at Mona Vale Hospital to wear uniforms.

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2058 SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2059 NEW POWER GENERATION FACILITY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2060 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

2061 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

*2062 CLEAN COAL COUNCIL—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to the Premier's announcement of a "Clean Coal Council" ("NSW Government announces response to Owen inquiry", 10 December 2007):

(1) Who will sit on the "Clean Coal Council"?

(2) How often will the "Clean Coal Council" meet?

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- (3) What responsibilities will the "Clean Coal Council" have?
- (4) Have any funds from the "Clean Coal Fund" already been allocated?
- (5) Will funds from the "Clean Coal Fund" only be spent on projects within New South Wales?
- (6) How will the "Clean Coal Council" be related to the "Clean Coal Working Group"?

Answer—

The NSW Government is currently in the process of drafting legislation to establish the Clean Coal Council and Fund. Details of the membership, role and expenditure of the Council will be contained in this legislation, which is to be presented to Parliament in the near future.

2063 ROLL-OUT OF SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

*2064 LEASING OF EXISTING ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to Premier's announcement to "lease existing electricity generators to private operators" ("NSW Government announces response to Owen inquiry", 10 December 2007):

- (1) Once Government-owned energy generators Macquarie Generation, Delta Energy and Eraring Energy are "leased" to private operators, is the Government going to independently fund and construct any new renewable energy generation infrastructure?
- (2) Will the "Clean Energy Fund" be used for funding renewable energy research projects rather than grid-connected generation infrastructure?

Answer—

- (1) The primary policy instrument for encouraging investment in renewable energy in Australia will be the Commonwealth's expanded Mandatory Renewable Energy Target. This will require that 20 per cent of all energy consumed comes from renewable sources by 2020. Electricity retailers will need to build their own renewable generation capacity, or contract with renewable generating companies to purchase the additional renewable energy, to meet their statutory obligations under this scheme.

To support the commercialisation of proven renewable energy technologies, the NSW Government has committed \$100 million over five years to the Renewable Energy Development Fund within the Climate Change Fund.

- (2) I am advised that the Renewable Energy Development Fund does not discriminate between development that is connected to the electricity grid and that which is not connected.

*2065 YASS DAM UPGRADE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Given your statement in the House of 26 February 2008 and the urgent need for upgrade work of the Yass Dam, why did you not visit Yass as part of your visits to rural areas of NSW?
- (2) Given the positive indications for funding assistance that you gave to Yass Valley Council representatives during your meeting with them on 6 June 2007, why have you now changed your mind and refused to fund the upgrade of the Yass Dam wall as a high priority?
- (3) When will you reply to my letter, reference 07Z108 dated 17 January 2008, about this matter?

Answer—

- (1) There are 107 local water utilities in New South Wales, and it was not possible to visit all utilities during my recent regional tour. Locations were selected which were convenient for most of the utilities, and all local water utilities were informed of the meeting dates, times and venues.

A meeting was held at Braidwood on 13 February 2008, and the Mayor and General Manager of Yass Valley Council attended and raised issues of interest to Council.

- (2) I was pleased to meet with Yass Valley Council on 6 June 2007 last year to discuss a number of issues, including the proposal to upgrade Yass Dam.

In my subsequent letters to Council and yourself I reiterated that all funds under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program are fully allocated.

- (3) Unfortunately neither my office nor the Department of Water and Energy have a record of receiving the correspondence mentioned.

If the Member would like to re-send the correspondence to my office it will be dealt with expeditiously.

2066 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- 2067 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2068 EX-DOCTOR GRAEME REEVES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2069 MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION TEAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2070 EQUIPMENT AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2071 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- *2072 SYDNEY DESALINATION PROJECT LIAISON GROUP—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

What are the names of the eight community representatives chosen to be part of the Sydney Desalination Project Liaison Group?

Answer—

I am advised by Sydney Water that the membership of the Desalination Project Liaison Group was established from nominations following public advertisements, and in consultation with Sutherland Shire Council.

Membership of the group is:

- Denise Wilson – Chair, Partner in a planning consultancy;
- Susan Davis – chair of the Kurnell Progress Association;
- Pieter de Rooy – Kurnell resident;
- John Scott – Kurnell resident;
- Nick Boes – Kurnell resident;
- Marion Gately – Teacher, Cronulla High School;
- Glenn Horton – Principal, Kurnell Public School;
- Les Leake – Sutherland resident;
- Felicity Simmons - Sutherland resident;
- Ian Drinnan - Sutherland Council's Principal Environmental Scientist.

- 2073 MIRANDA RAILWAY STATION LIFT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2074 TITLE OF LAND TRANSFER—KURNELL—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) Was title of land adjacent to the desalination plant at Kurnell, that was subject to a successful Aboriginal Land Rights Claim, transferred to the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council?
- (2) Is there any expiry on when title for a successful land rights claim can be transferred?

Answer—

- (1) No. Claim 3430 was granted to La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council on 31 July 2001. Title cannot be transferred until the granted land has been surveyed.
- (2) No.

- 2075 SECURITY FENCE—YOWIE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- *2076 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS CLAIM—KURNELL—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Why was mention of a successful Aboriginal Land Rights Claim in 2001 on land adjacent to the desalination plant at Kurnell omitted from the Environmental Assessment?

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Answer—

I am advised by Sydney Water the land rights claim has no impact on the Kurnell desalination site or any other aspects of the desalination project.

2077 LEVEL CROSSINGS—IMPROVED SAFETY—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2078 WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

*2079 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS CORPORATION BOARD—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) How much is paid to each member of the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Corporation Board:
 - (a) chairman;
 - (b) members;
 - (c) deputy members?
- (2) Are members paid a set fee per year or per meeting?
- (3) Who sets the fee and how are amounts of remuneration set?
- (4) How much of the fund is applied to and reinvested back into the industry into education and skills upgrading?
- (5) How much of the fund is unclaimed because of the five-year qualification rule?
- (6) Have any funds been lent from the fund for projects and on what basis?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) The Long Service Payments Corporation does not have a Board. In line with the governing legislation, funds are only applied to the payment of long service entitlements to registered workers and scheme administration. There are no funds unclaimed, and no funds lent for projects.

2080 DRIVERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2081 OLD TOWN BRIDGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2082 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING PANEL TO KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

2083 STAFF NUMBERS IN MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

*2084 NEW NETBALL COURTS—BELROSE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) What government support has been indicated previously for establishing new netball courts in Belrose (or nearby on the Northern Beaches), including making Crown land available?
- (2) What is the planned future use of the land at the current Belrose Quarry?
- (3) Mindful of the answer to Question No 0427 in 2007, might part of the TAFE site in Belrose be made available for construction of new netball courts?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Lands has assisted Warringah Council in identifying Crown land sites that may be suitable for development as a regional netball complex.
- (2) The current quarry operations are planned to continue for at least another ten years. End use options are still under consideration.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Education and Training.

*2085 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD—RATES AND ANNUAL REPORTING—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) When will the Rural Lands Protection Board remove the rates and annual reporting of non-existent animals on all non-livestock properties?
- (2) (a) Will consideration be given to requiring only stocked properties to submit an annual return of land and stock?
(b) If not, why not?
- (3) (a) Will consideration be given to a proposal that only stocked properties are rated?
(b) If not, why not?
- (4) What is the justification for moving from a minimum rate applied on a stocking rate to a minimum area?
- (5) How many more minimum ratepayers in NSW pay rates under the new criteria compared to the old criteria?

Answer—

- (1) In 2007 the Hon Richard Bull conducted a review of the Rural Lands Protection Boards' rating system at my request. I have received a detailed report from Mr Bull, in which he has recommended various significant changes to the rating system. Those recommendations are currently being analysed.
- (2) See answer to question (1) above.
- (3) See answer to question (1) above.
- (4) A report from a statutory review of the Act conducted in 2004 recommended this change.
- (5) I'm advised that it is 6,583.

2086 DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health—

2087 NOISE LEVEL TESTING—PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

*2088 PENSIONER ENERGY REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given that in 2007 IPART permitted Country Energy to increase its service availability charge (SAC) by 8.4% whilst the pensioner energy rebate, which is used to cover the total SAC cost, has not increased over the past 5 years:

- (1) Why has the pensioner energy rebate not increased to a level at which it would cover the increased SAC costs applied by NSW energy suppliers?
- (2) Does the Government intend to increase this pensioner rebate?
(a) If yes, when and by how much?
(b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Pensioner Energy Rebate is applied to the whole of a customer's bill rather than just the Service Availability Charge.
- (2) The NSW Government is currently considering the recommendations of the Unsworth Committee.

*2089 CATTLE TICK SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to recently installed cattle tick surveillance cameras on the Pacific Highway:

- (1) How many cattle tick surveillance cameras have been installed on the Pacific Highway, and when did these cattle tick surveillance cameras become operational?
- (2) (a) Are there any additional cattle tick surveillance cameras planned for installation along the Pacific Highway?
(b) If yes, how many and when will these cameras become operational?

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- (3) How many investigations involving illegal cattle transportation due to ticks have been carried out by the Department of Primary Industries since the introduction of these cameras on the Pacific Highway?

Answer—

- (1) New surveillance cameras have been installed at one site on the Pacific Highway, at Sextons Hill, Tweed Heads. This is the same site that has had older technology camera surveillance in place since August 2000. In total there are 9 cameras at this site – three cameras for each lane of southbound traffic. The set of three cameras for each lane is designed to capture three images of each target vehicle – a front on, a rear and a wide angle image.
- (2) (a) Additional camera surveillance is under consideration.
(b) With the construction of the Banora Point upgrade at Tweed Heads it is anticipated that the majority of vehicle movements between Queensland and NSW on the Pacific Highway will bypass the existing site. So it may be necessary to locate an additional camera surveillance site on the Banora Point upgrade when this project is completed.
- (3) One. The majority of suspect movements detected by the camera surveillance relates to movement of stock other than cattle – primarily horses.
- 2090 REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2091 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2092 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2093 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2094 PRIVATISATION OF ELECTRICITY SECTOR—IMPACT ON PENSIONERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2095 DRESS POLICY FOR MEDICAL STAFF—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2096 BUS SERVICES BETWEEN MONA VALE AND WYNYARD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2097 SCHOOLCHILDREN WITH ADD AND ADHD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2098 OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2099 MARIA RIVER BRIDGE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2100 KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND FUNDING—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

In relation to the Kempsey showground:

- (1) (a) Has funding from the Public Reserve Management Fund been allocated to the Kempsey Showground Trust for upgrading the buildings on the ground?
(b) If so, how much?
(c) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the annual fee/salary to be paid to the recently appointed administrator?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.

- (b) \$175,000.
(2) \$40.00 per hour.
- *2101 MANNING RIVER ENTRANCE OPENING—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) Did the Minister visit the Greater Taree City Council area in January 2008?
 - (a) If so, what activities did he undertake?
 - (b) If so, what was the result of his visit?
 - (c) If so, what does he or any of his ministerial colleagues or the Government intend to do in relation to the Manning River and in particular in relation to the opening of the Manning River at either or both entrances?
 - (2) What capital works might be involved in such opening including any rock or training walls or other engineering or infrastructure work?
 - (3) What costs might be associated with such wall?
 - (4) If the Minister intends to do nothing, why?
- Answer—
- (1) Yes.
 - (a) I met with oyster farmers, fishers, and landholders at Old Bar at the invitation of the Taree Country Labor Branch. At the invitation of the Greater Taree City Council Mayor, Councillor Eddie Loftus, I undertook an aerial inspection of the Taree surrounds, as well as inspecting the Manning River breakwall at Harrington, the Crowdy Head Harbour and its surrounds.
 - (b) The Minister gained first-hand knowledge of the community concerns relating to the Manning River Entrances.
 - (c) The Minister has directed the Department of Lands to work with Greater Taree City Council's Manning River Entrance Taskforce in relation to the Harrington Entrance. The Taskforce is reviewing the issues associated with the provision of a southern breakwall at the Harrington Entrance including environmental impact, engineering design, cost benefits and funding sources.

Council is preparing an entrance opening strategy with the assistance of the NSW Government through the Department of Environment and Climate Change. This process is expected to result in a long-term plan for dealing with entrance issues. In the interim, to provide immediate relief for the local community, the Minister announced funding of \$30,000 to undertake urgent earthworks on a "one off" basis to open the entrance at Old Bar.
 - (2) to (4) The capital works and associated costs involved will be determined following the completion of detailed engineering design and significant environmental impact assessment.
- *2102 KERIN REPORT INTO THE WESTERN LANDS—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- Pursuant to the Kerin Report into the Western Lands, how much land that is being used as a public road has been withdrawn from any lease and dedicated as a public road?
- Answer—
3,145 hectares.
- 2103 OVERTAKING LANES—OLD NORTHERN ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2104 NORTH RICHMOND BRIDGE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2105 TREES ALONG WISEMANS FERRY ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2106 LOT 59 BROADWATER ROAD GLENORIE—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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Given Treasury has agreed to fund a survey for the land formally known as the Maroota State Forest on behalf of the Deerubin Local Aboriginal Land Council which will create a registered title deed for an established legal easement to the property known as Lot 59 Broadwater Road Glenorie, and given the Sydney Metropolitan Office of Crown Lands NSW has advised the owners of this property it is severely understaffed to undertake this workload, when will this work be completed and allow residents legal access to their properties?

Answer—

The Sydney Metropolitan Office of the Department of Lands will be calling for tenders to undertake the survey of the former Maroota State Forest, including access easements as required by the owner of Lot 59 and others, by May 2008. The tender will seek completion of the work by the end of November 2008.

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- 2107 HUME FREEWAY FROM ETTAMOGAH TO NSW BORDER—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2108 SUPPLY OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- What is the update for the completion of the supply of communication equipment for the NSW State Emergency Service as committed to in Budget Paper No. 4 2007-2008?
- Answer—
- I am advised that 30 June 2008 is the expected completion date for the supply of communication equipment for the NSW State Emergency Service as committed to in Budget Paper No. 4 2007-2008.
- 2109 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT BEDS—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2110 BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2111 STAFF TURNOVER—RAILCORP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2112 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2113 STAFF TURNOVER—NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2114 NORTHERN AREA HOSPITAL PLAN—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2115 LICENSING OF OLDER DRIVERS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2116 STAFF TURNOVER—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2117 DISBANDING OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2118 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2119 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2120 NORTH-WEST HEAVY RAIL LINK—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- 2121 STA BUSES—EPPING ROAD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2122 CHATSWOOD RAILWAY STATION—SIGNAGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2123 267 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2124 NSW FOOD AUTHORITY INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In light of the information provided by the Minister for Health in answer to Question No 1264:

- (1) Has the New South Wales Food Authority carried out any investigation into any complaints from people suffering ill health caused by the consumption of genetically engineered (GE) foods?
- (2) Is the authority aware of any such investigation being carried out in any other jurisdiction?
- (3) Is there any evidence available to the New South Wales Food Authority that would suggest that the consumption of genetically engineered food is harmful to human health?
- (4) If so, what is this evidence?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Food Authority has not received any complaints from people suffering ill health caused by the consumption of genetically engineered (GE) foods, where the ill health was attributed to genetic engineering. Thus there has been no need for the Authority to carry out such investigations.
- (2) The NSW Food Authority is not aware of any other jurisdiction undertaking such investigations.
- (3) There is no evidence available to the NSW Food Authority that would suggest that the consumption of GE foods is harmful to human health.
- (4) Not applicable.

- *2125 PUBLIC SECTOR USE OF ETHANOL BLENDS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to public sector use of ethanol blends:

Given the Premier's response to Question No 1118, can the Premier confirm the Government therefore collects no management information on the quantity of ethanol used by public sector vehicles?

Answer—

State Fleet collects and analyses information on fuel usage (including E10) and distributes it to those agencies which utilise its fleet management services.

- *2126 ENERGY DIRECTIONS GREEN PAPER—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to the NSW Government's 2004 Energy Directions Green Paper and the Minister's response to Question No 1447:

- (1) Has the Minister retained a list of which individuals and organisations made submissions on the 2004 Energy Directions Green Paper?
- (2) If so, how many "submissions made to the Energy Directions Green Paper" were made available for "approximately two years on the website of the former Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability"?
- (3) Which individuals and organisations made submissions?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Submissions from the following individuals and organisations were received and made available on the former Department's website:

A Mills
A Milne
Abeed Ahmad
Adam Bramwell
Adam Dwyer
AEPCA

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AFMA
AFMA - Electricity Committee
Afroza Sharmin
AGL
Alan Moran Institute of Public Affairs
Alex Martin
Alexandra Serentny
Alice Workman
Alison Read
Alison Wright
Alstom Power Limited
Amba Walton
Amber Thompson
Amy Chou
Amy Lister
Amy McKendry
Andreas Krieger
Andrew Dove
Andrew Moody
Andrew Travis
Angelo Zorbas
Anika Leemorth
Anita Milne
Annie Rook-Frizell
Anthony Gill
APPEA
AusCID
Australian Coal Association
AusWEA
Avril Johnson
B Fouche
B Smith
Babor Kaemmerling
Barbara Clearly
Bayard Capital
BCSE
Belinda Kelly
Belinda Smith
Ben Buchanan
Ben Latta
Ben Maloney
Ben Pobant
Ben Tremain
Betty Robinson
Bill Farrow
Blanche Morrissey
BlueScope Steel
Bob Henderson
Bob Hill
Bonnie Collins
BP Solar Pty Ltd
Brahm Maira
Brent Webber
Brett Miners-Southern Rivers CMA
Brian White
Brooke Corrigan
Brooke Fanx
Byron Boardman
C Strang
C Yu

Camilla Burgess
Camille Short
Carl Harris
Carly Phillips
Carol Allan
Caroline Austin
Cassandra Hay
Centennial Coal Company Ltd
Central West Environment Council Inc
Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd
CFMEU
Chakraborty
Cherie Martin
Cheryl Howlett
Chris Bourke
Chris McLean
Chris Welsh
Christie Webber
Christine Phelps
Cindy Proctor
Claire Griffiths
Clare Hodgson
CO2 Australia Limited
Colin Dunstan
Colin McMerry
Conergy
Cooperative Research Centre For Green house Gas Technologies
Country Energy
Courtenay Lovegrove
Craig Carneson
CSIRO
Dana Fox
Daniel Moss
Daniel Suvaal
Danu Sudaryono
Dany Boulos
Dario Ravera
Dariya Kaing
Darren Hawkins
Darren Withers
Daryl Taylor
David and Stephanie Shaw
David Bennett
David Shuttle
David Tracy
Debra Mason
Delta Electricity
Devin Wilson
Diane O'Mara
Dina Fanaian
Dr Philip Laird Uni Wollongong
Dr Stuart Pearson
E Day
Eddie Furey
Eileen Brosgarth
Elodie Burton-Bradley
Elyse Herrald
Emily Krisenthal
Emma Turnbull
Emma Wasson

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Energy Networks Association
Energy Response
Engineers Australia (Transport Panel)
Engineers Australia Building Energy Report
Envirogen Pty Ltd
Eric Karlton
Erin Anderson
Erin Cuskelly
Erin Gardner
ESAA
EUAA
EWON
ExxonMobil
Felipe Caruaja
Fleur Clunne-Lang
Fuel Cell Institute of Australia
Gabrielle Lawrie
Gary Goland
Gavin Gilchrist
Geoff and Judy Windsor
Georgina Bryant
Georgina Woods
Gerald Allen
Gerald Hicks
Gladys Boulton
Glen McCann
Gloucester Shire Council
Graeme McNeill
Grant Wilcock
Green Alliance Network
Greenpeace
Greer Allen
Gunnedah Shire
Hanna Seccombe
Hannah Thompson
Heath Wild
Heather Little
HIA
Hugh Saddington
Humphrey Price-Jones
Hunter TAFE
Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri
Hydro Tasmania
Ian & Lorraine Ross
Ian Marincowitz
Ian McCausland
Ian Sampson
ICLEI
Ilona Millar
Integral Energy
Isabel Higgins
J Hicks
J Lawrence
J Walker
Jack Gough
Jack Thieme
James Bracey
James Doyle
James Elliott

Jamie Graham
Janine Hannan
Jeannette Walsh
Jemma Rowe
Jenna Gill
Jennifer Price-Jones
Jenny Lee
Jens Binhkestanan
Jessica Lee
Jessica Leigh
Jessie Hardey
Jessika Essex
Joanne McGeorge
Jocelyn Hulme
Jodi Hodgson
Jodine Matoka
John Asquith
John Can
John Chaplin
John Duxbury
John Philpott
Jonathan Osborne
Jonathon Link
Jordan Laider
Josh Wilson
Joshua Kirkman
Julia Smithurst
Justin Lipscombe
K Supryn
Karynn O'Brien
Katherine Sagar
Kathryn Ramsey
Katie Byfield
Katie Cherrington
Kaye Hopping
Kelly Floyd
Kelly Morris
Kim An
Kimberly Wilson
Kristy Marrone
Kyle Phillipson
Kylee Perett
Laura Weekes
Lauren Murden
Leanne Thompson
Leon Francis
Lisa Ellicott
Lisa Provest
Lithgow City Council
Louise Matthews
Loy Yang
Lucille Palmer
Lucinda Ranson
Lyndall McCormack
M Williams
Macquarie Generation
Marcel Delfino
Maree Van-tent
Margaret McLean
Margaret Vasta

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Marilina Bandini
Marion Abbott
Mark MacLean
Mark Phillips
Mark Waring
Martha Grahame and Graham Golding
Matt Abraham
Matthew Bath
Matthew Mepfa-hiya
Matthew Oliver
Maxine Lewis
Meegan Allen
Meg Perrott
Megan Garner
Melanie Perkins
Melina Watson
Melissa Hatton
Melissa Kelly
Michael Aird
Michael Mayer
Michael Osborne
Micheal Georgeson
Michelle Hirst
Michelle Watson
Mike Turner
Mitchell Tillmar
Mitra Ellis
Molonglo Landscape Guardians
Morph Pty Ltd
Moses Costigan
Mr Murray Colliss
Mrs S P Douglas
Mudgee District Environment Group
N Webb
Natalie Espallargas
Natasha McLellan
Nathan Coates
Nathan Reilly
Nature Conservation Council of NSW
Nazrina Zuryani
Ned Haughton
Neil Harris
New South Wales Minerals Council Ltd
Newcastle Young Labour Association
NGF
Nickolas McClean
Nigel Jones
Nikolina Rastovic
Nisha Thuruthy
Nishant Dalt
Norske Skog
NRG Flinders Operating Services Pty Ltd
NSW Greenhouse Advisory Panel
NSW Health
OneSteel
Origin Energy
P Tobin
Pacific Hydro Limited
Paula Abrego

Peter Golema
Peter Robert Gray
Peter Robson
Peter Stafford
PIAC- NCOSS
Proctor-Hoad
Property Council of Australia
Prue Sharpe
R J Cushelly
R Meldrum
Rachael Martin
Rachel Bond
RAIA
Rajesh Chandra
REGA
Rheem Australia
Richard Edmonds
Richard Kleeman
Richard Sauta
Rising Tide
Robert and Margaret Mary Smith
Robert Corke
Robyn Bone
Robyn Carroll
Robyn Smith
Rodney Champness
Rose Wallin
Ross Cairns
RoundTable
Rowan Blyth
Ruth Ratcliffe
Ruth Rosenhek
S Ferguson
S Palmer
Sally Chapman
Samara Abrego
Sarah Garrad
Sarah Gibson
Sarah Telford
Saturne Sunshine
Scott Rickard
Seacrest Research Pty Ltd
Sean van Zyl
Seann McKibbin
SFE Corporation
Shane Farnsworth
Shaun Purcell
Simon Chek
Solar Heat and Power
Stephen Allen
Steve Gartsky
Stewart Pais
Stuart Grigg
Susan Stacpoole
Susan Wanyin
T Boogaard
Taren Preston
TEC-Greenpeace-CANA
Tegan Osborne
Terry Johnston

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The Lake Macquarie Coastal & Wetlands Alliance
Thom Brookes
Thomas Brinsmead
Tim Godden
Tim O'Donnell
Tina Soller
Toby Whaleboat
Tom Arthur
Tony Cotter
Transfield Services
TransGrid
Transition Institute
Travis Bennett
Trent Walsh
Tuguy Esgin
TXU
USU
Vanessa Bowden
Vanessa O'Neil
Victoria Jack
Visy
Wallis
Wambo Power Ventures Pty Ltd
Warren Barrett
Warwick Bryant
Wayne Sinclair
Westpac Energy
Wind Prospect
Wireless Monitors
Xstrata Coal
Zac Garred
Zane Alcorn
Zoe Benson

*2127 FEED-IN TARIFFS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to feed-in tariffs and the Minister's responses to Question No 1268 and Question No 1888:

- (1) Given that the Minister agrees that a viable feed-in tariff would encourage large-scale commercial premises to install PV solar panels, why will the Minister not follow the example of other states and introduce feed-in tariffs?
- (2) What meetings has the Minister had with the Federal Minister for Energy to discuss the introduction of feed-in tariffs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Rudd Government announced it would work with the State and Territory Governments to develop a national approach to feed-in tariffs for solar generation. The NSW Government stands ready to work with the Commonwealth Government to achieve this outcome.
- (2) I have written to the Federal Minister for Energy encouraging him to consider bringing forward deliberations on feed-in tariffs as a matter of priority.

2128 IMPROVING THE NSW PLANNING SYSTEM DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2129 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2130 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- 2131 PROCESSING OF PART 3A DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2132 PART 3A PROJECTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2133 MEETINGS WITH ABORIGINAL HOUSING COMPANY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2134 RELEASE OF SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2135 IMPROVING THE NSW PLANNING SYSTEM DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2136 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2137 HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2138 LEGAL COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2139 MARY GILES WARD—AIR-CONDITIONING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2140 MARY GILES WARD—BLINDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2141 AUDIOLOGY CLINIC—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2142 STATUTORY PLANNING POWERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- *2143 UNRULY HOUSING COMMISSION TENANTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) What are the procedures for dealing with unruly tenants in housing commission developments?
- (2) Is there a time frame for an outcome to any action required?
- (3) What are the penalties for misconduct by the unruly tenant?
- (4) How do we protect other tenants?

Answer—

- (1) Housing NSW supports the development of harmonious communities and works with tenants to establish peaceful communities.

Housing NSW is committed to a fair and discrimination free living environment for all tenants and will not tolerate harassment or discrimination towards any tenant or tenant group. This includes verbal, physical or any other form of harassment, discrimination or threatening behaviour.

If a tenant has breached their Tenancy Agreement Housing NSW will take action against that person's tenancy. The action taken will depend on the seriousness of the breach and be in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1987.

Housing NSW may take eviction action at the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal if other alternatives are not available or the anti-social behaviour is serious and/or persistent.

On 29 June 2004, NSW Parliament passed the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Public Housing) Act 2004 to discourage anti-social behaviour in public housing. Housing NSW has introduced new measures aimed at improving its management of anti-social behaviour in public housing. The Anti-social Behaviour Strategy focuses on support, prevention and early intervention.

Housing NSW has introduced new Senior Client Service Officer (Anti-social Behaviour) positions across the State whose role include assisting client service teams to improve the management and outcomes of anti-social behaviour complaints.

Further detailed information about how Housing NSW responds to unruly tenant behaviour is detailed at its website at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

- (2) Timeframes apply to any action taken at the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal in relation to a breach of the Tenancy Agreement.

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- (3) Housing NSW may take action against a person's tenancy when a breach of the Tenancy Agreement is substantiated. The action taken will depend on the seriousness of the breach and will be in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1987.
- (4) The role of Housing NSW is to provide homes to people in need. Tenants can make anonymous complaints about other tenants but to seek an eviction at the CTTT we rely on tenants coming forward with evidence.
- 2144 UPGRADE OF CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- *2145 SALE OF AQUATIC WEEDS—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What measures are being taken to stop the sale of aquatic weeds in New South Wales?
- (2) Does NSW legislation mirror that of Queensland and Victoria in relation to aquatic weed sales legislation?
- (3) What inspections are carried out to ensure aquatic weed sales are monitored?
- (4) Have there been any prosecutions of illegal weed retailers or growers?
- (5) Have any examples been uncovered of individuals deliberately spreading weeds in an aquatic environment with the intention to harvest the weed for sale in nurseries and pet shops?
- (6) Who monitors the sale of aquatic noxious weeds?
- (7) Under which jurisdiction does prosecution take place?
- Answer—
- (1) Local government weed control authorities are responsible for enforcing the Noxious Weeds Act 1993, including enforcing sale restrictions on declared noxious plants. To assist them, NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) provides training and technical resources. The Minister also provides grants to councils to assist them to conduct inspections of premises.
- NSW DPI, Nursery and Garden Industry Association of NSW and ACT and the Pest Industry Association of Australia developed joint training and aquatic plant identification programs to increase awareness of aquatic weed issues for the aquarium and nursery industries.
- (2) NSW has similar legislation to Queensland and Victoria.
- (3) Local government weed control authorities conduct inspections for all declared noxious plants within their control area.
- (4) Authorities regularly issue self enforcing infringement notices, and confiscate and destroy plants detected. Enforcement action can include prosecution.
- (5) NSW DPI has assisted local authorities investigate cases where it was suspected that a range of aquatic plants had been established in ponds and streams for later harvesting for sale.
- (6) Local control authorities - councils or weed county councils - monitor the sale of aquatic noxious weeds.
- (7) Local control authorities - councils or weed county councils - investigate, collect evidence and prosecute if needed.
- 2146 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2147 "GREENING" ELECTORATE OFFICES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Given recent installations of solar panels, water tanks and other energy saving provisions in Parliament House:
- (1) To what extent will the NSW Government retrofit electorate offices across the State with water and energy saving devices?
- (2) What consideration has the NSW Government given to installing solar panels on electorate office roofs?
- (3) What consideration has the NSW Government given to installing water tanks in electorate offices for use in bathrooms?
- (4) What assessment has the NSW Government made on establishing a policy to only rent buildings for electorate offices that meet a minimum energy and water sustainability requirement?

Answer—

Electorate offices are leased and relatively small which limits the scope for sustainability ratings and implementation of energy saving measures. I have asked the Department of Environment and Climate Change to work with the Department of the Legislative Assembly, which manages electorate offices, to look at what energy saving measures can be practically implemented.

- *2148 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

With regard to revelations during the current Inquiry into Paddington Bowling Club Ltd that since refusal in 2006 of the club's application to purchase the Crown land site it leases, the club has approached the Minister and again asked to purchase the site:

- (1) Does the NSW Government plan to sell the Paddington Bowling Club site and an area of land adjacent to the site to the Paddington Bowling Club?
- (2) If not, to what extent is the NSW Government committed to maintaining the site in public ownership in the long-term?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 - (2) The site is subject to a perpetual lease for the purpose of recreation (bowling greens & tennis courts) and erection of buildings (clubhouse). There is no objection to this tenure arrangement continuing.
- 2149 REPORT OF THE LEGAL FEES REVIEW PANEL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2150 REFERRALS TO LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2151 WSN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2152 DRINK DRIVING OFFENCES—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2153 SPEED CAMERA—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2154 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY SCHEME—NORTHERN NSW—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2155 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2156 FTE AGENCY NURSES IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2157 NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2158 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2159 NEW SEATING AT BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

Has the Minister received any request from the Manly Sea Eagles about getting new seats at Brookvale Oval?

Answer—

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The request to upgrade Brookvale Oval has been raised with me verbally by the Directors of Manly Sea Eagles during a site visit but no formal submission has been received by the Department of the Arts, Sports and Recreation.

*2160 BROOKVALE OVAL UPGRADE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

(1) Will further State Government funding be given to upgrade Brookvale Oval?

(2) If so, when?

Answer—

(1) Discussions are taking place with key stakeholders.

(2) Subject to the outcome of discussions.

2161 MARTIN BRIDGE—TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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2162 TEACHER PLACEMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2163 GARNAUT CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW: INTERIM REPORT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

*2164 CLEAN COAL ADVISORY AND FUNDING BODIES—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to clean coal advisory and funding bodies:

(1) Does the Government convene or participate in the following clean coal advisory or funding bodies:

(a) Clean Coal Council (Question 2062);

(b) Clean Coal Working Group (Question 1638);

(c) Clean Coal/Energy Roundtable (Question 0895);

(d) Clean Energy Fund (with responsibility for funding clean coal research);

(e) Coal 21 Fund;

(f) Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies?

(2) How can the Government have an integrated approach to developing clean coal technology when it convenes or participates in so many competing advisory or funding bodies?

Answer—

The Government participates in various advisory bodies in order to assimilate as much information as possible on lowering greenhouse gases and shrinking society's carbon footprint.

The Government remains willing to receive information which forms part of an ongoing response to lowering emissions.

2165 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

2166 DICK PERSSON—APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF PORT MACQUARIE COUNCIL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

2167 RESPITE CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

2168 HEALTH INQUIRY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

2169 ABC LEARNING CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- 2170 AUDIOLOGY CLINICS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2171 ACCREDITATION OF ENT SURGEONS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2172 SAFETY OF BICYCLES AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2173 FUNDING FOR HUNTER WETLANDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2174 ADMISSIONS TO SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2175 COUNTRYLINK SERVICE—TUMBARUMBA TO COOTAMUNDRA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2176 SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING FINES—WAGGA WAGGA ELECTORATE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2177 FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2178 BUS SERVICES AND REAL TIME INFORMATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- *2179 USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With regard to the use of live animals in circuses:

- (1) How many times have the NSW standards for the exhibition of circus animals introduced in September 1996 been updated?
- (2) Is the NSW Government aware of how many days of circus shows there have been in NSW where the circus used live animals:
 - (a) since the introduction of the standards;
 - (b) in 2007;
 - (c) in 2006;
 - (d) in 2005?
- (3) If yes, of these, how many used "wild" live animals, such as lions and elephants?
- (4) How many times have officers of the Animal Welfare Branch of the Department of Primary Industries inspected circuses with live animals for assessment of animal welfare and treatment:
 - (a) since the introduction of the standards;
 - (b) in 2007;
 - (c) in 2006;
 - (d) in 2005?
- (5) Do circuses receive any prior warning that officers will visit to inspect?
- (6) Does the Animal Welfare Branch visit circuses that use live animals while they travel between destinations to ensure that animals are transported humanely?

Answer—

- (1) Once.
- (2) Only circuses that use live animals are required to be authorised under the Exhibited Animals Protection Act. Circuses are required to be authorised for each vertebrate species they display. Circuses must provide an itinerary of the dates and places where each exhibit will occur, however they are not required to indicate which species will be exhibited at each location.
- (3) Of the seven circuses currently authorised to display animals in New South Wales there are two that display only domestic species such as horses and dogs, while five also display exotic non domestic species such as primates, big cats and elephants. The legislation is in place to oversee the welfare of animals in circuses in NSW.

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- (4) Circuses are typically inspected every 18-24 months when displaying within NSW. Circuses are also inspected if a complaint is received. It should be noted that although circuses may be authorised to display in New South Wales they frequently leave the State for extended periods.
- (5) If the inspection is routine then the circus is advised. If an inspection arises from a complaint then the circus is usually not given prior notice of the inspection.
- (6) It is not typically practical to inspect a circus while it is in transit, however circuses are often inspected just after they arrive at a destination.
- 2180 SENIORS CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2181 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2182 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2183 SPEED LIMITS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2184 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2185 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2186 SURGE BED STRATEGY IN NORTH COAST HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2187 DOCTORS IN NSW HOSPITALS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2188 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2189 PROPOSED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2190 KIDNEY DIALYSIS MACHINES—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2191 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2192 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTSOURCING—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2193 FLEET LANE CHATSWOOD—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2194 HOUSING MARKET VALUES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2195 WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2196 PURCHASE OF BUSES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2197 COUNCIL INVESTMENT OF SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2198 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2199 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2200 NSW INTERGENERATIONAL FUND—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- *2201 "GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY STRATEGY"—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to the "Government's Energy Strategy":
- (1) Given that the document "New South Wales Government Response to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee's Terms of Reference" (29 February 2008) makes 21 references to the "Government's Energy Strategy", are these references to a particular strategy document?
- (2) If so, when will the "Government's Energy Strategy" be publicly released?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) and (2) Through its responses to the Owen Inquiry, the NSW Government has publicly announced a comprehensive strategy to secure the State's future electricity supply. The Government's plans are available on the dedicated NSW Government website "Securing NSW Future Electricity Supplies" at www.nsw.gov.au/energy
- 2202 REDUCTION OF BUREAUCRATS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2203 COMMONWEALTH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2204 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—SOUTH COAST—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2205 CANADA BAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2206 COUNCILS' DEVELOPMENT PROCESS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2207 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2208 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2209 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2210 BABY JOAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

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- 2211 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2212 PUBLIC DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2213 BEROWRA RAILWAY STATION—TICKET MACHINE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2214 HORNSBY HOSPITAL GARDENERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2215 SHORELINK PATRONAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2216 PRIVATE PHONE NUMBERS—USE BY ORGANISATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2217 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2218 OLDER DRIVERS—MANDATORY TEST—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2219 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2220 RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2221 PROTECTING APARTMENT RESIDENTS FROM IMPACTS OF SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2222 BIKE BOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2223 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REFORM—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2224 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2225 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2226 ILL TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2227 FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWALS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2228 REPRESENTATIONS—TRACY CALABRO—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2229 REPRESENTATIONS—SHANNON IRVIN—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2230 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—
- *2231 ERARING POWER STATION BUFFER ZONE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Will all land originally acquired as a buffer zone around Eraring Power Station be retained in state ownership?

Answer—

- I am advised Eraring Energy is aware of the importance of retaining a suitable buffer zone between Eraring Power Station and its surrounding area. Eraring Energy will not dispose of any land required to maintain this buffer.
- 2232 ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FOR ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2233 MAILING COSTS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2234 BORDER PARK RACEWAY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2235 POLICE STAFFING—TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2236 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2237 IRON COVE BRIDGE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2238 WILDLIFE LAND TRUST—NOMINATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2239 PARRAMATTA-EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2240 BAYVIEW BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2241 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—WARRIEWOOD RTA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2242 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—PITTWATER RESIDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2243 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2244 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2245 CORRESPONDENCE—LINDSAY ROUND—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2246 TAFE FEES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2247 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2248 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2249 PATIENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2250 COMMUTER SURVEY CONSULTANCY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2251 CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2252 CHATSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2253 REVIEW OF RETAIL FLOOR SPACE CAP—MERIMBULA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2254 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—SURF BEACH—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2255 DR REEVES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2256 "CLEANER NSW GOVERNMENT FLEET"—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2257 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND PEDESTRIAN REFUGES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2258 SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2259 PUBLIC RESERVE MANAGEMENT FUND—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2260 SPEED CAMERA—EWINGSDALE—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2261 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2262 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2263 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOSFORD—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2264 MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2265 MANLY HOSPITAL—EAST WING—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- *2266 MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL CLUB FACILITIES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Will you agree to facilitate payment of \$10 million to the Manly Warringah Football Club to assist in the rebuilding of its facilities?

- (a) If so, when will the funds be advanced?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The proposal for funding for the Manly Warringah Football stadium is currently under consideration by

- the Government.
- 2267 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2268 MEETINGS WITH DEVELOPERS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2269 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—WAKERHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2270 DOUGLAS GRAEME MCCOY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2271 ROADWORKS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2272 SPEECH THERAPIST AT YASS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2273 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2274 DOCS STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2275 HORNSBY HOSPITAL CLEANERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2276 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2277 DELIBERATELY LIT BUSHFIRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2278 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2279 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2280 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2281 PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2282 STREETLIGHT REPAIRS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to repairs of streetlights:

- (1) What is standard timeframe for repairs of streetlights reported to EnergyAustralia?
- (2) What proportion of repairs is made within the standard timeframe?
- (3) What feedback process does EnergyAustralia use to inform residents who have reported failed streetlights that repairs will be delayed due to problems?
- (4) How does EnergyAustralia prioritise streetlights in densely populated areas where large numbers of people live?

Answer—

EnergyAustralia has advised:

- (1) The NSW Public Lighting Code requires EnergyAustralia streetlights be repaired within eight working days of being notified of a fault. This excludes repairs due to network supply interruptions, as longer repair times often occur with underground cable faults and during severe weather conditions.

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- (2) In 2006/07, EnergyAustralia achieved an average repair time of six days, which is over 99 per cent of the eight working day target. In urban areas with dedicated street lighting crews, the average repair time was 1.1 working days.
- (3) EnergyAustralia provides a 24 hour, toll free hotline for the public to make enquiries about a fault with streetlights. The public are also able to report a streetlight fault online at EnergyAustralia's website www.energyaustralia.com.au
- (4) EnergyAustralia prioritises streetlight repairs based on the risk to public safety. Restoration of faults in areas with high after dark activity is given priority. Residents are also able to rank a safety priority for the fault when they report a fault to EnergyAustralia.
- 2283 NATIONAL ART SCHOOL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2284 BRIAN BURKE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2285 GOVERNMENT FUNDED INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2286 SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2287 ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS WITH ADULT DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2288 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—ONLINE REGISTER—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- *2289 MINES SUBSIDENCE BOARD—COMPENSATION—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In the case of the Mines Subsidence Board providing erroneous information resulting in substantial expense to a constituent, what compensation is available?
- Answer—
- The Mine Subsidence Board is no different to any other organisation in respect of alleged negligence or alleged negligent mis-statement.
- Should the Honourable Member have a specific instance of misinformation being provided by the Board he should bring it forward so it can be properly investigated.
- 2290 CITYRAIL SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2291 YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2292 SURGE BED STRATEGY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- *2293 NSW-QLD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF CROSS BORDER CO-OPERATION—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- Given the Premier has advised that the first meeting to be held under this MOU would be on 27 February 2008:
- (1) What issues were discussed and what recommendations were made at this meeting?
- (2) (a) Will a report be made available to the public containing the details and outcomes of this meeting?
- (b) If yes, on what date will this be made available to the public?
- (3) What is the date for the next scheduled NSW-QLD Cross Border Co-operation meeting?
- Answer—
- No meeting under the NSW QLD Memorandum of Understanding took place on 27 February 2008. It is therefore likely that the Honourable Member is referring to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, which took place in Tweed Heads on 27 February 2007.
- (1) The Premiers signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which identified the integration of transport

- services and health services as key issues.
- (2) (a) A joint press release was issued.
(b) The press release was issued on 27 February 2007.
- (3) Meetings will occur as required.
- 2294 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2295 IMPACT OF SEA LEVEL RISES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2296 CASTLEREAGH LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL DEPOT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2297 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2298 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2299 PARKING FINES—“OVERALL PARKING SECTOR”—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2300 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2301 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2302 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2303 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2304 TRAVELLING TIMES TO SYDNEY CBD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2305 MONITORING OF BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2306 FAMILY-SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2307 REPORT INTO TVET CHARGES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2308 RURAL COUNCILS ACCESS TO CROWN LAND—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2309 ADMINISTRATOR FOR COFFS HARBOUR SHOWGROUND TRUST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2310 TUBERCULOSIS—WESTERN SUBURBS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2311 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2312 COMMUNITY ANGER MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2313 NSW COUNCILS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2314 MINISTERIAL INVESTMENT ORDER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2315 MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2316 LICENSING LAW BREACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2317 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2318 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2319 SEAFORTH TRAFFIC LIGHTS PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2320 SEAFORTH TAFE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2321 STATE HERITAGE OFFICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2322 TAFE QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2323 ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2324 ENERGY REDUCTION TARGETS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2325 GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2326 CATTLE TICK MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2327 RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2328 RECYCLING AND STORMWATER HARVESTING PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2329 RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2330 SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP INC—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2331 NSW GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2332 PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2333 SISTASPEAK PROGRAMME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2334 MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2335 ASIAN WOMEN WORKERS' FORUM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2336 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—BRISBANE WATER COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2337 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—TUGGERAH LAKES COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2338 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2339 PROPOSED EPURON WIND FARM AT GULLEN RANGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2340 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2341 BULLYING AND HARASSMENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2342 PEAT ISLAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2343 RESPITE CARE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2344 SHORELINK PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2345 RAINWATER TANKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2346 TERMITE INFESTATION—WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- *2347 LEASE OF WHARF AT BLACKWATTLE BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- (1) Was there a transparent tender process to award the lease for the wharf at Blackwattle Bay to Bass and Flinders cruise charter company in 2003?
 - (2) Why has the temporary six-month lease to Bass and Flinders operating out of Blackwattle Bay never been properly reviewed and formalised?

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- (3) Why was Bass and Flinders awarded the lease when it had no charter cruise experience when it commenced business and when other experienced companies had expressed interest?
- (4) Why was a second expression of interest process commenced in 2006 never followed through?
- (5) Why is there a restaurant located over the sewage pump-out tank at the Bass and Flinders operation and does this constitute a potential risk due to the methane gas created by raw sewage?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. The expression of interest (EOI) was advertised on 8 and 10 June 2002. Bass and Flinders were assessed the most suitable based on the tender criteria.
- (2) The lease terms allow for extension of time, subject to the consent of the Licensor.
- (3) The EOI from Bass and Flinders advised they had operated charter vessels since 1978.
- (4) The 2006 EOI process was terminated due to the partial collapse, and subsequent demolition of the coal bunker wharf.
- (5) There is no restaurant at this location.

*2348 ROZELLE BAY SUPERYACHT MARINA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) Is the Rozelle Bay Superyacht Marina planned to be privatised?
- (2) Have staff been told they are going to lose their jobs?
- (3) If so, what transparent tender or selection process will NSW Maritime or the Minister undertake to ensure a proper return to taxpayers?
- (4) Has any organisation already received indications from the Government that it will be allowed to operate the facility?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Options for the future operation of the Rozelle Bay Superyacht Marina are being considered by NSW Maritime.

*2349 ATTENDANCE AT SYDNEY PORTS MANAGEMENT MEETINGS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) Has the Minister ordered one of his staff members, Ports and Waterways Policy Advisor Ian McNamara to attend all Sydney Ports Management meetings?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) When was Mr McNamara ordered to attend Sydney Ports Management Meetings?
 - (b) Why has a ministerial staff member been ordered to attend Sydney Ports and Management meetings?
 - (c) What is Mr McNamara's role at these meetings?
- (3) Is the appointment of a ministerial staff member to attend at a departmental meeting a breach of standard protocol for the Minister for Ports and Waterways?
- (4) Have any (other) ministerial staff been ordered to attend departmental meetings?

Answer—

- (1) No. Mr McNamara attended one management meeting at Sydney Ports Corporation at the request of the Chief Executive Officer. This was a communication meeting and no decisions were considered.
- (2) Refer to (1).
- (3) It is not a breach of standard protocol for ministerial staff to attend meetings at the request of the Chief Executive Officer or Director General.
- (4) No.

2350 OUTPATIENT FACILITY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

2351 AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING INDUSTRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

2352 AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING INDUSTRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

2353 STREET LIGHTING—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- 2354 BUS SERVICES ALONG EPPING ROAD AT LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2355 OVERCROWDED BUS SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2356 ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY SITE—PUTNEY—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2357 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2358 NARRABEEN LAGOON FORESHORE WALKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2359 SPEED CAMERA—NARRABEEN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2360 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2361 REPRESENTATION—MR JOHN GREENTREE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2362 ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How will the recent arrangements with the Federal Government assist the residents of Western Sydney?
 - (2) What will be the impact on the funding for the Mount Druitt Hospital from these new arrangements?
- 2363 WYMAH FERRY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What public consultation is being undertaken with councils, farmers, emergency services personnel and tourism operators in the Albury electorate in relation to the review of operations of the Wymah ferry on the Murray River?
 - (2) In view of the strong support from councils on both sides of the Murray River for retention of the ferry service, what measures are being considered to increase traffic usage?
- 2364 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation and "Jeff Angel's Report to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee" on behalf of the Total Environment Centre:
- (1) What is the Minister's response to Mr Angel's comment that "if the bulk of the generation system remains as coal (upgraded to USC [ultra supercritical coal]) and a new baseload is built about 2014 using USC or CCGT [combined circuit gas turbine], then the ability to reach the types of targets proposed for 2020 and 2050, is virtually impossible" (p. 4)?
 - (2) If a new coal- or gas-fired power station is built in New South Wales by 2014, how does the Minister propose that the state's greenhouse gas emissions targets will be achieved, given that Mr Angel has stated that it will be "virtually impossible"?
- 2365 ELECTICITY PRIVATISATION—INDEMNITIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- In relation to Labor's electricity privatisation and "Jeff Angel's Report to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee" on behalf of the Total Environment Centre:

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- (1) Does the Treasurer support Mr Angel's comment that paying "indemnities would greatly weaken climate change policy because they delay the restructuring of the coal based energy sector by preventing the transmission of a carbon cost signal into electricity prices and thus incentive to make choices about technology and practices that lead to the required significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions" (p. 5)?
- (2) Can the Treasurer rule out the payment of any form of "indemnities" (or actions that effectively operate as "indemnities"), as detailed in Mr Angel's report (p. 5):
- "relief from existing NSW greenhouse gas abatement scheme obligations (for which existing utilities are currently obliged and will run to at least 2012 in order to mesh with national emissions trading);"
 - "financial assistance to meet national carbon permit costs;"
 - "government assurances about not seeking to reduce electricity demand through state action or not supporting national policies that have the same affect;"
 - "support for free permits or federal compensation for the imposts arising from auctioning of carbon permits;"
 - "support for 'safety valves' (for example coverage, time of entry of a sector, future relief mechanisms) in a national scheme;"
 - " 'last resort' concessions or guarantees where it can be demonstrated that security of supply will be compromised because the market fails to invest in new generation capacity due to uncertainty regarding emissions trading (this is an invitation to 'gaming' by owners and ignores government supply undertakings); and"
 - "a general clause about any other types of policy or financial assistance"?
- 2366 JEFF ANGEL'S REPORT TO THE ENERGY CONSULTATIVE REFERENCE COMMITTEE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to energy efficiency and "Jeff Angel's Report to the Energy Consultative Reference Committee" on behalf of the Total Environment Centre:
- What is the Minister's response to Mr Angel's comment that in New South Wales "the decision and cultural frameworks of the major utilities do not give energy efficiency an appropriate place and there is a strong bias to continue to invest in supply options. As a result expensive supply options are invested in, rather than the cheaper option of energy efficiency (which also leads to higher price rises than necessary)" (p. 1)?
 - Will the Minister adopt Mr Angel's recommendation that "The NSW Government should urgently adopt in the first half of 2008, a comprehensive energy efficiency plan with ambitious targets. It should be structured to persist over 25 years and have a pervasive impact, rather than the ad hoc, boutique approaches of the past" (p. 8)?
- 2367 TRANSMISSION LINES ON BEAUFORT RD AND HASTINGS RD TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- Are the power poles in Beaufort Rd and Hastings Rd Terrigal capable of having 132kV transmission lines fitted as presently constructed?
 - Could the power poles accommodate 132kV transmission lines if they were upgraded or modified?
 - What was the nature of the 'extensive routine maintenance' carried out on these poles last year (2007)?
 - Was the maintenance carried out in 2007 actually an upgrade to accommodate 132kV transmission lines?
 - (a) Will 132kV transmission lines be placed on poles along Beaufort Rd and Hastings Rd Terrigal?
(b) If so, when will this occur?
 - What action will Energy Australia take to protect Wamberal Lagoon and Terrigal Lagoon?
 - (a) Will any proposed power lines with 132kV capacity be re-routed?
(b) If so, where?
- 2368 MINISTERIAL TRAVEL—ORKOPOULOS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- Did the former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Milton Orkopoulos travel overseas at any time when he was Minister?

- (2) If so:
- Where?
 - For how long?
 - For what purpose?
 - At what cost?
- (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each overseas trip?
- (4) (a) Did Peter Hillig ever accompany the Minister on an overseas trip?
- (b) If so when and where and at what cost?
- 2369 REFUND FROM PURCHASE OF PERPETUAL LEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- Will the Minister explain why the refund of part of the purchase price of Perpetual Lease 91122 under Schedule 7A of the Crown Lands Legislation Amendment (Budget) Act 2004 (Suburban Holding 1923/1 Windsor) promised by the District Manager, Business Services, Crown Lands NSW, Sydney Metropolitan in a letter to Mr Tebbutt of Bilpin on 21 June 2005 has not been paid?
 - What action will the Minister take to pay these outstanding monies?
- 2370 SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- Which of the 225 NSW Public High Schools that are able to participate in the School Energy Efficiency Program are located in the Burrinjuck electorate?
 - What are the names of these schools?
 - How many of these schools have applied to participate in this program?
- 2371 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- Did an independent audit by Hoholt Accounting Services in 2005 of the Ourgunya Women's Inc Safe House at Brewarrina recommend that the service receive additional funding to allow it to meet the existing demand for services from the community?
 - As this report was passed to DoCS, why has additional funding for this important service not been provided?
- 2372 DIETICIANS AND OTHER NUTRITION WORKERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many dieticians and other nutrition workers were there in each hospital in NSW for the years:
- 2005;
 - 2006;
 - 2007?
- 2373 HORNSBY COURT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Have the court days at Hornsby Court been reduced?
 - If so, what were the weekly hours and what are they now?
 - Why were the hours reduced?
- 2374 UNITING CARE HOUSING AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- How many Uniting Care Housing and Support Initiative (HASI) in the home places will be located in Hornsby?
 - Where will they be located and what form will they take?
- 2375 SUSPENSION CENTRES—Ms Sonia Horner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- (1) How many "Suspension Centres" are operating in NSW?
 (2) What is the closest centre for the students of the Wallsend electorate?
 (3) How is a student referred to these centres?
 (4) What is the success rate of these centres in returning students to mainstream schools?
- 2376 ROAD SAFETY ON FOREST WAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many accidents occurred on Forest Way in the Davidson electorate in 2006 and 2007?
 (2) What plans have been considered to improve road safety for traffic turning right from Forest Way into Warringah Road?
 (3) What other plans does the RTA or the NSW Government have to improve traffic safety measures on Forest Way?
- 2377 ELECTRICITY OUTAGES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- Regarding electricity outages affecting some part of the Electorate of Davidson:
- (1) What is the most number of times the worst performing circuit has gone out?
 (2) How many outages were there for this circuit?
 (3) How many of those outages were due to:
 (a) overdemand from consumers;
 (b) natural causes;
 (c) accidents;
 (d) other causes?
- 2378 SECTION 94 REFORMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) What research has been undertaken into the effect of the NSW Government's proposed s.94 contribution reforms on Local Government?
 (2) How much less revenue does the Government project Local Government in NSW would receive per annum if the proposed s.94 reforms are implemented?
- 2379 VISITORS TO SYDNEY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- Given that the latest figures released in the National Visitor Survey indicated that the number of visitors and visitor nights to Sydney had declined during the period from December 2006 to December 2007, with visitors from Queensland down 13% and visitors from Melbourne down 7.2%:
 What is being done to counteract the declining visitor numbers to Sydney?
- 2380 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What are the daily figures relating to the number of infringements issued from the Ewingsdale fixed location speed camera from 29 March 2007 to present date broken down into direction of travel (i.e. south bound and north bound)?
 (2) What is the average number of infringements issued per speed camera per day in New South Wales?
- 2381 REDUCED TARGETS FOR CARBON EMISSIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- In the event of any privatisation of the power industry, will the Treasurer guarantee the nature, implementation and timing of environmental upgrades to meet reduced targets for carbon emissions by their inclusion in any lease document associated with the power stations?
- 2382 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Why is the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme for people with severe and permanent disabilities no longer available to hire cars - particularly in areas where taxis are either unavailable or small in number?

2383 HUNTER INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Will the Minister for Education explain how the Hunter Institute of TAFE can deliver 114 hours of teaching and 5 assessments in the Certificate 3 Horticulture - Retail course in 20 hours, and how this extreme course compression can be justified as educationally sound?

2384 CATTLE TICK FEVER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given that it was reported last week in Tweed local media that a dozen cattle had died from cattle tick fever spread from Queensland:

- (1) Have the cattle responsible for this outbreak of cattle tick fever been quarantined?
 - (a) If yes, on what date did this occur and how many cattle in NSW have died from the fever spread by infected cattle?
 - (b) If no, does the Minister know where the infected cattle are presently located and will he ensure that they are quarantined?
- (2) Given that the NSW Government has failed to stop the spread of cattle tick fever into NSW, will the Government provide compensation to graziers whose cattle have died as a result of this outbreak?
- (3) What measures are being taken by the NSW Government to contain the outbreak of cattle tick fever and to ensure that it does not spread to other properties in NSW?

2385 CLOSURE OF LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given that the NSW Education Department has advised that students seeking a new high school after the closure of Lakeside Christian High School are able to enrol in Tweed public high schools:

- (1) Are there sufficient positions available in Tweed public high schools to cater for the 120 displaced Lakeside students?
- (2) What alternatives are there if there is not sufficient positions available in both Tweed public and private high schools for the 120 displaced Lakeside students?
- (3) Given that administrators have stated that the future of the Lakeside Christian Primary School is unsecured past April 2008, will there be sufficient places for the 107 Lakeside primary students should their school also be forced to close?

2386 CANCER PATIENTS—NSW NORTH COAST—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

In relation to cancer patients on the NSW North Coast and given that the Lismore Base Hospital has received funding approval for the construction of new radiotherapy facilities:

- (1) What is the number of registered cancer patients in the Lismore-Ballina area as stated in the funding submission made to the NSW Department of Health for the new radiotherapy facilities?
- (2) Will any funding commitments be made by the Government for the development of radiotherapy facilities in the Tweed and Murwillumbah Hospitals?

2387 BROUGHTONS PASS WEIR—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) How much water was released per day from Broughtons Pass Weir to compensate for losses due to subsidence in Cataract River in:
 - (a) 2004;
 - (b) 2005;
 - (c) 2006;
 - (d) 2007;
 - (e) 2008?
- (2) How much money did BHP Billiton pay per day for water to be released from Broughtons Pass Weir to compensate for losses due to subsidence in Cataract River in:
 - (a) 2004;

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- (b) 2005;
(c) 2006;
(d) 2007;
(e) 2008?
- (3) When did BHP Billiton first register its desire not to pay for this water?
(4) On what date was the release lowered from 1.7 ML/day to 1.4 ML/day?
(5) Why was the release lowered?
- 2388 RADIOACTIVE STORAGE SITES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Does NSW Labor still oppose any plan to create a radioactive waste repository in the state?
(2) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation completed the inventory of non-ANSTO radioactive storage sites promised in 2004?
(3) What is the name of that list?
(4) How many sites are on that list?
(5) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation identified any non-ANSTO radioactive storage sites where upgrading of facilities is required?
- 2389 LORD HOWE ISLAND - BAITING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) What precedents are there for the aerial baiting of 85 per cent of an inhabited island by helicopter with rat poison?
(2) How does the Government plan to 'round up' currawongs on Lord Howe Island?
(3) Has the Minister read the 2001 report on baiting Lord Howe Island by New Zealand ecologists Alan Saunders and Derek Brown warning that 'some native animals will ingest toxin' and that 'the loss of a few individuals of a native species... may be seen as acceptable'?
(4) Does the Minister see the loss of a few Lord Howe Island woodhens as acceptable?
(5) Does the Minister think it is worthwhile risking 10 endangered species on Lord How Island to enable one to be returned to the wild?
- 2390 ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
What will happen to those that do not wish to take up employment with the new company but are not resigning from Macquarie Generation?
- 2391 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there currently across all public schools in the Pittwater electorate?
(2) How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all public schools in the Pittwater electorate since 1 January 2007?
- 2392 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—FOOD SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Was Mona Vale Hospital part of the recent safety audit conducted by the NSW Food Authority?
(2) If Mona Vale Hospital did not take part in this audit why was it excluded?
(3) Did Mona Vale Hospital meet all the standards covered in the audit?
- 2393 SPEEDING FINES IN 40 KPH SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
How many people have been fined for speeding in 40 kph school zones in the Pittwater electorate in the past 12 months?
- 2394 BUS SAFETY MODELLING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What were the results of recently completed bus safety modelling based on the 2005 Australian Transport Council National Guidelines Assessment?
(2) Which areas were highlighted as high risk areas?

- 2395 MID NORTH COAST STRATEGY – LATE APPLICATIONS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) How many late applications for changes and/or additions to the Mid North Coast Strategy have been received and who were these late applications received from?
 - (2) What was the nature of each of these late applications?
 - (3) What has been the outcome of these applications i.e. rejected, approved or still under consideration?
- 2396 NSW COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Will a longer term, three-year funding agreement for NSW Community Colleges be implemented given the existing yearly funding cycle leaves many colleges unable to forward plan until they are notified of funding arrangements which last year did not occur until quite late in the year?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 2397 NEW STAFFING PROPOSALS—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) What are the Government's incentives for 'Hard to Staff' schools given the new staffing proposals?
 - (2) Given that education is the opportunity to escape socio-economic disadvantage, what impact does the Minister envisage the proposed staffing changes will have on opportunities for students in rural electorates such as Northern Tablelands?
 - (3) Without an assurance of transfer how will the new staffing proposals assist teachers in gaining experience for career enhancement?
 - (4) How will the changes assist or improve the needs of schools given the impact on teachers' willingness to serve in more remote areas of the state?
- 2398 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Given the extensive residential growth in the electorate of Hawkesbury in suburbs such as Rouse Hill, Kellyville, Beaumont Hills and Glenhaven over the past ten years and the expectation of a further 60,000 homes to be built in this area over the next ten years as part of the Metropolitan Strategy:
- Will the Minister advise whether he has ever caught public transport to the North West area of Sydney in peak hour to assess the outcomes of planning by the Government over the past ten years in terms of providing appropriate infrastructure, such as the proposed North West Rail Line, to this area?
- 2399 FREEHOLD TITLE OF LAND—MR MARTIN TEBBUTT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- Given the Department of Lands wrote to Mr Martin and Mrs Marion Tebbutt advising them that they would receive a refund for additional money paid to purchase their freehold title of land at Bilpin and that amendments to the legislation allow leaseholders to purchase the freehold title of land for 3% of the market value of that land:
- Will the Minister advise when Mr Martin and Mrs Marion Tebbutt will receive a refund for the additional amount of money paid to purchase their freehold title of land which cost them \$409,300 when it should have cost them only \$12,000?
- 2400 BREAST CANCER TESTING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—
- Given there are many women suffering breast cancer as a result of not having regular testing, will the Minister advise when the New South Wales State Government will provide increased facilities for women to be tested for breast cancer regardless of age?