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- 5527 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LAND HOLDINGS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Does the Department of Education own any land holdings in the Shellharbour electorate?
    - (a) If so, what is the size of each of these land holdings and where are they located?
  - (2) Does the Government plan to liquidate any of the land owned in the Shellharbour electorate?
    - (a) If so, why?
- 5528 TAFE ENROLMENT STATISTICS FOR 2013—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students are enrolled at the following TAFE campuses for 2013 (ref Q.5146):
    - (a) Dapto;

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- (b) Shellharbour; and  
(c) Yallah?
- (2) If the enrolment data is not available, when will the requested enrolment statistics be available?
- 5529 RENAMING OF SHELL COVE RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Will the Minister publicly release the advice provided to Transport for NSW by the Geographical Names Board of NSW secretariat regarding the proposal to rename the construction of a new station to Shell Cove (ref Q.5143)?  
(a) If not, why not?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW submitted a new proposal to rename this station?
- (3) Will Transport for NSW consult with the Shellharbour City community to determine the suitability of the proposed name?  
(a) If not, why not?
- 5530 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- In relation to the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan:
- (1) When will the annual update, including the detailed reports on the progress of implementing the initiatives in the Plan, be released?
- (2) When will the Government release the Implementation and Delivery Plan (page 42)?  
(a) If the Implementation and Delivery Plan will not be released, why not?
- (3) When will the Regional Rail Plan (page 20) be publicly released?  
(a) If the Regional Rail Plan will not be publicly released, why not?
- (4) What consultation, and with whom, has taken place in developing of the Regional Rail Plan?
- (5) What target has been set by the Government for increasing the share of commuter trips made by public transport to and from key urban areas in the Illawarra region (page 31)?
- (6) How will the Government investigate opportunities to provide improved bus services or a free shuttle bus that provides southern connections around Lake Illawarra taking in growth areas of Shellharbour, Albion Park, Calderwood, Warrawang and West Dapto (page 36)?
- 5531 RMS PROJECT COMMENCEMENT DATES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- When did the formal planning processes by Roads and Maritime Services commence for the following road projects on the M1 Motorway:
- (a) Mt Ousley climbing lanes;  
(b) Mt Ousley heavy vehicle rest area upgrade;  
(c) Albion Park Rail bypass;  
(d) Gerringong upgrade;  
(e) Foxground and Berry bypass;  
(f) Berry to Bomaderry upgrade;  
(g) Nowra Bridge study;  
(h) Burrill Lake Bridge replacement;  
(i) Termeil Creek realignment; and  
(j) Dignams Creek upgrade?
- 5532 WEST DAPTO ACCESS ROAD LINK—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- (1) How much funding has been allocated to the West Dapto Access Road link under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund as at 7 May 2014?
- (2) What sections of the M1 Princes Motorway, Princes Highway (A1) and Illawarra Highway (A48) will be widened?
- (3) Have planning funds been allocated to these planned works?  
(a) If so, how much?  
(b) If so, on what date?
- (4) Where on the M1 Princes Motorway are additional ramps and interchanges planned?
- (5) Have planning funds been allocated for the planned works?

- (a) If so, how much?  
(b) If so, on what date?
- (6) When will the NSW Roads Plan be publicly released?
- 5533 PROPOSAL TO EXTEND POWERS OF THE ICAC—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Is the Premier aware of public comments by the Member for Kiama, reported in the Illawarra Mercury on 2 May 2014, regarding extending powers to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) allowing it to prosecute individuals it concludes to have acted corruptly?
- (2) Has the Premier received any correspondence, emails, telephone calls or held any discussions with the Member for Kiama in regard to this proposal?
- (a) If so, on what date did the Premier receive correspondence, emails or telephone calls, or hold discussions with the Member for Kiama?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to expand the powers of ICAC as proposed by the Member for Kiama?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What would be the impact of such proposals in relation to the current exercise of ICAC's powers to investigate acts of corruption?
- 5534 UPGRADE OF SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total budget expenditure for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District for the following financial years:
- (a) 2010-11;  
(b) 2012-13; and  
(c) 2013-14?
- (2) Has the business case for the upgrade of the Shellharbour Hospital been considered by the NSW Treasury?
- (a) If so, what is the progress of that consideration and when will an announcement be made on whether the business case has been successful?  
(b) If not, why not?
- 5535 RESTART NSW ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How will the Government determine whether or not 1,000 jobs are created from the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- (2) Is it a requirement of successfully approved applicants under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund to certify the number of jobs created from their specific projects?
- (3) What action will be taken to ensure approved applicants have complied with their project's job target?
- 5536 PORT OF NEWCASTLE PROPERTY LEASE—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- Does the proposed lease of the Port of Newcastle contain any provision that prevents a container terminal being developed on the former steelworks site?
- 5537 PORT BOTANY LEASE SALE CONDITIONS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- Was it a condition of the Port Botany lease that there will be no container terminal built at the Port of Newcastle?
- 5538 SHIPPING CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- What will be the future economic impacts on the Hunter Region if shipping containers are not shipped through the Port of Newcastle?
- 5539 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL TRANSFERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- Why are patients presenting for treatment at the Mount Druitt Hospital being transferred to other hospitals, some as far away as Auburn?
- 5540 ROOTY HILL BYPASS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- (1) What changes in traffic volume have occurred in the past three years concerning the number of vehicles using the Rooty Hill bypass, in particular Francis Street, Railway Street and Duke Street?
  - (2) During this period, what has been the increase in travelling time during peak hours between the intersection of Rooty Hill Road South and Francis Street, and the intersection of Duke Street and Woodstock Avenue?
  - (3) What action will be taken to widen these roads, including the overbridge of the rail line?
- 5541 DREDGING OF THE SWANSEA CHANNEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- (1) Is the Government responsible for the full cost of maintenance dredging of the Swansea Channel?
    - (a) If not, who not?
    - (b) If not, who else bears the cost?
- 5542 NEWCASTLE PORT LEASE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- (1) What is the Newcastle Port description, the Deposited Plan (DP) number and Lot number, of those properties that have been identified for lease to a private party for 99 years?
  - (2) Have heritage and environmentally sensitive areas located within the lease been identified for protection in the agreement?
  - (3) What will be the effect of the Newcastle Port lease on future revenue to New South Wales?
  - (4) Will the lessee bear the costs of:
    - (a) Storm wall maintenance;
    - (b) Dredging;
    - (c) Site remediation; and
    - (d) Storing of toxic materials?
  - (5) What adjustments over the term of the 99 year lease can be made once it has been entered into?
- 5543 CANCELLATION OF METLIFE INSURANCE CONTRACT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- (1) Have any settlements been delayed due to the cancellation of the MetLife insurance contract for the police death and disability scheme?
  - (2) What surveillance is conducted during each investigation?
  - (3) Has this surveillance increased in the last 12 months?
- 5544 POLICE OFFICER SUICIDE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- (1) Does the Minister receive information on how many current and former New South Wales police officers commit suicide?
  - (2) Has this number increased since the introduction of the new death and disability scheme?
- 5545 HOME SCHOOLERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many home schooling applicants received three, six, 12 and 24 month registrations in 2011, 2012 and 2013?
  - (2) How many home schooling applications were rejected or withdrawn in 2011, 2012 and 2013?
  - (3) Can the Minister provide details of the research that the Board of Studies, Teaching and Education Standards (BoSTES) confirmed is being undertaken as a result of the recommendations made by the Ombudsman?
  - (4) Why are home schooling students denied access to resources available to other students in New South Wales such as Open High School, TVET Courses and school sports?
  - (5) Why is the registration age of home schooling students restricted to 17 years?
  - (6) Why are home schoolers not directly involved in the recruitment and training of authorised persons as defined by the Education Act 1990?
  - (7) Will the Government consider allocating a home schooling representative to the board of BoSTES?

- (a) If so, when would this take place?  
(b) If not, why not?
- (8) Why is BoSTES limiting the options for education for students who are travelling more than the allocated school holidays?
- (9) Will the Government consult with home educators regarding the updated registration requirement as part of the development of the home schooling information pack?  
(a) If so, when will this commence?  
(b) If not, why not?
- 5546 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How much of the \$20 million allocated for this financial year for the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund has been spent as at 1 May 2014?  
(2) What projects have received funding, partial or otherwise, as at 1 May 2014?  
(3) How much funding has been allocated for each of these projects as at 1 May 2014?
- 5547 FLASHING LIGHTS AT MARRICKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- When will flashing lights be installed at Marrickville Public School?
- 5548 COMPANION ANIMALS TASKFORCE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- (1) When will the Government announce its broader response to the Companion Animals Taskforce?  
(2) Will this response contain measures to address concerns with puppy farms?
- 5549 CESSNOCK STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT VOLUNTEERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- How many volunteers are presently registered with the Cessnock State Emergency Services Unit?
- 5550 PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION WORKS—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) When was the painting of the station buildings and awnings completed at Punchbowl Railway Station?  
(2) What is the total cost for the painting of the station building and awnings at Punchbowl Railway Station?  
(3) If the works have not been completed, what is the reason for the delay?  
(4) If the works have not commenced, when will the painting of the station buildings and awnings at Punchbowl Railway Station commence?  
(5) What is the expected completion date of the works?
- 5551 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—
- (1) When was the last time ambient air quality was tested adjacent to the Eastern Distributor ventilation stacks on Palmer Street, Darlinghurst and South Dowling Street, Surry Hills?  
(2) When was the last time ambient air quality was tested adjacent to the Cross City Tunnel ventilation stack?  
(3) What pollutants were tested for in each instance?  
(4) Was the level of particulates measured smaller than 50 micrometres?  
(5) How did tested pollutants compare with ambient air quality in other areas?  
(6) What information does the Government have regarding the way tunnel ventilation stacks discharge emissions into the surrounding atmosphere?  
(7) What consideration has the Government given to requiring ongoing monitoring of ambient air quality adjacent to the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation stacks?  
(8) What concerns have been raised with the operators of the Eastern Distributor and Cross City Tunnel ventilation stacks with regard to ambient air quality adjacent to each stack?



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5552 CORONIAL INQUEST LEGISLATIVE SUGGESTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight—

What action does the Minister propose to take on the legislative suggestions by the Coroner in the Coronial Inquest into the deaths of Will Dalton-Brown and Eliza Wannan?

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