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\*2464 POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Has the EPA's lack of forward standard setting, as identified by an IPART determination in May 2003, been addressed in relation to Sydney Water?
- (2) Why has the EPA not taken action with Sydney Water to enforce its Pollution Reduction Program 010 at the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant?
- (3) Does the Minister acknowledge that this Pollution Reduction Program would have almost halved the Plant's pollution of oil/grease and solids to the ocean?
- (4) What was the justification behind the EPA's statement to IPART in 2002 that, "upgrading of the ocean outfalls is not a priority" in relation to the proposed North Head Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Department of Environment and Climate Change has implemented appropriate forward standard setting in relation to Sydney Water.
- (2) I am advised that all Pollution Reduction Programs placed on the then North Head Sewage Treatment Plant licence have either been implemented or superseded by upgraded programs.
- (3) It is not necessary for a current Minister to review previous pollution reduction programs where extensive monitoring has shown that pollution impacts are low.
- (4) I am advised that in 2002, it was the view of the then Environment Protection Authority that the plant was operating satisfactorily and more significant environmental gains could be made by directing investment into other measures. Major expenditure on the North Head outfall would have been required to achieve minimal environmental gains. Ongoing monitoring of the outfall shows that its impacts are low.

\*2465 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Why does the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant have a licence to pollute the same levels of oil/grease and solids as it did in 1993?
- (2) Does the licence to pollute oil/grease and solids at the same level extend to 2023?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any place in the world where licensed pollution levels of solids, oil and grease to the ocean have not been reduced over a 30-year period?
- (4) Why has Sydney Water not implemented the EPA's Pollution Reduction Program 010 at the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant?

Answer—

(1) to (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

(4) I am advised by Sydney Water that Pollution Reduction Program 010, included in the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Licence, required Sydney Water to investigate and report into the means of achieving specified effluent standards which were the equivalent of full primary treatment. An Options Report was prepared by Sydney Water and issued to the then Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as required by PRP 010.

Sydney Water stopped its planning for a full primary upgrade at North Head STP when, in consultation with the EPA and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, it was determined that the project was not the most beneficial use of resources in terms of improvements to the environment. The EPA indicated that the current level of treatment at North Head STP, combined with the ocean outfall, was providing satisfactory environmental protection.

On this basis Sydney Water proceeded with the planning and implementation of the North Head STP Performance and Reliability Project (PAR). The PAR project has delivered a recycled water plant that can produce up to 2 million litres per day of high quality effluent that is used in place of potable water at the STP.

The PAR project has also provided new odour management and biosolids stabilisation facilities that are currently being commissioned. The new biosolids process produces around 1.4 megawatts of green

energy each day and has reduced biosolids truck movements significantly below the PRP 010 ceiling of 120 movements per 5 day week.

The PAR project will also deliver process improvements such as two additional primary sedimentation tanks to ensure ongoing compliance with current licence requirements. Other PAR project components include reliability and renewals works to ensure an appropriate level of plant reliability, operability and maintainability.

\*2466 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—LICENCE CONDITIONS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Is the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant's licence to pollute at the 50-percentile level of concentration in plant effluent for each of the following higher than the Malabar Sewage Treatment Plant:
  - (a) Oil/Grease;
  - (b) Solids?
- (2) If so, why, and how long will this be allowed to continue?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

\*2467 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Was Sydney Water's application to IPART for \$16 million for the preliminary design of the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade in 2002 in the form of an oral presentation to a consultant, and not in a formal submission direct to IPART?
- (2) Is this the usual practice for justifying the need for significant expenditure preliminary to a major project?

Answer—

- (1) In 2002, Sydney Water's formal written submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the July 2003 to June 2005 water, wastewater and stormwater prices incorporated a capital investment program averaging over \$500 million per annum, which featured a proposed upgrade to North Head Sewage Treatment Plant.
- (2) Not applicable.

\*2469 ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many young people committed an offence while under the influence of alcohol in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05 and for what types of offences?
- (2) How many incidents involving altercations between young people (aged under 25) and hotel (i.e. pub/club) staff were reported to NSW Police in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?

Answer—

I am advised:

BOCSAR does not maintain statistics regarding offences committed by young people under the influence of alcohol or involving altercations between young people and hotel staff.

\*2470 YOUTH SUICIDE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many young people committed suicide in NSW in 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05?
- (2) Of those in question (1), what percentage was male and what percentage was female?
- (3) What is the Government doing to prevent youth suicide?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Recent publicly available data on deaths by suicide in NSW, by year of occurrence, and age group are presented in the Report of the New South Wales Chief Health Officer. The Member is referred to the Chief Health Officer report at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep)

(3) Under the NSW Youth Mental Health Services Model the NSW Government has committed \$28.6 million over five years to develop new models of services for young people 14-24 years of age in all Area Health Services. These services will provide evidence-based intervention at the early stages of mental

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illness and will bring together specialist youth mental health services, General Practitioners, drug & alcohol workers and other relevant services.

The NSW Government continues to provide support for non government organisations to improve access to appropriate mental health support for young people such as Reach Out, the youth focused website which provides advice and early intervention on a range of personal and health related issues including depression and other mental health issues.

The Government has established the statewide NSW Early Psychosis Program for young people who are experiencing psychosis through evidence-based intervention. School-Link assists in improving the mental health of children and young people through strengthening links between TAFE, schools, school counsellors and local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; training programs to enhance skills in the recognition, intervention planning, treatment, support and prevention of mental health problems; and supporting the implementation of programs in schools for the prevention of or early intervention in mental health problems.

These and other initiatives have made significant progress in reducing the rate of youth suicide in NSW.

\*2472 MANLY WHARF—SALE OF COMMUTER TICKETS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Will the Minister consider making changes at Manly Wharf to allow commuters to purchase bus and train tickets?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ferry passengers have the ability to purchase tickets from Manly wharf which will allow them to travel on the ferry and, additionally, travel on buses and/or trains using a single ticket.

Pensioner Excursion Tickets, DayTripper and a range of weekly bus/ferry and bus/rail/ferry tickets are currently available from Manly wharf.

\*2474 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Given that no public transport funded by the NSW State Government operates in the Port Stephens region, has the Government undertaken any planning toward expanding Newcastle bus routes into Port Stephens in the future?
- (2) Has the Department of Transport given any thought to alternative public transport options that could be accessed by residents in Port Stephens?
- (3) Has the Government at any stage considered expanding Hunter rail service to the Port Stephens region?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All bus services in NSW are funded by the NSW Government. In fact we are spending over \$800m this financial year on bus services including bus services in Port Stephens. Bus services in the Port Stephens area are provided by contracted operators to the Ministry of Transport. These are:

- Port Stephens Coaches;
- Hunter Valley Bus Lines (formerly Blue Ribbon Company); and
- Newcastle Buses (State Transit).

(2) and (3) The Government continues to assess options for improving transport outcomes across NSW.

However, at this time no plans have been put forward or progressed to provide a rail line or rail corridor from the Main North (Hunter) rail line to Port Stephens.

The area is currently serviced by Port Stephens buses operating to Newcastle, with a stop located in the rail/bus interchange at Newcastle Station.

\*2475 PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL AT MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann 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—

Regarding the proposed Medowie High School that received Government planning support in the lead up to the 2007 State Election:

- (1) Does the Minister have any update from the Department of Education regarding the proposal to build a public high school in Medowie?
- (2) Has any planning been undertaken by the Department with regard to future education needs in the Medowie region?
- (3) How will the future education needs of a region such as Medowie be provided for?

Answer—

Prior to the last election, the NSW Government committed to establishing a working party to examine the provision of schooling in the Raymond Terrace, Medowie and Tilligerry Peninsula.

A report regarding the education provision in west Port Stephens is currently being finalised.

\*2476 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian 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) In relation to the opening of new public primary schools in New South Wales:
  - (a) What are the categories of requirements, specifications or standards that need to be addressed when opening a school in New South Wales?
  - (b) What are the Department of Education's specifications for the physical structure and surrounding grounds for the operation of schools such as size of classrooms, amount of playground space and type of surfaces?
- (2) Where a public school has previously operated but has closed, does the Government recognise existing use rights if such specifications or standards have altered in the time of the school's closure?

Answer—

The Schools Facilities Standards provide information on the size, number and fit out of new spaces and also include information on the functional relationship of how facilities should be located on new school sites.

The State Environment Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 ensures that education establishments may be developed in a wide range of land use zones. Existing use rights are unlikely to be relevant or claimed in these circumstances.

\*2477 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—REVIEWS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian 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 are the dates for any reviews of any specifications or standards for the physical structure and surrounding grounds of a school operating in New South Wales and the publication of those reviews since 1988?

Answer—

The specifications for new school facilities for NSW government schools are contained within the School Facilities Standards.

Since 1988 there have been four major School Facilities Standards reviews. These were:

- 1992 components of facilities for Technological and Applied Studies
- 1996 Secondary School Facilities Standards
- 2000 Primary School Facilities Standards
- 2007 Special Education Facilities Standards

The Department of Education and Training also conducts annual Post Occupancy Evaluations of newly constructed and refurbished facilities. Feedback from these evaluations, changes to legislation and building regulations inform an ongoing process of minor adjustments to the Standards.

\*2478 HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will the Minister ensure the continued operation of the hydrotherapy pool at Royal North Shore Hospital at its current location?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

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I refer the member to the response provided to a question without notice asked by Rev. The Hon Fred Nile MLC in the Legislative Council on 6 March 2008.

\*2479 USE OF HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients use the hydrotherapy pool at Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (2) In which geographic region do most of these patients reside?

Answer—

I refer the member to the response provided to a question without notice asked by Rev. The Hon Fred Nile MLC in the Legislative Council on 6 March 2008.

\*2480 FORESHORE RENTAL INCREASES—MIDDLE HARBOUR—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

What action will the Minister take to ensure a fairer outcome for residents in Middle Harbour who have faced 50% increases with regard to the rental of private foreshore leases in the past few years?

Answer—

NSW Maritime administers waterfront leases in Sydney Harbour, principally for private jetties, mooring pens, swimming baths and boatsheds.

Rental for these private facilities is determined based on a formula recommended by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in a 2004 Report titled Review into Rentals for Waterfront Tenancies on Crown Land in NSW. Copies of this Report are available from the IPART website.

In 2007, NSW Maritime conducted a comprehensive review of domestic leasing arrangements, including the operation of the IPART rental formula. The review was an open process and invited comments from the public.

As a result of the review, the Government made a number of changes to domestic leasing policies, many of which benefit lessees in Middle Harbour.

Information about these changes is available from the NSW Maritime website [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au)

\*2481 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Maclean police station?
- (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Maclean police station?
- (3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response.

\*2482 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Maclean police station?
- (2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
- (3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response. Staffing allocations may therefore vary according to operational requirements.

\*2483 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Grafton police station?
- (2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Grafton police station?

(3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response.

\*2484 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturdays at Grafton police station?

(2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?

(3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response. Staffing allocations may therefore vary according to operational requirements.

\*2485 PRINCES HIGHWAY—NAROOMA—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Why after two years are there no line marks on the Princes Highway along 'the flats' at Narooma when the work was completed by Eurobodalla Shire to improve the street scape?

(2) Why does there need to be further studies on whether this section of highway should include a pedestrian refuge given the heavy foot traffic in the area with the shops and caravan park in the vicinity?

(3) Is the Minister aware of the Council's view on this?

(4) Why has the Roads and Traffic Authority built pedestrian refuges in the 80 km zone at Wandandian very quickly but neglected Narooma's pedestrian refuge?

Answer—

The landscaping work implemented by Eurobodalla Shire Council was not carried out in consultation with the RTA. The RTA has not been advised by Council regarding the extent of the current work or future planned works.

Until the RTA is advised of the future work planned by Council, it would be inappropriate to reinstate line marking that is in conflict with Council's ultimate scheme.

The RTA has advised Council of the need for a comprehensive pedestrian access and mobility plan for the area known as Narooma Flat.

It is important that a comprehensive plan is devised that identifies known pedestrian demand and that a suite of complementary treatment is delivered to enhance pedestrian safety and maintain traffic flow at these locations.

The road safety treatment implemented at Wandandian was achieved through a prioritised program of works under the \$30M Princes Highway Road Safety Program.

The objective of this treatment was to improve safety for vehicles turning right to access adjacent developments. The single pedestrian facility was implemented as part of the overall works.

Pedestrian amenity at Narooma Flat was investigated within the Princes Highway Road Safety Program. However, it could not be included without a Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan and a clear definition of Council's planned works.

The RTA will contact Eurobodalla Shire Council in order to discuss these matters further.

\*2490 JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) During the period beginning February 2004 until July 2006 were any cheques paid by the Jenolan Caves Trust to creditors?

(2) Has the Minister provided the Auditor General with a copy of Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust Annual



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Report for:

- (a) 2006;
- (b) 2007?

(3) If not, why not?

(4) If so, when will Members of Parliament be receiving a copy of those reports?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) and (3) The Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust is only required to provide financial statements to the Audit Office. The financial statements for 2005/06 were provided to the Audit Office. The Trust is awaiting advice from the Audit Office regarding its timetable for auditing the Trust's 2006/07 accounts.

(4) The Annual Report for 2005/06 has been provided to Parliament.

\*2491 OMBUDSMAN RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Of the Ombudsman's 44 recommendations noted in a special report tabled in Parliament in December 2006:

- (1) Which 2 of the 31 recommendations specific to Police were not supported by Police?
- (2) Which recommendations have been fully implemented by Police?
- (3) Which recommendations are yet to be fully implemented?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) The NSW Ombudsman made 44 recommendations relating to police in the 2006 report entitled Domestic Violence : Improving Police Practice. 41 of these recommendations were fully supported by the NSW Police Force and the other 3 were supported with variations.
- (2) 20 of the recommendations—1, 2b, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18b, 19, 22, 24, 28, 31, 32, 41, 43a, 43b and 44—have been completed.
- (3) The remaining 24 recommendations are being progressed.

\*2493 TRANSIT OFFICERS—SOUTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Will the Minister increase the number of transit officers on the Illawarra/South Coast rail line in light of disturbing violence, increasing assaults and an alleged rape recently on this line?

Answer—

I am advised:

The security resources of RailCorp are deployed across the rail network based on security intelligence. The ongoing objective of the RailCorp Security Division is to place its 600 strong transit officer workforce at the times and places where they will do the most good for the travelling public in terms of preventing crime and anti social behaviour.

I am advised that intelligence and deployment plans are constantly reviewed to ensure that resources are utilised optimally and in a way that is commensurate with prevailing security conditions. Consistent with this approach, transit officer deployments in the Illawarra and South Coast areas have been reviewed and adjusted in light of available intelligence.

The security resources deployed on the rail network are coordinated in real time through the RailCorp 24 hour Security Control Centre, which has direct contact with police communication centres, direct radio contact with transit officers deployed in the field and can also communicate with train crew and station staff. These resources can be redirected to handle emerging security incidents as necessary, such as responses to customer requests for assistance. Such requests for assistance may include those made via the help points located on every CityRail station, the RailCorp security hotline and rail staff.

Illawarra and South Coast services are patrolled by both uniformed and plain clothes officers. There are also police commuter crime units permanently operating in the Illawarra and South Coast areas. Transit officers work closely with these police officers to provide an integrated security system for the rail network.

Transit officers have helped drive down crime on the CityRail network. Since transit officers were first introduced in 2002 and to December, 2007 NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research figures indicate that offences against the person on the rail network have fallen by more than 32 per cent.

\*2495 40 KM ZONE AT SOUTH NOWRA—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that St Johns High School have constructed a perimeter fence that will deny students' access to the Princes Highway, will the Minister now remove the 40 km zone in the location at South Nowra which has exacerbated traffic congestion and delay?

Answer—

The RTA has received formal confirmation from St John the Evangelist High School that a fence has been erected along the Princes Highway.

The RTA is currently working on a design for a pedestrian refuge on the Princes Highway adjacent to Park Road, as agreed with the school and Shoalhaven City Council.

Once the refuge has been constructed, the RTA will continue to monitor pedestrian behaviour at this location and assess this suite of complementary pedestrian treatments. In the interim, in the interests of road safety, which is the paramount consideration, the 40 km/h school zone will remain.

\*2496 ROADWORKS—JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that roadworks are currently underway in the location of the Currumbene Creek Bridge on the Princes Highway to provide four lanes that will not extend to the Jervis Bay Road intersection, a location with extreme traffic congestion:

When will the Government complete the final one kilometre to extend four lanes to the Jervis Bay Road/Princes Highway intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA has completed the design for construction of four lanes to Jervis Bay Road at South Nowra. The Environmental Assessment is nearing completion, following which a construction program and associated funding will be determined.

\*2497 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET SCHEME—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given that the Minister has indicated to Ms Josephine Dunne of Sanctuary Point that the Pensioner Excursion Ticket Scheme will be rolled out in 2008 to rural and regional areas, when will this occur in the South Coast and Kiama electorates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has now approved the introduction of new contracting, funding and service planning arrangements for rural and regional bus services in NSW.

These arrangements are intended to ensure sustainable services, greater flexibility to respond to local need, improved accountability and community input to service planning.

It is proposed that the implementation process will see contracts progressively rolled out from July 2008, with all contracts expected to have been offered by June 2009.

I am advised that the Pensioner Excursion Ticket (PET) has been available since September 2005 on the route 71 Kiama to Shellharbour Square service which is operated by Premier Illawarra as well as CityRail services for travel north. For travel south of Kiama, the PET is available on CityRail services to Bomaderry.

The Government has also recently announced that, as part of the new contracting arrangements for rural and regional bus services, the \$2.50 PET will be extended, from January 2009, to regular route services in country towns and operating between villages and country towns. This will mean that pensioners and seniors will be able to access these services as many times as they need to in the one day, for the flat rate of \$2.50.

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As an example, return trips between Nowra and Moss Vale, Bega to Bermagui, and Batemans Bay to Moruya - currently costing \$17.00, \$18.70 and \$7.10 respectively at the half fare concession rate - will, from January 2009, be able to be undertaken at a cost of \$2.50. This provides pensioners and seniors in the south coast area with more affordable access to health care and other support services, shopping and leisure opportunities.

The extension of the PET to rural and regional areas recognises the valuable contribution that pensioners and seniors make to community life, and the importance of them remaining active and having good access to services and social support.

\*2498 SECURITY FENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher 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) When will security fences be constructed at:
  - (a) Terrigal High;
  - (b) Erina High?
- (2) When will security fences be constructed at primary schools in the electorate of Terrigal?

Answer—

- (1) I am pleased to advise that work commenced on the installation of a security fence at Terrigal High School during the April 2008 school holidays. Work on a security fence at Erina High School will commence following the construction of a car park at the school by Gosford City Council.
- (2) As part of the NSW Government's Building Better Schools Program, the construction of a security fence at Terrigal Public School also commenced in the April 2008 school holidays.

\*2499 FALSIFICATION OF WAITING TIMES—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What action has the Minister taken in relation to revelations that waiting times in the emergency and accident unit at Gosford Hospital have been falsified?
- (2) Over what period did the falsifications take place?
- (3) Who was involved?
- (4) What disciplinary proceedings have been instituted and against whom?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) In March 2007 the former Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service Chief Executive requested an audit following allegations that triage times had not been reported accurately at Gosford Hospital. The audit was completed in September 2007 and a report was provided to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has examined the information provided by the Area Health Service and noted that the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service appears to have taken appropriate action against those staff members that have acted wrongfully.

\*2500 SPEEDING OFFENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) How many people were fined for speeding offences detected by the fixed camera on Terrigal Drive, Terrigal in:
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007?
- (2) How much money was paid in fines in:
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Treasurer.

\*2501 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Given that the NSW Government provides capital funding for the purchase of premises for public housing, volunteer emergency services and disability accommodation, why is the Department of

Community Services unable to provide capital funding for the purchase of premises as stated in your letter R0701854 dated 17 March 2008?

- (2) Why does the NSW Government allocate a higher priority to capital funding for public housing and other services than for women and children seeking refuge from domestic violence?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The NSW Department of Community Services does not provide capital funding to organisations that provide crisis accommodation and support.

The NSW Department of Community Services does support the provision of accommodation and services to women and children affected by domestic violence. The provision of this support is a priority for the NSW Government. This is reflected by the fact that NSW Department of Community Services has allocated over \$33 million in 2007/08 through the joint Commonwealth/State Supported Accommodation Assistance Program to provide services for women and women with children.

\*2502 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) What percentage of the Kosciuszko National Park is infested with blackberries?  
 (2) How many hectares of the Kosciuszko National Park are infested with blackberries?  
 (3) When was the last survey of noxious weeds in the Kosciuszko National Park undertaken?  
 (4) How much has been spent by park management on the control of noxious weeds in the Kosciuszko National Park, by year, over the past five years?

Answer—

- (1) It is estimated that approximately 99 per cent of Kosciuszko National Park is free from blackberries.  
 (2) Approximately 10,000 hectares of the park is impacted by blackberries, ranging from sparse to dense infestations.  
 (3) Each season, park managers regularly patrol, monitor and control noxious and environmental weeds within the park. Local knowledge, planned surveys and ongoing control activities continually assist in mapping the distribution of noxious and environmental weeds. Targeted surveys are regularly conducted for high priority weeds, including state prohibited (Class 1) and regionally prohibited (Class 2) noxious weeds, and any new occurrences of other environmental weeds.  
 (4) Not including staff salaries and other employee-related costs, the Department of Environment and Climate Change estimates it has spent \$3.7 million on controlling weeds in Kosciuszko National Park over the past 5 years.

\*2506 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) When will the decision be made regarding the use of the now unused lower floor of the old maternity unit at Hornsby Hospital?  
 (2) Will a diabetes centre be established at this site?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) A decision regarding the use of the lower floor of the old maternity unit at Hornsby Hospital will be announced shortly.  
 (2) There is no proposal to establish a diabetes centre using the old maternity building. Diabetes services are currently provided at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital through a diabetes clinical nurse consultant, dietician and podiatry services.

\*2507 FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Are there any fire safety programs available to householders in New South Wales?  
 (2) If so:  
 (a) What are they;  
 (b) How does the community access this information?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. The two Fire Services have long been committed to providing fire safety information to NSW residents and a number of programs are available.

- (2) (a) Specific NSW Fire Brigades programs include:

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- PreED, an education program aimed at three to four year old children.
- FireED, education programs aimed at five to seven and ten to twelve year olds.
- Smoke Alarm Battery Replacement for the Elderly (SABRE), a program to have firefighters visit the elderly to ensure smoke alarms are in working order.
- Community Fire Units, a program to form community groups in the urban/bushland interface to assist the fire services in protecting property.

Specific NSW Rural Fire Service "FireWise" programs include:

- Kids FireWise, an education program delivered in schools by firefighters.
- Farm FireWise, assisting rural property owners to manage bush fire risk.
- Bush FireWise Action Plan, helping residents develop a plan for their own household, eg whether to "stay and defend or leave early" in a bush fire.
- Community FireWise Groups, a longer-term program involving volunteer facilitators working with groups of local residents to understand their bush fire risk and what they can do to protect the neighbourhood. The goal is to empower residents in bush fire prone areas to take ownership of prevention and preparedness strategies for their local area.

(b)

- Through the websites [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) and [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- By ringing the freecall information number 1800 NSW RFS.
- By visiting local fire stations
- By contacting local Community Safety Officers at local Fire Control Centres.

\*2508 STANWELL PARK VIADUCT—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is the speed limit for trains travelling over the viaduct at Stanwell Park?
- (2) How often are safety inspections of the Stanwell Park viaduct undertaken?
- (3) Is there an anticipated replacement date of the Stanwell Park viaduct?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Permanent track speed restrictions for trains travelling over the viaduct at Stanwell Park are in effect.

For passenger trains, the limit is 60 kilometres per hour and for freight trains, 40 kilometres per hour.

RailCorp has a thorough routine maintenance and safety examination schedule for the Stanwell Park viaduct, in accordance with the technical maintenance plan. This includes:

- monthly visual inspections of the structure;
- annual visual examinations of the structure;
- monthly assessments of monitoring equipment results;
- annual geo-technical examination of the structure and locality, and
- ongoing minor maintenance activities, to address any defects found from examinations.

This schedule has provided valuable information for the ongoing safety of the structure.

There are no plans to replace the viaduct at this time. Ongoing works, identified through the maintenance and safety examination schedule, help maintain the integrity of the structure.

\*2509 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Will Millennium trains be able to service the Cronulla railway line after the duplication of the Cronulla Railway line is completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Millennium trains currently operate on the 'Sector 2' part of the CityRail network comprising the Inner West, Bankstown, South, Airport and East Hills lines.

These trains will continue to operate on 'Sector 2' following the completion of the Cronulla Line Duplication project.

RailCorp is also purchasing 122 Outer Suburban Carriages (OSCARS) to provide additional trains for growth. The new OSCARS will make available outer suburban Tangaras to increase capacity on suburban lines.

Sixty OSCAR carriages have been delivered to date. They currently provide 278 services each week on the Illawarra and South Coast lines, together with services on other lines.

Further improvements will be provided to the Illawarra and South Coast lines as more OSCARS are delivered.

\*2511 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) How many commuter parking spaces are available at the following railway stations:

- (a) Cronulla;
- (b) Woolooware;
- (c) Caringbah;
- (d) Miranda;
- (e) Gymea;
- (f) Kirrawee;
- (g) Sutherland?

(2) What plans are there to increase commuter parking spaces at these railway stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Government is very supportive of commuters leaving their cars at railway stations and travelling by train to their destination. Significant funding has been spent in establishing new and extending existing commuter car parks across the rail network.

There are currently 146 commuter car parking spaces at Cronulla, 17 at Woolooware, 53 at Miranda, 124 at Kirrawee and 540 at Sutherland.

The cost involved in constructing new or extending existing car parking facilities can be substantial, and with many other projects across the rail network also needing funding, priorities must be directed to those areas where the need is greatest.

When funding priorities are next being considered, commuter car parking at Caringbah and Gymea stations will be taken into consideration, along with the requests of other commuters.

\*2512 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What are the anticipated closure dates of the Sutherland to Cronulla railway line for the remainder of 2008 as part of the duplication of the Cronulla railway line?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding planned trackwork and service changes is available on the CityRail website, [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info)

\*2513 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) How many car parking stations have been built for the North West Bus Transitway?

(2) What is the capacity of any such parking stations?

(3) Does the Government intend to build any parking facilities for commuters using the North West Bus Transitway?

Answer—

I am advised:

The North West T-way provides 17 kilometres of bus only roads and lanes between Parramatta and Rouse Hill. There are 20 T-way stations, two commuter park and ride stations, a pedestrian path and a cycleway.

Bus services started on the North West T-way on 10 March, 2007 and the customer feedback has been positive.

The two commuter car parks are located at Burns and Riley T-way stations. Each commuter car park

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accommodates approximately 200 spaces.

There are currently no plans to provide additional parking facilities on the North West T-way. While commuter car parking capacity is generally well suited to current demand, this will be monitored.

Any plans for additional commuter parking will be considered in the context of local bus feeder services, traffic congestion and local amenity.

\*2514 OLD NORTHERN ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will the construction work relating to the bus lane on Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills, near Windsor Road be completed?

Answer—

I am advised works are expected to be completed in early 2009, weather permitting.

\*2515 ADDITIONAL DRIVING LIGHTS—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What is the law relating to motor vehicles fitted with additional driving lights at the front of such vehicles?

Answer—

The general construction and performance requirements for motor vehicle lighting systems are prescribed under Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

\*2519 BASS AND FLINDERS—LEASE AGREEMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to information provided in relation to the award of a lease to Bass and Flinders Cruises charter company (ref. Written Question 2347):

- (1) What lease documents have been registered for the Bass and Flinders operation at Blackwattle Bay since the company was awarded tenancy in 2003?
- (2) Does the company currently have a written lease agreement?
- (3) What monthly rent did the company pay when it was awarded tenancy in 2003?
- (4) What monthly rent does Bass and Flinders currently pay?
- (5) What lease reviews have taken place since the temporary six-month lease was granted to Bass and Flinders in 2003?

Answer—

(1) and (2) There is a written licence agreement in place for the occupation of the licensed area. This licence does not require registration.

(3) and (4) This information is commercial in confidence.

(5) Licence reviews are conducted as required.

\*2520 COAL BUNKER WHARF—EOI PROCESS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to information provided in relation to the termination of an EOI process for a lease at Blackwattle Bay (ref. Written Question 2347):

- (1) In what month and year did the partial collapse of the coal bunker wharf occur?
- (2) When did the demolition of the coal bunker wharf begin?
- (3) When was the demolition of the coal bunker wharf completed?
- (4) When did the 2006 EOI process begin?
- (5) When was this 2006 EOI terminated?

Answer—

(1) February 2007.

(2) The Department of Commerce site induction took place in July 2007. This marked the commencement of demolition works.

(3) Structural demolition works were completed in December 2007 with minor works completed in March 2008.

(4) November 2006.

(5) July 2007.

\*2521 BELL FAMILY JETTY AT FRANCE BAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) What representations were made by the Member for Drummoyne to the Minister, his staff or executives of NSW Maritime on behalf of the Bell family to keep the derelict jetty at France Bay?
- (2) On what grounds did the Minister reverse the previous decision by Chris Oxenbould (the former Chief Executive of NSW Maritime) to demolish the unsafe structure?
- (3) Is public safety potentially being put at risk by allowing the structure to stand?
- (4) Why does the Bell family still have private use of the jetty when its tenure ceased with the death of Mr Bell senior?
- (5) Why was special Ministerial treatment afforded to the Bell family outside normal NSW Maritime tenure and safety guidelines?
- (6) Why is the structure allowed to remain when it fails to meet published Government policy, including statutory planning provisions?
- (7) In the interests of public safety and the pursuit of Government policy, when will you have the structure demolished?

Answer—

- (1) Representations were made in the normal manner by the Member for Drummoyne.
- (2) The Minister did not reverse any decision.
- (3) The jetty is a privately owned facility.
- (4) Legal advice indicates existing use rights apply under planning legislation.
- (5) No special ministerial treatment was afforded to the Bell family.
- (6) Legal advice indicates existing use rights apply under planning legislation.
- (7) Planning consent has been granted to the owners of 13 Collingwood Avenue, Cabarita to rebuild the facility.

\*2522 ROZELLE BAY SUPERYACHT MARINA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With respect to advice given (Written Question 2348) that the matter of the Rozelle Bay Superyacht Marina operation is being considered by NSW Maritime:

- (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.

\*2523 WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

What is the Government's response to demands from the Maritime Union of Australia that workplace drug testing of heavy machinery drivers be severely watered down?

Answer—

The Iemma Government supports safety in the workplace. Workplace practices are matters between employers, unions and employees.

\*2524 DATA ON RECIDIVISM LEVELS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Can the Attorney General provide data on the recidivism level of convicted child homicide and assault offenders?

Answer—

I am advised:

Comprehensive information relating to prior proven criminal offences in the Children's Court, Local Court and higher courts is published in the NSW Criminal Courts Statistics. This is available on the website of the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.



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\*2526 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In view of increasing commuter numbers utilising Cityrail services at Morisset Station, what infrastructure projects are planned or commencing to meet current demands?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ministry of Transport is progressing with delivery of an upgrade to the interchange and commuter car parking facilities at Morisset station. The proposed works include:

- a new bus interchange on the north side of the station, which will improve bus access and traffic circulation;
- new and upgraded commuter car parking areas on both sides of the station including approximately 80-100 additional spaces on the north side of the station;
- upgraded "kiss and ride" areas;
- improved pedestrian access in the areas around the station; and
- safety and security improvements including upgraded lighting and CCTV coverage.

Detailed planning and design work is currently being undertaken.

In addition, RailCorp is upgrading the car park facilities on the eastern side of Morisset Station by providing 40 car spaces for commuters.

\*2528 BLACK SPOT FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the Kennedy Drive pedestrian crossing is regarded as a well known black spot in the Tweed and has been the scene of numerous road accidents including the death of an elderly man:

- (1) Is there any planned black spot funding for the Tweed electorate?
- (2) If so, what is the amount of funding to be given to the Tweed electorate to fix black spots?
- (3) Is the Kennedy Drive pedestrian crossing on any black spot funding list?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the last three (3) years, including this year, the Tweed electorate has received \$668,000 from State funding, and \$730,000 from Federal funding for identified black spot locations.

This location has been nominated by Tweed Council for consideration under the 2008/09 Auslink Blackspot Program.

In addition, the NSW State Government is providing \$300,000 funding this financial year to install traffic signals, which will improve pedestrian and vehicle safety at this location.

\*2529 WOMMIN ROAD AND PHILLIP STREET INTERSECTION—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that it has been announced that the Federal and NSW Governments will jointly fund the installation of a one-lane roundabout at the Wommin Road and Phillip Street intersection:

- (1) What is the amount of funding to be contributed to this project by the NSW Government?
- (2) What is the planned date for which this upgrade is expected to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is contributing \$145,000 towards the construction of the roundabout at the Wommin Road and Phillip Street intersection. The Federal Government is also contributing \$80,000 under the Auslink Black Spot Program.

Tweed Council is carrying out drainage works and will undertake the construction, which is currently scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2008, weather permitting.

\*2530 HELICOPTER FLIGHTS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) How many flights were taken aboard helicopters by departmental or ministerial staff for the years 2003 to 31 March 2008 inclusive?

(2) What was the cost of these flights, by flight?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

Air travel is undertaken for official government business only. Travel by public officials, including Members of Parliament, is booked in accordance with the air transport contract arrangements administered by the Department of Commerce.

When scheduled air services or alternative means of transport are not available or are unsuitable for Ministers' transport needs, light aircraft or helicopter services may be chartered to assist Ministers meet official commitments.

These arrangements are designed to provide the best value to the taxpayer.

\*2531 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) How many commuter parking spaces are available at the following railway stations:

- (a) St Leonards;
- (b) Wollstonecraft;
- (c) Artarmon?

(2) What plans are there to increase commuter parking spaces at these railway stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Government is very supportive of commuters leaving their cars at railway stations and travelling by train to their destination. Significant funding has been spent in establishing new and extending existing commuter car parks across the rail network.

Wollstonecraft station has 36 dedicated commuter car parking spaces.

The cost involved in constructing new or extending existing car parking facilities can be substantial, and with many other projects across the rail network also needing funding, priorities must be directed to those areas where the need is greatest.

When funding priorities are next being considered, commuter car parking at St Leonards and Artarmon stations will be taken into consideration, along with the requests of other commuters.

\*2532 LICENSING PROPOSALS FOR OLDER DRIVERS - SUBMISSIONS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will the Roads and Traffic Authority respond to the public submissions received in relation to its Discussion Paper on Licensing Proposals for Older Drivers?

Answer—

On 3 April 2008 the Government announced reforms to older driver licensing which will balance the safety of road users and the general community with the continuing independence and mobility of over-85 drivers.

The key reforms include:

- Annual medical check-up from the age of 75 to pick up issues like deteriorating eyesight and dementia earlier
- Redesigning the over-85 driving test and making it more practical, with testing every two years
- Introduction of a voluntary driver assessment scheme through accredited driver training organisations like the NRMA and the Australian Driver Trainers Association
- Maintaining modified licence options for over-85 drivers
- The establishment of an Older Drivers Implementation Panel to introduce reforms.

I am advised that full details of the reforms have been mailed out to all licence holders aged 75 or over, to all stakeholders who made a submission, to Members of Parliament, and to community groups, and are also available on the RTA's web-site at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

\*2533 MAINTENANCE WORK—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) What public schools in the Pittwater electorate currently have outstanding maintenance work

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requests with the Department of Education?

- (2) What is the nature of the outstanding work?
- (3) When is the work scheduled for completion?

Answer—

Maintenance in schools in the Pittwater electorate, as in all NSW government schools is an ongoing activity, constantly delivered throughout the year through a comprehensive suite of initiatives designed to best meet a range of circumstances:

- Preventative Maintenance is regular work performed by a contractor to keep specific building elements and equipment in good repair.
- Programmed Maintenance is work based on items that are picked up in the bi-annual condition assessments of each school. Annual maintenance plans are developed by schools in conjunction with their local Asset Management Unit.
- Essential Urgent Repairs are maintenance works undertaken immediately by the contractor if required by the school, with the school contributing up to its specific contribution limit.
- The Extra Maintenance Program is a four year statewide program aimed at injecting additional funding into priority areas.

The Department of Education and Training continues to work with school Principals and school communities to identify priority projects to deliver safe, well-maintained learning environments for the students of NSW.

\*2535 STUDENT TRANSPORT—Mr Andrew Stoner 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 student transport between the Central Coast and Newcastle:

- (1) How many students in Newcastle schools reside on the Central Coast?
- (2) How many students travel between the Central Coast and Newcastle on a daily basis?
- (3) How many bus student-specific services run between the Central Coast and Newcastle on a daily basis?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) The Ministry of Transport does not have any record of the numbers of students that reside on the Central Coast and attend schools in Newcastle.

However, Ministry of Transport records do show that 260 students from the Central Coast are registered for bus travel to schools in Newcastle, including Lake Macquarie.

There are four dedicated school services scheduled each day.

\*2536 MARTIN BRIDGE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Why has upgrade work needed desperately on the Martin Bridge not been placed on any upgrades of the traffic authority's maintenance schedule?
- (2) When will the painting of the bridge be put on the schedule?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that paint, which could well contain lead concentrates, is peeling from the Bridge and falling into the Manning River?
- (4) If not, will the Minister acquaint himself with this?
- (5) If so, why will the Minister not take remedial action forthwith to ensure that this action is stopped by the cleaning and painting of the bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Martin Bridge is structurally sound. Maintenance work on the bridge is regularly carried out. Repair of the Bridge joints has been completed, and resurfacing of the bridge deck is scheduled for mid 2008. Routine patch painting of the bridge is included in the 2008/2009 maintenance program and further works are scheduled in 2008/2009.

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is aware that there is paint peeling from the bridge in places and the RTA has investigated the peeling paint, in consultation with the Department of Environment and

Climate Change (DECC). The DECC has confirmed that the current level of paint flaking off the bridge would not cause significant environmental impact on the Manning River.

\*2539 MIDDLE DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams 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) Why has Middle Dural Public School been advised that an assessment has been made to remove the demountable building within their school?
- (2) Why has Middle Dural Public School been advised that the demountable building within their school is to be removed at any time?
- (3) Why has the Demountable Review Committee not heard the appeal of the Middle Dural Public School, made according to the guidelines as set out on the Department of Education and Training's website, against the removal of the demountable building within their school?
- (4) Will the New South Wales State Government allow procedural fairness and extend to Middle Dural Public School the opportunity to have an appeal heard by the Demountable Review Committee?

Answer—

Demountable buildings are an integral part of the Department of Education and Training's accommodation strategy. The Department uses demountable buildings to help manage constantly changing patterns of enrolment and for emergency accommodation. The movement of demountables is undertaken on the basis of need and is done in a fair and considerate way.

The Department of Education and Training undertakes an annual review of demountable accommodation based on projected enrolment and staffing figures for the coming school year. The review identifies schools that require additional demountable accommodation, as well as those schools that will be in a position to release demountable accommodation.

Based on current and projected enrolments one demountable classroom is due for release from Middle Dural Public School.

A submission by Middle Dural Public School to retain the demountable building has been forwarded to the Demountable Review Committee. The submission will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

\*2541 BOUNDARY ROAD AND OLD PITT TOWN ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the intersection of Boundary Road and Old Pitt Town Road in Oakville has had 24 serious accidents over the last six years including a fatality in the past three weeks:

Will the Government support Baulkham Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council in providing the necessary funding to implement a roundabout at this intersection to improve the safety for motorists?

Answer—

I am advised:

Road safety is the highest priority of the RTA, and the RTA works with local councils to address safety issues on local and regional roads.

Boundary Road is a Regional Road and Old Pitt Town Road is a Local Road under the responsibility of both Baulkham Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council. This intersection is located at the boundary of these Councils.

Should Councils wish to seek funding from the RTA to improve the intersection, submissions should be made according to the Memorandum of Understanding between the RTA and Councils.

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2542 BREAK, ENTER AND STEAL OFFENCES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2544 TYNAN ROAD CROSSING—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2545 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE STATION AT MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2547 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL—DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Craig Baumann 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—
- 2548 PATIENTS FROM TOMAREE PENINSULA—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2552 ENDANGERED WILDLIFE—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)—
- 2554 TRADING HOURS FOR RETAIL OUTLETS IN GOULBURN—Ms Pru Goward 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—
- \*2555 WATER PIPELINE TENDER—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Why have there not been any invitations for expressions of interest for the Wingecarribee to Goulburn water pipelines?
  - (2) If the tender specifications are available, will they be provided for community interest?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) Goulburn Mulwaree Council is responsible for the provision of water and sewerage services to Goulburn, and is managing the Wingecarribee to Goulburn pipeline project, with technical and financial assistance being provided by the NSW Government.
- 2556 BLUESCOPE STEEL GREENHOUSE GAS CREDITS—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)—
- 2557 CORRECTIVE SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2558 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- \*2559 UNLAWFUL DIVERSION OF WATER—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) How many people were detected in 2006 and 2007 unlawfully diverting water from Sydney Water?
  - (2) How many were prosecuted?
- Answer—
- (1) In 2006 there were 31 cases of water theft detected, while in 2007 there were 47.
  - (2) Sydney Water issues infringement notices to offenders, rather than initiating prosecutions. The penalty notice for a water theft offence is \$2,200.
- 2561 STUDENT TRANSPORT—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2562 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2563 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE—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—
- 2564 AGE OF BUSES—BROOKVALE DEPOT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2565 STUDENT TRANSPORT—FOREST HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2566 READING RECOVERY PROGRAMS—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—
- 2567 MAINTENANCE WORK AND CAPITAL WORKS—WAKEHURST SCHOOLS—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—
- 2569 MAINTENANCE OF AMBULANCE STATIONS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2570 STUART NEAL AND SHARON GUEST—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2573 NUTRITION OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2574 ROAD CONVERTED TO MALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2575 HAEMODIALYSIS UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2576 POLICE RECRUITS—WARATAH COMMAND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2578 MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2579 TAFE SITE AT BELROSE—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—
- 2580 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2581 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK EXPENDITURE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2582 GRAFFITI TASKFORCE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- \*2583 WATER FIX PROGRAM—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What is the total amount spent on the Water Fix program to date?
  - (2) How many registrations have been lodged for the Water Fix program?
- Answer—
- (1) Sydney Water advises that from commencement of the program in 2000 to the end of March 2008, it has spent around \$63.8 million on WaterFix. This has resulted in approximately 9,600 million litres of drinking water being saved each year in the greater Sydney area.
  - (2) As at the end of March 2008, 459,418 households have been WaterFixed. This is more than one in every four households in Sydney, Illawarra and the Blue Mountains.
- 2584 NORTH SHORE LINE TRACKWORK—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- \*2586 WATER RESTRICTION FINES—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) What is the total number of fines issued by water restriction inspectors to date, listed by the number of fines issued by type of breach?

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- (2) How many of the fines issued have been paid to date, listed by type of breach?  
(3) What is the total amount outstanding?

Answer—

- (1) As at 9 April 2008, the total number of fines issued by Sydney Water for breach of water restrictions was 6,547. These fines were issued under one of two types of breach code. The number of fines issued under the breach code relating to 'individuals' was 6,326, while the number of fines issued under the breach code relating to 'corporations' was 221.

It should be noted that the breach code relating to 'individuals' includes businesses that are not registered as a corporation. 'Individuals' may be issued with a \$220 fine, while 'corporations' may be issued with a \$550 fine.

- (2) and (3) The State Debt Recovery Office manages the processing of these types of fine payments. Therefore, this question should be directed to the Treasurer.

2587 GRAFFITI CLEANING COSTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2588 REQUEST FOR POLICE PRESENCE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2589 TUTOR DEEMED UNSUITABLE—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—

\*2590 SEWERAGE TREATMENT AT BURRINGBAR-MOOBALL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Given that it was announced that the Government and Tweed Shire Council would equally fund the construction of sewerage facilities at Burringbar-Mooball and that Tweed Shire Council has requested that the Government increase its proportion of funding to 75%:

- (1) Has the development of sewerage facilities at Burringbar-Mooball been approved?  
(a) If yes, on what date was it approved?  
(b) If not, when is it anticipated that development will be approved?  
(2) How much is this project expected to cost and how much funding will be provided by the Government?  
(3) What are the planned dates of commencement and completion of this project?

Answer—

- (1) Tweed Shire Council is responsible for the provision of water and sewerage services in Burringbar and Mooball. Council is conducting the community consultation process for the Burringbar-Mooball sewerage project, including the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) Report. The REF was placed on public display and submissions were invited from the public. Submissions closed on 9th April 2008. Council is currently considering the submissions received and will prepare a determination report. Council is expected to consider, and if appropriate, approve the determination report by late 2008.
- (2) Council's current estimate for this project is \$7.1 million. The Government will fund 50% of the backlog component of the project, under its Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program. Backlog is defined as works necessary to meet 1996 demands and standards in accordance with Program guidelines. Council is required to fully fund the component that caters for growth.
- (3) Commencement of the project is a matter for Council. Once it has obtained all necessary statutory approvals and the REF is determined, Council can apply for funding to commence construction of the project. The normal construction timeframe for a project of this type is about 12-18 months.

2592 FTE NURSES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

\*2593 SYDNEY WATER—VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) Given that Sydney Water is currently seeking a Manager for Environmental Governance within its Environmental Management and Planning Group:  
(a) Who was the previous occupant of this position?  
(b) On what date did he or she leave?  
(c) Why did he or she leave?

- (d) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
- (2) Given that Sydney Water is currently seeking an Environmental Program Manager within its Environmental Management and Planning Group:
- Who was the previous occupant of this position?
  - On what date did he or she leave?
  - Why did he or she leave?
  - Who has been filling this role in the meantime?

Answer—

Sydney Water has advised that the positions have been filled in accordance with the organisation's recruitment policy.

\*2596 SINGLETON FIRE STATION—Mr George Souris asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- Does the Minister consider the Singleton Fire Station building in one-way Pitt Street, adjacent to the shopping main street, to be adequate?
- When will you consider the need to construct a two-four bay modern fire station on the New England Highway with appropriate facilities including separate male/female change rooms and staff amenities?

Answer—

- NSW Fire Brigades officers continually review the condition of fire stations to ensure that local brigades are appropriately located and resourced.
- The Singleton Brigade has not been identified as a station which is unable to meet its core responsibilities as a consequence of its current location and facilities.

\*2598 SCHOOLS FUNDED FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How many schools in the Pittwater electorate have been provided with funding by the Government to install water saving devices?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

\*2599 SCHOOL FUNDING FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How much funding has been provided to schools in the Pittwater electorate to install water saving devices?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

2600 MEDICARE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—

2604 WORKERS COMPENSATION SPECIALISED INSURANCE SCHEME LICENCES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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2605 TOW TRUCK AUTHORITY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2606 RETAIL COMPETITION IN RURAL NSW—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—



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- 2607 BUS SERVICES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2608 CLEANER GOVERNMENT FLEET—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2609 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2610 SPEECH THERAPIST AT COWRA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2611 SALE OF ILLABO SCHOOL RESIDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2612 HAEMODIALYSIS BED NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2613 HAEMODIALYSIS WAITING LISTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2614 PUBLIC LIGHTING—Mrs Judy Hopwood 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—
- 2615 SOLAR IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM—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)—
- 2616 TOLKIEN II REPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2617 NOISY VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore 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)—
- 2618 FREE RANGE PIGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2619 COST ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2620 REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO THE 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—
- 2621 BELROSE SPACE CORRIDOR—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2622 TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL'S EXPOSURE TO THE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE MARKET—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—
- 2623 SUBSIDISED SCHOOL GROUP TRAVEL—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—
- 2624 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2625 PLANNING STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- 2626 VACANT POSITIONS—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)—
- 2627 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—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)—
- 2629 NARRABEEN AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2630 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2631 DRAFT RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND RELEASE STRATEGY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- 2632 TRAVELLING TIMES TO THE SYDNEY CBD—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2633 PROPOSED TOMAGO INDUSTRIAL SITE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2634 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS AT SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann 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—
- \*2635 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2007 FLOOD AND STORM MEDALLIONS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Regarding the presentation of June 2007 Flood and Storm Medallions:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of an email signed by Mr Greg Perry, Hunter Region Controller, NSW State Emergency Service that states, "Presentations will be subject to the availability of your local MP, and their work schedule in relation to attending Parliament In areas where there is no Labor Government local MP, the same process will be adopted as was carried out in relation to the presentation of the SES Long Service Award. That is, either the Director General or the Deputy Director General will present the medallion"?
- (2) Did the Minister direct the Hunter Region Controller to issue this memorandum?
- (3) Is it the policy of the Minister's Department to exclude Members of Parliament who are not members of the Government from non-political events such as awards ceremonies?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) I refer you to my answer to Written Question 2026.

- 2636 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2637 YAMBA POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2638 CORAKI POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2639 CORAKI POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2640 CASINO POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 2641 CASINO POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2642 FLUORIDATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2643 EXERCISE CATALYST 2008—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—
- 2644 SMART METERS—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—
- 2645 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2646 THREATENED SPECIES PROTECTION—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)—
- 2647 LAKE BURRAGORANG WATER SUPPLY—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)—
- 2648 VEGETATION MONITORING—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)—
- 2649 PUBLIC HOUSING—WINDMILL STREET, MILLERS POINT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2650 STATE TRANSIT "RUNAWAYS"—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2651 PRIMO INVESTIGATION—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—
- 2652 STATE WARDS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2653 BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2654 AIR AMBULANCE COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2655 INQUIRY FOR OUT OF HOME CARE OF CHILDREN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2656 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2657 DAME EDITH FACILITY—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2658 LOCK DOWN POLICY—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—
- \*2660 WATER SAVING DEVICES—CRONULLA SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

How many schools in the Cronulla electorate have been provided with funding by the Government to install water saving devices?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

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- 2661 EXPRESS TRAINS—CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2662 PROBATION OFFICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2664 GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) CANOLA—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2666 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2667 POPULATION GROWTH FOR SYDNEY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2668 CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—EMERGENCY PLANS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2669 IPART RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2670 PLATFORM AWNINGS—MORISSET—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2671 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2672 PENALTIES FOR CHILD HOMICIDE AND INJURY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2673 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2674 DRIVERS OVER 85—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2675 SUPPLY OF IMIZOL CATTLE TICK FEVER VACCINATION—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—
- 2676 HOSPITAL FOOD SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2677 RAIL TUNNEL ARDGLLEN—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2678 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE—PITTWATER SCHOOLS—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—
- 2679 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2681 TEACHERS WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS—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—
- 2682 HOSPITAL TV RECEPTION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2683 SAVE THE BRUMBIES INC—Mr Andrew Stoner 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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- 2685 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2686 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2687 MULLER PARK RESERVE—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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- 2688 SCHOOL UNIFORMS—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—
- 2689 REVESBY COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2690 REVESBY TURNBACK FACILITY—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2691 RTA'S BICYCLE MASTERPLAN 2010—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2692 BEAR COTTAGE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2693 MANLY JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2694 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION—MANLY—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—
- 2695 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2696 141 BUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2697 BALGOWLAH PIONEER CLUBHOUSE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2698 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2699 NSW MARITIME RENTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2700 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE OPENING—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2701 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE DELAY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2702 EPPING ROAD BUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2703 272 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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- 2704 272 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2705 273 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2706 273 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2707 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2709 GAS PEAKING CAPACITY—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—
- 2710 FARMER EXIT ASSISTANCE—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)—
- 2711 RAINWATER TANK SUBSIDIES—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)—
- 2713 MARULAN TOWNSHIP—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2714 MEDWAY DEVELOPMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2715 COMPENSATION TO MARULAN LANDOWNERS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2716 FUTURE OF MINING IN THE MARULAN REGION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2717 ZONING BY GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2718 ZONING OF PENROSE MINING OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2719 ZONING FOR EXTRACTIVE OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2720 CLASSIFICATION OF EXTRACTIVE AND MINING OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2721 SYDNEY CANBERRA CORRIDOR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2722 COURT COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2723 HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2724 COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2725 CONFUSED AND DISTURBED ELDERLY—LONG JETTY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2726 TUBERCULOSIS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2727 HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS—UPPER NORTH SHORE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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- 2728 TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS—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—
- 2729 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2730 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2731 SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE RAIL LINE UPGRADE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2732 PARRAMATTA TO EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2733 APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BUSES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2735 ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—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—
- 2736 PRISONER REHABILITATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2737 DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
- \*2738 SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT—CONSTRUCTION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Regarding the Sydney desalination plant:
- (1) What is the deadline for completion under the contract for construction?
  - (2) What incentives, if any, are there under the contract for early completion?
  - (3) Has the rain in recent months or any other matter caused construction to fall behind schedule?
- Answer—
- (1) and (2) Precise details of the contracts between Sydney Water and the contractors building the desalination plant are available on the Sydney Water website.
  - (3) The project is on target for completion in the summer of 2009-10.
- \*2739 SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT—OPERATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Regarding the Sydney desalination plant:
- (1) What is the minimum ongoing capacity that the plant will need to operate at after construction?
  - (2) What is the estimated minimum annual cost for operating the plant at this minimum capacity?
  - (3) What is the estimated maximum annual cost for operating the plant at maximum capacity?
- Answer—
- (1) to (3) I am advised that there is no minimum level at which the plant needs to operate. For the first two years, the plant will generally operate at full capacity to enable performance testing. Thereafter the amount of water produced will depend on dam levels. The current estimate is that operating costs at full capacity will be about \$55 million per year (2008/09 dollars).
- \*2740 SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT—EXCESS WATER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- Regarding the Sydney desalination plant:
- (1) Could salt water processed at minimum plant capacity be returned from the plant to the sea if water storage was full?
  - (2) If so, how would this occur?
  - (3) If such excess water was not returned to the sea, where would it be sent?
- Answer—

- (1) It is expected that the desalination plant will not operate when storages are at very high levels.
- (2) and (3) Not applicable.

\*2741 DECISION-MAKING AT PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS COUNCIL—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) In regards to the Better Performance Review, the section 430 inquiry, the section 740 inquiry, and now the Griffin Report into decision-making at Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, can the Minister confirm or deny whether any matters from any of these reports, or related matters, have been referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Ombudsman, or any other State or Federal public sector administrative body?
- (2) If yes, which bodies and how many matters have been referred?
- (3) If yes, can the Minister provide any details on the matters referred?
- (4) If yes, what process can the community of Port Macquarie-Hastings expect to be followed by these agencies?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) Yes
  - (2) At the request of the Commissioner of the Public Inquiry into Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, two matters that arose in written submissions to the Public Inquiry were referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.
  - (3) Both matters relate to allegations of corruption.
  - (4) This is a matter for the Independent Commission Against Corruption to consider.
- 2742 GLASSHOUSE PROJECT FUNDING—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2743 SPORTING BODIES LOANS—Mr Robert Oakeshott 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—
- 2745 PATIENT TRANSFER BUDGET—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2746 RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2747 PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL PATIENT TREATMENT COSTS—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2748 KOOMPAHTOO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2749 REGISTRATION OF MODIFIED VEHICLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2750 CROSS BORDER CO-OPERATION MEETINGS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2751 CATTLE TICK FEVER—TWEED—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—
- 2752 TICK FEVER INQUIRY—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—
- 2753 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS—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)—
- 2754 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—



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- 2755 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES—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)—
- 2756 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—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)—
- 2757 SYDNEY CATCHMENT SPECIAL AREAS—NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—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)—
- 2758 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—BORROWINGS—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)—
- 2759 DELAYS IN OBTAINING DEATH CERTIFICATES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2760 BURDEKIN PARK SINGLETON—Mr George Souris 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)—
- 2761 AIR COOLING PROGRAM—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—
- 2762 PATIENTS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2763 CURRAWONG DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2764 SCHOOL BUS INTERCHANGE—SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD—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—
- 2765 ROAD BRIDGES OVER THE NORTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2766 TUNCURRY AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2767 WENTWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - PETITION—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2768 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KELLYVILLE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2769 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LAWN BOWLS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2770 ROOF REPAIRS—WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2771 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2772 PATHOLOGY SERVICES—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—

- 2773 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2774 SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2775 LIFETIME SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE CLAIMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and 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—
- 2776 JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2777 JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2778 JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2779 JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2780 JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2781 JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2782 JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2783 JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2784 NON-INVESTIGATION BY POLICE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2785 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—EUROBODALLA SHIRE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2786 CARBON GEOSEQUESTRATION IN NSW WATERS—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—
- \*2787 OCEAN OUTFALLS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

In relation to ocean outfalls at Vaucluse, Diamond Bay and Diamond Bay South:

- (1) What is the status of "Stage One" improvements "known as SewerFix" at Vaucluse, Diamond Bay and Diamond Bay South ocean outfalls ([www.sydneywater.com.au/MajorProjects/Vaucluse/](http://www.sydneywater.com.au/MajorProjects/Vaucluse/))?
- (2) Is "Stage One" due "to be completed by 2010"?
- (3) Which of the strategies canvassed for "Stage Two" will Sydney Water initiate?
- (4) How much "untreated sewage" is currently being discharged daily at:
  - (a) Vaucluse;
  - (b) Diamond Bay;
  - (c) Diamond Bay South?

Answer—

- (1) This project is in the detailed planning stage.
- (2) Stage One is currently on schedule to be completed by 2010.
- (3) This has not been determined.
- (4) The flows currently being discharged from the outfalls are:
  - (a) Vaucluse Outfall, average daily flow of 2.5 megalitres/day.
  - (b) Diamond Bay Outfall No 1, average daily flow of 0.5 megalitres/day.

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- (c) Diamond Bay Outfall No 2 (South), average daily flow of 0.4 megalitres/day.
- 2788 DERELICT BUILDING—NORTH BONDI—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2789 COFFS HARBOUR HEALTH CAMPUS—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2790 FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS AND PREVENTION—Mr Andrew Fraser 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—
- 2791 TICK OUTBREAK AND PREVENTION—Mr Andrew Fraser 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—
- 2792 DETAILS OF GRANT TO COROWA FEEDLOT—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)—
- 2793 COMPOSTING AND USE OF AQUATIC WEED—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)—
- 2794 REFURBISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S WARD AT BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2795 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG WOMEN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2796 HAIRDRESSING COURSES IN TAFE REGIONAL COLLEGES—Ms Pru Goward 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—
- 2797 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher 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—
- 2799 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2800 ZONING OF RURAL AREA IN GOULBURN-MULWAREE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2801 MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME BY PROXY CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2802 DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2803 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2804 SOUND BARRIERS—F3—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2806 RENAL PHYSICIAN – HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2807 "CLOSE THE GAP"—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2808 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2809 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 2810 WORDING ON IPTAAS APPLICATION FORM—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2811 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2812 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2813 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2814 PATRONAGE—NORTH WEST BUS TRANSITWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2815 CONSTRUCTION OF WEST FACING RAMP—M2 MOTORWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2816 ADDITIONAL DISABILITY FACILITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2817 PERMISSION TO LODGE—REQUIREMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2818 ASSISTANCE TO MEN'S SHEDS PROJECTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2819 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2820 NSW-QUEENSLAND CROSS BORDER TASK FORCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2821 CATTLE TICK FEVER—TWEED—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—
- 2822 NOT FOR PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2823 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—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)—
- 2824 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2825 POLICE OFFICER ACTIONS FOR COMPENSATION—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2826 GUIDELINES FOR CLAIMS BY POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2827 RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2828 APPLICATIONS FOR BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2829 PROTECTION OF LOW-LYING COASTAL REGIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2831 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2832 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2833 EQUIPMENT FOR KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2834 MAINTENANCE WORK—TINONEE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr John Turner 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—
- 2835 REPAINTING OF 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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- 2836 READYMIX REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE – ROOTY HILL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2837 YARRAWONGA-MULWALA BRIDGE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2838 MUDGEES CSC—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2839 YOUNG HOSPITAL MAMMOGRAM X-RAYS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2840 HARNESS RACING IN THE RIVERINA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2841 SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2842 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2843 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mrs Judy Hopwood 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—
- 2844 ST IVES SHOWGROUND—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2845 ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE F3 AND M2—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2846 COST PLUS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2847 ILLEGAL CATTLE MOVEMENTS ON THE NSW NORTH COAST—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—
- 2848 CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AGREEMENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2849 RESURFACING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- 2850 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING HELICOPTER—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)—
- 2851 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—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)—
- 2852 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—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)—
- 2853 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2854 INCIDENTS OF CONTRABAND IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2855 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT ON STAFF IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2856 DAWN SERVICE AT GALLIPOLI—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2857 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2858 BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—E88 SERVICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2859 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2860 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE NEAR WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2861 EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY—APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL—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—
- 2862 REPRESENTATIONS—MR ROHIT PATHIK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2863 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT—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)—
- 2864 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—HELICOPTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2865 NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2866 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 2867 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2868 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2869 YAMBA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2870 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2871 DADHC FUNDED RESPITE CARE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2872 EOI TENDERS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2873 LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARKS—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)—
- 2874 NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2875 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2876 TREATMENT IN ACT HOSPITALS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2877 MOTORCYCLE GREEN SLIPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2878 MATERNITY PROCEDURES—GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL AND BOWRAL HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2879 FERRY/ZOO PASS FOR SENIORS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2880 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2881 CENTRAL COAST ROADWORKS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2882 RADIOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2883 TERRIGAL BEACHFRONT/CBD CRIME—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2884 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE ENTRANCE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2885 DAUGHTER OF JULIE BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2886 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2887 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2888 WATER QUALITY MONITORING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2889 KURING-GAI AND EASTWOOD LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2890 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2891 EARLY STARTERS PROGRAM—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—
- 2892 CRONULLA STATION PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2893 HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- 2894 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2895 MAN: A COURSE OF STUDY (MACOS)—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—
- 2896 DISCOVERY CENTRE—CAPTAIN COOK'S LANDING PLACE—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)—
- 2897 CAPTAIN COOK AND SIR JOSEPH BANKS COLLECTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2898 RTA EXAMINERS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2899 COUNSELLORS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2900 COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Mr Daryl Maguire 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—
- 2901 BUS ROUTES 613 AND 614—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2902 BUS ROUTE 606—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2903 BUS ROUTE REVIEW—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2904 PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGION 4 BUS SERVICES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2905 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2906 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2907 MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2908 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 2909 INSURANCE TAXES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—



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- 2910 TAFE TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS—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—
- 2911 RAIL SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2912 CITYRAIL CUSTOMER SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2913 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2914 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2915 SCRIM TESTING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2916 GRAIN HAULAGE—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2917 ELECTRICITY—Mr George Souris 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—
- 2918 AFFORDABILITY OF ENERGY FOR PENSIONERS—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—
- 2919 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2920 RESTRICTIONS ON BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2921 FORSTER POLICE STATION—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2922 ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AT CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2923 ADMINISTRATION OF CROWN RESERVES—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—
- 2924 APPLICATIONS FOR WORKS—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—
- 2925 HERITAGE GRANT FUNDING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2926 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SUPPLY OF HELICOPTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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- 2927 WESTERN SYDNEY GROWTH—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) How have the population trends in Western Sydney increased in recent years?
  - (2) What has the jobs growth been during this period?
  - (3) How has the employment/population ratio changed during this period?
- 2928 CHARGES RECORDED—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Based on the number of charges recorded what are the ten busiest police stations in:
    - (a) The Sydney Metropolitan area;
    - (b) Regional and rural New South Wales?
  - (2) What is the number of charges recorded at the Mount Druitt Police Station for the following years:
    - (a) 2007;
    - (b) 2006;
    - (c) 2005?
- 2929 PROPERTIES IN EAST HILLS—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- How many Department of Housing properties (including houses, units, flats, bed sits etc.) are there in the electorate of East Hills?
- 2930 QUADRUPPLICATION WORK—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What is the estimated date for the completion of the Kingsgrove to Revesby quadruplication work?
- 2931 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—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—
- (1) How much did the NSW Government invest in the Plan-It Youth program in 2006-07?
  - (2) How many youth have utilised the program since it began?
- 2932 STATE PROPERTY AUTHORITY PROPERTIES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many state-owned properties does the State Property Authority not manage?
  - (2) What is the value of these properties?
  - (3) How many and what total quantum of leases were negotiated by SPA last year?
- 2933 BREACHES OF CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- How many employers has the Commission for Children and Young People become aware of that have not complied with their obligations under child protection legislation in each of the past four financial years?
- 2934 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Which new cycleways will be built with the \$15 million allocated to cycleways this financial year?
- 2935 MANLY TO CIRCULAR QUAY ROUTE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Will the Minister commit to maintaining a fast-speed service for the Manly to Circular Quay route after hearing the community's need for such a service at the Manly Ferry Forum in January?
- 2936 HERITAGE MATTERS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Does the Minister see a conflict of interest in the Department of Planning addressing community concerns with heritage matters?

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- 2937 ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- Does NSW offer a service to address anger management in men similar to the 'No to Violence Association' in Victoria that represents 35 men's behaviour change programs?
- 2938 BUS ROUTE 135—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Why is the route for the 135 being reduced?
  - (2) What consultation was done before the decision was made to change the route?
- 2939 BIOSOLIDS TENDER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) When will Sydney Water issue its tender for the transportation of biosolids for the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant?
  - (2) Will the tender state there must be 'no odours' from the trucks transporting the biosolids?
- 2940 COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- Regarding Community Pre-school Funding:
- (1) Will the Minister provide information regarding the Government's policy on community pre-schools in New South Wales?
  - (2) Has the Government considered increasing the funding for community pre-schools, given the inequity of State Government funding compared to federally-funded childcare services?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that many community pre-schools are struggling to offer subsidies to New South Wales parents, forcing more parents and children into federally-subsidised schemes?
  - (4) Is it NSW Government policy to transfer pre-school responsibilities to the Federal Government?
- 2941 TOMAREE LODGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Tomaree Lodge is not accepting any new patients?
  - (2) Can the Minister provide any explanation as to why the Tomaree Lodge is turning patients away?
  - (3) Can the Minister confirm as to whether increased funding or resources would allow the Tomaree Lodge to provide increased patient services, and if so when will these be forthcoming?
  - (4) Can the Minister confirm that patients being turned away from Tomaree Lodge are being placed into group housing in Shoal Bay?
  - (5) Is it the plan of the Minister to close Tomaree Lodge when it no longer has patients?
- 2942 TRAVEL CONCESSIONS FOR APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- Regarding the issue of NSW Government Travel Concessions for apprentices and trainees in Port Stephens:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the NSW Government Travel Concession scheme for apprentices and trainees is not available to apprentices and trainees in Port Stephens?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that only those apprentices and trainees in Metropolitan and Outer Metropolitan NSW can access these concessions, severely disadvantaging apprentices and trainees in rural and regional NSW?
  - (3) Why are these concessions not available for use on private bus transport in Port Stephens, given the lack of public transport infrastructure in the area?
  - (4) Does not offering regional trainees and apprentices a concession pass affect the retention rate of apprentices and trainees in rural and regional areas?
- 2943 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE LICENSING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that a recent application for a licence to operate a wildlife rescue service in Port Stephens called "Wildlife in Need of Care" (WINC) was declined by the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
  - (2) Why was this application denied?

- (3) Is the Minister aware that without accredited wildlife rescue volunteers in the region responsibility for the care of injured animals is shifting back to the National Parks and Wildlife Service who are not adequately staffed or funded to carry out these duties?
- (4) Can the Minister commit to investigating the reason why the application for a licence to operate a wildlife rescue service was declined?
- 2944 CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) What is the progress of the construction of the new Tourle Street Bridge?
- (2) What is the width of the bridge, the width of the lanes and medians?
- (3) What is to happen to the existing Tourle Street Bridge?
- (4) If the existing Tourle Street Bridge is to be demolished can the Minister detail how a four lane bridge will be constructed in the future?
- 2945 GREATER HUNTER WORKFORCE PLANNING PROJECT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Given that the Government has announced the creation of a Port Stephens Local Area Command was an outcome of the Greater Hunter Workforce Planning Project or 'Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs', can the Minister inform the House as to when its final report will be delivered?
- (2) Who sat on the inquiry?
- (3) What is the name of the person who chaired the inquiry?
- (4) Which individuals and groups appeared before the inquiry?
- (5) At what location did the inquiry meet?
- (6) Is the Minister aware of any reason why the inquiry would be so confidential that no information regarding it is available on the websites of his office, NSW Police, or the NSW Police Association?
- (7) What were the costs of the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs?
- (8) Is the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs ongoing, or will it conclude at some point in the foreseeable future?
- (9) On what date did the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs commence?
- (10) Has the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs ever received any evidence from the community?
- (11) What are the terms of reference for the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs?
- (12) Can the Minister provide minutes of meetings conducted of the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs?
- (13) How many written submissions were requested and how many written submissions were received by the Inquiry into Hunter Policing Needs?
- (14) How many staff did the Inquiry require the services of, and from which departments were these staff obtained?
- (15) Is the Greater Hunter Workforce Planning Project and the Inquiry into Hunter Policing the same inquiry or are they two different bodies?
- 2946 RAILWAY CLEARWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- What is the completion date of each of the projects within the Railway Clearways Program?
- 2947 NAREMBURN SCHOOLS—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—
- What is the Minister's response to community concern about the lack of an infants/primary school in Naremburn?
- 2948 REGIONAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION SPECIALIST POSITIONS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What are the Minister's plans in relation to the future of 18 regional violence prevention specialist positions?
- (2) What evaluation has been made in relation to the impact of any loss of these positions on domestic violence networks in the Willoughby electorate?
- 2949 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When will the extension of the \$2.50 pensioner excursion ticket be effective from?
- (2) Can the Minister assure the community that all pensioners across New South Wales will be entitled

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- to the \$2.50 excursion ticket?
- 2950 AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS ON TRAINS—Ms Gladys Berejikian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Have all air-conditioning units on CityRail and CountryLink trains been checked following a fire on a train on 9 April 2008?
  - (2) What action has been taken to prevent this from happening again?
- 2951 TRAIN BREAKDOWNS—Ms Gladys Berejikian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- If 30 per cent of incidents on our rail network occur because of train breakdowns, what makes up the other 70 per cent?
- 2952 TRAUMA COUNSELLING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) (a) Will the Minister provide an independent expert in the area of trauma counselling to support women and their families in the Bega Valley, Monaro and Eurobodalla affected by Dr Reeves?  
(b) If not, why not?
  - (2) How many women are receiving assistance through the Government's hotline?
- 2953 DRIVER AGED SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Is the Minister aware of problems in Driver Aged Services?
- 2954 BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Constance 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 measures are in place at Batemans Bay High School in relation to fingerprint technologies?
  - (2) Is this a pilot program and why was Batemans Bay High School selected?
  - (3) When will this come into effect and at what cost?
  - (4) How were parents consulted and were all parents approached?
  - (5) What other schools were part of the trial?
- 2955 SURF BEACH CROSSING—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns of residents about a pedestrian crossing at Surf Beach shops near Batemans Bay?
  - (2) If not, will the Minister, along with Eurobodalla Council, ensure an investigation is carried out at this site?
  - (3) Will the Minister, through the RTA, fund a pedestrian crossing at Surf Beach shops?
- 2956 ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATORS—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)—
- (1) How many irrigators in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area have received assistance under the current drought relief packages?
  - (2) How much have they received?
  - (3) Can the Department provide details of how the volume of assistance compares to the fixed water charges that irrigators have been charged?
- 2957 ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATORS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) How many irrigators in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area have received assistance under the current drought relief packages?
  - (2) How much have they received?
  - (3) Can the Department provide details of how the volume of assistance compares to the fixed water charges that irrigators have been charged?

- 2958 REPRESENTATION OF NESB AND DISABLED WOMEN IN NSW PUBLIC SECTOR—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) What is the representation of non-English speaking background women in the New South Wales public service by salary level, status, department and hours worked?
  - (2) How does this compare with New South Wales averages?
  - (3) What is the representation of disabled women in the New South Wales public service by salary level, status, department and hours worked?
  - (4) How do these compare with New South Wales averages?
- 2959 PUBLIC HOUSING IN WYONG ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) How many public housing properties are located in the Wyong electorate?
  - (2) How many people are housed in public housing properties in the Wyong electorate?
  - (3) How many of the public housing properties located in the Wyong electorate are:
    - (a) 1-bedroom units;
    - (b) 2-bedroom units;
    - (c) 3 or more bedroom units;
    - (d) 1 or 2 bedroom houses;
    - (e) 3 or more bedroom houses?
  - (4) Of the public housing properties located in the Wyong electorate, how many tenants are paying market rent?
  - (5) How long is the expected waiting list for maintenance for public housing properties in the Wyong electorate?
  - (6) Of the public housing properties located in the Wyong electorate, how many are:
    - (a) valued at over \$200,000;
    - (b) valued at over \$300,000;
    - (c) valued at over \$400,000;
    - (d) valued at over \$500,000?
  - (7) Of the properties valued at over \$500,000, what is the address of each these properties in the Wyong electorate and their individual market value?
- 2960 PUBLIC HOUSING IN TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- (1) How many public housing properties are located in the Terrigal electorate?
  - (2) How many people are housed in public housing properties in Terrigal electorate?
  - (3) How many of the public housing properties located in the Terrigal electorate are:
    - 1-bedroom units;
    - 2-bedroom units;
    - 3 or more bedroom units;
    - 1 or 2 bedroom houses;
    - 3 or more bedroom houses?
  - (4) Of the public housing properties located in the Terrigal electorate how many tenants are paying market rent?
  - (5) How long is the expected waiting list for maintenance for public housing properties located in the Terrigal electorate?
  - (6) Of the public housing properties located in the Terrigal electorate, how many are:
    - Valued at over \$200,000;
    - Valued at over \$300,000;
    - Valued at over \$400,000;
    - Valued at over \$500,000?
  - (7) Of the properties valued at over \$500,000, what is the address of each these properties in the Terrigal electorate and their individual market value?

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- 2961 ERECTION OF 132 KV LINES WAMBERAL—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—
- (1) How much will it cost to erect the aboveground 132 kV lines along Tumbi Road?
  - (2) How much will it cost to place the 132 kV lines from Carbeen Road, Wamberal to the substation?
  - (3) How much would it cost to place underground the 132 kV lines along Tumbi Road to Carbeen Road, Wamberal?
- 2962 YOUTH REFUGES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) How many Youth Refuges in NSW does DoCS provide recurrent funding for their operation?
  - (2) In what suburbs, localities or towns are these refuges located?
  - (3) How many clients do these refuges support?
- 2963 AIR-COOLING OF SCHOOLS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) With reference to your 11 January 2008 reply to my Question on Notice 2023 on what date was air-cooling installed at:
    - (a) Boorowa Central School;
    - (b) Bribbaree Public School;
    - (c) Cootamundra High School;
    - (d) Cootamundra Public School;
    - (e) Cowra High School;
    - (f) Eurongilly Public School;
    - (g) Galong Public School;
    - (h) Gundagai High School;
    - (i) Murrumburrah High School;
    - (j) Murrumburrah Public School;
    - (k) Quandialla Central School;
    - (l) Wombat Public School;
    - (m) Young High School;
    - (n) Young Public School?
  - (2) Are all teaching spaces in each of these schools fully air-conditioned?
  - (3) If not, which schools have not had all of their teaching spaces fully air-conditioned?
- 2964 P-PLATE EXEMPTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) With reference to your 2 April 2008 response to my Question on Notice 2067 does the RTA specify guidelines as to what circumstances can be considered to be 'exceptional' when considering the provision of an exemption for P-Plate Drivers to drive V8 vehicles?
  - (2) If so will you provide me with a copy of these guidelines?
  - (3) If not, what specific circumstances have in the past been considered 'exceptional' when approving exemptions?
  - (4) How many exemptions has the RTA issued to P-Plate drivers to drive V8 engines since the introduction of the regulation on 11 July 2005?
- 2965 MENTAL ILLNESS PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- Is there a new policy for accident and emergency departments for the management of people with a mental illness whereby 2 or 4 beds at the rear of an accident and emergency department are allocated to accommodate them?
- 2966 NORTH-WEST RAIL LINK—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- In relation to the proposed north-west rail link, where is the planned station for Cherrybrook to be situated?
- 2967 HORNSBY RAILWAY STATION COMMUTERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many car spaces are currently available at Hornsby Railway Station for commuters?
  - (2) How many will be available following completion of the Clearways project?
  - (3) What is the average number of commuters accessing Hornsby Station from 6 am to 9 am Monday to Friday in the years:
    - (a) 2006;
    - (b) 2007;
    - (c) 2008 to date?
- 2968 REGAL CINEMA AT BIRMINGHAM GARDENS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What funding is available through the NSW Department of Arts for overhaul of the art-house, Regal Cinema at Birmingham Gardens?
  - (2) What NSW Department of the Arts grants would be available to the Regal Cinema?
- 2969 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- What arrangements are in place for operation of the Kurnell desalination plant to avoid causing low oxygen levels in Bate Bay such as occurred with the Perth seawater desalination plant and Cockburn Sound?
- 2970 RTA EXAMINERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) How many RTA testing staff work on Saturdays and Sundays in the Cronulla electorate?
  - (2) How much is paid in overtime for their services on Saturdays and Sundays?
  - (3) How many RTA examiners are/were there in NSW:
    - (a) Currently;
    - (b) In 2007;
    - (c) In 2006;
    - (d) In 2005?
  - (4) How many RTA examiners are/were there in the Cronulla electorate:
    - (a) Currently;
    - (b) In 2007;
    - (c) In 2006;
    - (d) In 2005?
- 2971 SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What resources are available in the Cronulla electorate to deal with juvenile male sexual assault perpetrators?
  - (2) What counselling support is available for families of the perpetrator?
  - (3) In the absence of a public counsellor with specialist expertise does the Government fund perpetrators to access private counsellors with specialist expertise?
  - (4) How many counsellors are available in the Cronulla electorate and where are they located?
- 2972 BANK STREET PARK PYRMONT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- (1) Is the NSW Government aware of local community concern about plans for the NSW Maritime owned site at Blackwattle Bay?
  - (2) What consideration has the NSW Government given to removing the NSW Maritime owned site at Blackwattle Bay from the terms of reference of the Bays Precinct Taskforce, which is looking at "development scenarios" for foreshore land?
  - (3) If the site is not to be removed from the Bays Precinct Taskforce terms of reference, is the NSW



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Government considering development on the site?

- (4) Is the NSW Government committed to removing commercial activities from the NSW Maritime site that are not in line with its public recreation zoning, such as bus and truck parking?
- (5) When is work expected to commence on construction of a passive boat-launching ramp on the Bank Street Foreshore site at Blackwattle Bay owned by NSW Maritime?

2973 GLEBE CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Given the serious concerns about crime and safety in Glebe Including regular reports of assaults and robberies associated with a small number of residents in Housing NSW properties, and noting that:

- those carrying out a Safety Audit had to stop when threatened by a group of young people;
- the City of Sydney is developing a Safety Plan and considering public domain changes to improve safety;
- the City of Sydney has funded \$150,000 to the Glebe Youth Service;
- Leichhardt Police Command is developing a Case Coordination Plan to match up Government agency action on those families in crisis;

Will the Government provide:

- (a) a security officer on the Glebe Housing estate as an immediate solution;
- (b) funds for the Glebe Youth Service to provide late night and weekend programs;
- (c) intensive case management programs for families in crisis as funded in Redfern;
- (d) early intervention programs for children and young people who are identified as being at risk of developing a career of crime and anti-social behaviour?

2974 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given that the Government has declared areas in Kings Cross, Surry Hills, the Rocks and CBD to be 24 hour entertainment zones with late night trading, and following police and community concerns about the crime and anti-social behaviour associated with late trading and entertainment zones:

- (1) What plans does the Government have to provide late night transport to carry visitors and patrons home from the Surry Hills, the Rocks and CBD entertainment zones?
- (2) How will the Government link the welcome 999 late night Kings Cross bus with other late night transport?
- (3) What research has the Government carried out into demand for transport late at night from inner city entertainment zones to the eastern suburbs?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to provide transport from inner city entertainment zones to the eastern suburbs?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to prevent lack of access to taxis during the changeover period at 3.00 am when people in inner city entertainment zones say that they are left stranded with no other transport available?

2975 HOUSING LOWER FORT STREET—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

Given that:

- the Housing NSW properties at 5 and 9 Lower Fort Street Millers Point have long been privately operated as boarding houses;
  - the latest 20-year leases on these properties expire next year;
  - the properties currently provide low cost accommodation for 17 people who are elderly and live on low incomes, and have lived at these premises for up to 48 years; and
  - I have received no response to my 11 December 2007 and 14 January 2008 representations about the future of these properties:
- (1) Will Housing NSW renew the lease to allow these properties to continue their use as low cost accommodation?
  - (2) If this lease will not be renewed, how will Housing NSW ensure that current tenants of 5 and 9 Lower Fort Street keep their current homes or find suitable alternative and affordable accommodation in the inner city?
  - (3) When will the lessees and residents be informed about the future of their homes?
  - (4) Will the Government commit to retaining these properties for use as low cost accommodation?

(5) What is Housing NSW's policy on retaining properties that may have a commercial lease value?

2976 DRYING WASHING IN APARTMENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

Given the serious need to encourage individual behaviour that reduces greenhouse gas emissions:

- (1) Has the review on washing line strata legislation, as referred to in the Sun Herald of 9 March 2008, commenced?
- (2) If not, when is it due to commence?
- (3) How long is the review expected to take?
- (4) To what extent will the NSW Government consider removing by-laws that ban drying laundry items on any part of a strata scheme that can be seen from outside the building (eg on a balcony) from the Strata Schemes Management Act and the Strata Schemes Management Regulation?
- (5) To what extent will the NSW Government consider prohibiting owners corporations from creating by-laws that include bans on drying laundry items on any part of the strata scheme that can be seen from outside the building (eg on a balcony)?
- (6) To what extent will the NSW Government consider removing by-laws that ban drying laundry items on any part of a strata scheme that can be seen from outside the building (eg on a balcony) from existing strata schemes?

2977 CONSUMER SAFETY IN THE ENERGY SECTOR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With regard to door-to-door commission-based recruitment of customers by energy retailers:

- (1) How does the NSW Government regulate door-to-door commission based recruitment of customers by energy retailers?
- (2) How does the NSW Government ensure that consumers are given all the necessary information to make an informed decision about signing a contract with an energy retailer?
- (3) How does the NSW Government ensure that consumers understand the necessary information to make an informed decision about signing a contract with an energy retailer?

2978 MULTI-LINGUISTIC EDUCATION—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—

Given the need to have citizens in a multicultural world who can communicate in other languages, and evidence that children who learn more than one language are better students and more creative, get better jobs, have better understanding of other peoples, and are better equipped to function in a global world:

- (1) How many students in NSW learn a language other than English to a level where they can carry out a proper conversation with a native speaker?
- (2) How many students in the Sydney electorate learn a language other than English to a level where they can carry out a proper conversation with a native speaker?
- (3) What programs does the NSW Government provide for studies in additional languages?
- (4) What language programs operate in schools in the Sydney electorate?
- (5) How does the NSW Government ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn languages other than English?
- (6) How does the NSW Government ensure that the language skills and expertise of teachers are harnessed to help language studies to benefit students?
- (7) How does the NSW Government ensure that the language skills and expertise of students and their families and communities are harnessed to help language studies?

2979 DIABETES IN NSW—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—

With respect to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Report "Diabetes: Australian Facts 2008," which outlines the most recent data and trends in Diabetes and Diabetes-related illness in Australia:

- (1) What community education programs does the NSW Government carry out to inform NSW residents about the risk factors for Type 2 Diabetes?
- (2) What plan does the Government have to mitigate Type 2 Diabetes risk factors, and what behavioural programs does the Government fund or provide directly?
- (3) What Type 2 Diabetes prevention and early intervention programs does the NSW Government fund or provide directly in the Sydney electorate?

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- (4) What new steps has the NSW Government taken to address Type 2 Diabetes in Indigenous communities?
- (5) What prevention and early intervention Type 2 Diabetes programs for Indigenous communities does the NSW Government fund or provide directly in the Sydney electorate?
- (6) What programs does the NSW Government provide to increase early detection of the cardiovascular diseases associated with Type 2 Diabetes?
- (7) Given the increasing rate of hospitalisation due to Type 2 Diabetes, what steps has the NSW Government taken to ensure hospitals can meet the rising demand for inpatient services?

2980 LUCY OSBURN-NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM SYDNEY HOSPITAL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—

With respect to the Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Museum at Sydney Hospital, in the Nightingale Wing that was originally part of the Tent Hospital of 1788 and a nurses home, and was the foundation of the nursing profession in Australia:

- (1) What funding has the NSW Government provided to maintain the Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Museum, and what funds will be provided in future?
- (2) What commitments has NSW Health or the Sydney Hospital made to support the museum and when were these made?
- (3) How do students, patients and community members use the museum for research and study, and how many people use this facility?
- (4) Has the Government sought the views of the nursing profession and NSW Nurses Association about the value of this museum, and what are those views?
- (5) What plans does the Government have for the future of this museum, and how will the Government ensure that it continues to preserve and record this important social heritage?

2981 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) In relation to the Commercial and Private Inquiry Agents Act, are private investigators permitted to access any of the following: Tax, Medicare, Centrelink, Birth, Deaths and Marriages, RTA, Immigration, Veterans Affairs and telephone records, bank and credit card information, electricity, gas and internet provider account details?
- (2) What is the Police Minister doing to prevent private investigators claiming that they can access such information?
- (3) How many private investigators have been successfully pursued for making such claims in the past two years?
- (4) What efforts are currently underway to prevent Mr Frank Monte from operating as a private investigator?

2982 HERITAGE LISTING OF URBAN CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Given the NSW Government's non listing of potential heritage items deemed worthy of heritage listing and the refusal for many years to consider gazettal of Urban Conservation Areas deemed worthy of statutory recognition by the National Trust and Ku-ring-gai Council, what avenues are available to local residents and the local Council to protect its heritage items and areas in a timely fashion?

2983 FOREST WAY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the Minister's answer to Question 2376, which provided information on vehicles turning right from Warringah Road into Forest Way:

- (1) Would the Minister provide information as originally asked regarding traffic turning right from Forest Way into Warringah Road (not the other way around)?
- (2) Are there any plans to improve the flow or merging of traffic heading into Warringah Road from Forest Way towards the Roseville Bridge?

2984 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr Donald Page 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—

With reference to advice provided in relation to appointment of administrators (Question 2244), noting Mr Geoff Firkin manages a total of 11 Crown Reserves in Byron Shire, Yamba and Scotts Head and that the administrator is paid \$40 per hour:

- (1) If the administrator is paid \$40 per hour, how much does the administrator get paid for managing 11 Crown Reserves?
- (2) Does the administrator get paid \$40 per hour per Crown Reserve?

2985 REVIEW OF TOURISM NSW REPORT—Mr Donald Page to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to the answer to Question 2435:

- (1) When was the John O'Neill AO 'Review of Tourism in NSW' report submitted to the Government or any of its Ministers or departments?
- (2) Did the office of the Minister for Tourism receive this report prior to Christmas 2007?
- (3) Has the original report been amended by the Premier's Department or the Premier's office in any way?
- (4) When will the report be released to the public?
- (5) (a) Will the Government release both the original report and the amended report?  
(b) If not, why not?

2986 MORISSET STATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Why are the basic facilities of an indicator board and clock not provided at Morisset Station?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that these are provided?

2987 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

When will the authorised strength of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command be increased to include the twenty-three additional staff announced in June 2007?

2988 DOCS POLICIES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Community Services—

Does DoCs have a formal policy on bullying and responding to suggestions, complaints and allegations from staff?

2989 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - TWEED VALLEY CLINIC—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given that a submission was made at the Tweed Hospital Inquiry by the Nursing Unit Manager of the Tweed Valley Clinic concerning the staffing and funding requirements of the facility:

- (1) Why does this facility receive funding equivalent to the budgeted patient occupancy levels of 2002-2004, which was 85%, when the facility is currently experiencing occupancy levels in the region of 96%?
- (2) Given the number of patient admissions to this facility increased from 461 in 2002/03 to a projected figure of 612 in 2007/08; why does the number of allied health staff employed at this facility remain unchanged from when it first opened in 2002?
- (3) Why was the Tweed Valley Clinic informed by Hospital management that they would be allocated \$510,000 in funding for the redevelopment of the clinic, and then later told 'There is no money and you're not going to be getting any renovations'?

2990 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - ICU BEDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given that inquiry Chair Peter Garling SC stated in reference to the number of HDU/ICU beds in any hospital that 'around about 10 per cent of the overall total number of beds in a hospital should be allocated to a critical care service' and that the Tweed Hospital has over 200 beds:

- (1) Why does the Tweed Hospital only possess 7 ICU/HDU beds (with one not being funded for ventilation purposes) when given Peter Garling's theory it should have at least 20?
- (2) (a) Will there be funding provisions in the 2008/09 Budget to provide additional ICU/HDU beds to the Tweed Hospital?  
(b) If yes, how much funding will be provided and how many ICU/HDU beds does this equate to?

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(c) If no, why not and when can the Tweed Hospital expect to receive the additional ICU/HDU beds it urgently requires?

2991 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES - DEMENTIA CARE UNIT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given that it was stated at the Inquiry into Tweed Hospital that 'in 2006 a submission was made [by staff] to the hospital about the need for a dementia care unit for the hospital' but that no correspondence was given by Hospital management or NSW Health regarding this submission:

(1) (a) Is the Minister aware of its existence?

(b) If yes, why is the Minister yet to initiate plans or allocate funding for the establishment of a dementia care unit?

(c) If no, why not?

(2) (a) Is the Minister aware of the current situation at the Tweed Hospital whereby three dementia patients are being housed indefinitely in the Palliative Care Ward until they appear before the Guardianship Board; with their behaviour causing a great deal of distress to dying patients and their families?

(b) If yes, why have these patients not been relocated to a more appropriate facility?

(c) If no, when will these patients be relocated to a more appropriate facility?

2992 SIGHTINGS OF EASTERN QUOLLS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Where and when have there been confirmed sightings of Eastern Quolls in NSW since 1963?

2993 ZINC LEVELS IN DALPURA CREEK—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) When did the Environmental Protection Authority first become aware of elevated zinc levels in water from Canyon Colliery flowing into Dalpura Creek?

(2) Why did the EPA not act to stop the pollution?

(3) What are the effects of elevated zinc levels in Dalpura Creek?

(4) What tests is the EPA carrying out to confirm Ian Wright's findings?

(5) When does the EPA expect testing to be completed?

(6) How long will it take to repair the damage done to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area?

(7) Given that the NSW Government has ultimate responsibility for site rehabilitation, what action does it intend to take to stop the pollution continuing?

2994 KOALA POPULATION IN HAWKS NEST/TEA GARDENS—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 was the estimated size of the koala population in Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens in July 2003?

(2) What was the estimated size of the koala population in Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens in July 2005?

(3) What is the estimated size of the koala population in Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens today?

2995 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) Which name is on the Air Operations Certificate (AOC) for the operation of helicopters provided to the National Parks and Wildlife Service under its Rotary Wing Tender?

(2) If there is more than one successful tenderer, will the NPWS Chief Pilot be able to direct flying time to the contractor of his choice outside the fire season or will that flying time be fairly distributed amongst the contractors?

2996 ALEXANDRA CANAL—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) Given that according to the Minister's officers the sediments in Alexandra Canal are amongst the most contaminated in the Southern Hemisphere and pose a significant risk of harm to human health

- and the environment, does your department intend to issue a direction to Sydney Water, and when will it require the clean-up to be completed by?
- (2) If the Department does not intend to issue a clean-up direction to Sydney Water, when will it require the clean-up to be completed by?
- (3) If the Department does not intend to issue a clean-up direction to Sydney Water, why not?
- 2997 PROTECTION OF THE LONG-NOSED POTOROO COLONY—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 has the Department done to protect the long-nosed potoroo colony in the Cobaki Lakes and Tweed Heads West area since the endangered population determination was made in 2004?
- (2) Has all development in this area been banned to protect the potoroo?
- 2998 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- How many demountable classrooms are there currently across all public schools in the Drummoyne electorate?
- 2999 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- How many demountable classrooms are there currently across all public schools in the Ryde electorate?
- 3000 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- How many demountable classrooms are there currently across all public schools in the Lane Cove electorate?
- 3001 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—DRUMMOYNE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all public schools in the Drummoyne electorate since 1 January 2007?
- 3002 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all public schools in the Lane Cove electorate since 1 January 2007?
- 3003 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—RYDE—Mr Anthony Roberts 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—
- How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all public schools in the Ryde electorate since 1 January 2007?
- 3004 GAP PARK MASTERPLAN SELF HARM PREVENTION WORKS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) When will the funding the Minister committed be made available for the Gap Park masterplan self harm prevention works being implemented by Woollahra Council?
- (2) What has caused the delay in funding the program?
- 3005 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

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- (1) What is the current average waiting time for assessment and diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at each hospital in the South West Sydney Area Health Service?
- (2) How many patients are currently waiting for assessment and diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at each hospital in the South West Sydney Area Health Service?
- (3) How many full time equivalent specialist staff are available at Fairfield Hospital for the assessment and diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?
- 3006 TARONGA ZOO FERRY—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many times has the Taronga Zoo ferry been cancelled each calendar year from 2003 to date?
- (2) How many times has the Taronga Zoo ferry been late each calendar year from 2003 to date?
- 3007 RADIOTHERAPY MACHINES—Mrs Jillian Skinner 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)—
- Where will the new radiotherapy machines that the Minister referred to in a letter published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 5 April 2008 be located?
- 3008 SHIFT HOURS—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many hours was the longest shift worked by a doctor at Mona Vale Hospital over the weekend of 3-4 May 2008?
- 3009 MINISTERIAL REVIEW PANEL ON CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- What date have you set for the Ministerial Review Panel on Currawong to provide its advice to you in relation to the Heritage Council's Recommendation to include the entire Currawong site on the State Heritage Register?
- 3010 NSW SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPENING HOURS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What are the opening hours of the NSW Sheriff's Office?
- (2) If the opening hours for the NSW Sheriff's Office are not 9am-5pm, what are the reasons for not opening during ordinary business hours?
- 3011 TRANSPORT FOR HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
- In relation to the transport for health program for the North Coast area:
- (1) What is the annual budget and expenditure for:
- (a) 2004-05;
- (b) 2005-06;
- (c) 2006-07;
- (d) 2007-08?
- (2) How many patients were assisted with transport costs for each of these years?
- (3) What modes of transport are funded under this program?
- (4) What was the expenditure on each mode of transport for:
- (a) 2004-05;
- (b) 2005-06;
- (c) 2006-07;
- (d) 2007-08?
- (5) (a) Has the Health Transport Unit located at Port Macquarie undertaken "strategic identification, consolidation or integration of a full range of transport services and resources for transport of disadvantaged patients to enhance their access to health care", as required by NSW Health policy directive 2006/068?
- (b) If so, is this detailed in a publicly available document?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (6) How does this unit communicate any assistance available to patients?

- 3012 MANNING RIVER—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—
- (1) (a) Did the Minister receive a letter from me dated 5 February 2008 in relation to the Manning River asking for a "briefing by your department as to what has occurred in recent times in relation to your department vis a vis the river and what would be intended to be looked at in relation to the future of the river in particular to ensure that the river is again able to flow environmentally into the ocean"?
  - (b) If so, when will the Minister reply?
  - (c) If so, when will the Minister arrange for the briefing?
  - (d) If so, who will the Minister arrange to brief me on the Manning River?
  - (e) If so, when will my office be contacted in relation to arranging the briefing?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware of "my desire to work on a bi-partisan basis to achieve results for the river" as stated in my letter of 5 February 2008?
  - (3) (a) Does the Minister intend "to work together in partnership to address the issues, facing the Manning River", as stated in the Manning River Times?
  - (b) If so, in what manner will the partnership take?
  - (4) (a) Does the Minister have a plan for the Manning River and sustainability of the Manning River and the industries it supports?
  - (b) If so, what is that plan?
- 3013 COUNTRY ATHLETES SCHEME—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) How are athletes selected to receive assistance under the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation's Country Athletes Scheme?
  - (2) What information is given to recognised state body for sport in NSW to direct them to correctly select talented athletes?
  - (3) Is the Country Athletes Scheme based on the financial income of the athlete's family or athlete?
  - (4) Is the Country Athletes Scheme based on the standard and sporting ability of the athlete?
  - (5) What checks are undertaken to ensure that successful recipients of the Country Athletes Scheme maintains their proposed sporting program?
  - (6) Is there any avenue of appeal for unsuccessful applicants for a Country Athletes Scheme?
  - (7) If so, what is the appeal process?
- 3014 CARETAKER MODE—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Is there potential to argue that a council is not able to adopt its annual management plan because it is in caretaker mode?
  - (2) Does the legislation provide a clear and concise process for activities during caretaker mode, e.g. carrying on with or commencing capital works; responding to economic activities; dealing with senior or staff issues?
  - (3) Are any restrictions placed on day to day activities?