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*3789 RAILWAY PLATFORM SMOKING FINES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the enactment of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- (1) Have any commuters been fined or charged under any act for smoking on a railway platform or train since 1 July 2012?
- (2) If so, how many?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) 1,843.

*3790 BUILDER SHORTAGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In regard to Master Builders Association estimates that 80,000 builders throughout Australia will retire by the end of the decade, what action will the Government take to address the possible shortage of builders in NSW?

Answer—

The NSW Government has a number of strategies in place to promote training through an apprenticeship or traineeship in the building industry. These include:

- funding of training for many building and construction trades is available through the Strategic Skills Program and the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Training Program;
- working with industry to shorten construction and joinery apprenticeships and traineeships by introducing competency based progression and reduced nominal terms;
- support for apprentices and trainees including:
 - a travel concession card;
 - a travel and accommodation allowance to attend off the job training if travelling exceeds more than a 120 km round trip;
 - first and second year apprentices may be eligible for a car registration rebate;
 - scholarships are awarded each year for country apprentices experiencing financial hardship;
- working to attract and retain more females into non-traditional trade occupations such as building and construction;
- the Continuing Apprentices Placement Program which assists out of work apprentices to find a suitable employer to continue their apprenticeship;
- provision of exemptions from workers compensation premiums for employers' apprentices through the Apprentice Incentive Scheme;
- under Smart and Skilled reforms to the NSW vocational education system to be implemented in 2014, a NSW Skills List based on labour market analysis, skill shortages and industry consultation will define which qualifications and courses are eligible for government subsidies. Qualifications deemed to be essential to the building and construction industry will be included on the Skills List.

*3791 COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION LICENCE PEL 267—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With regard to the coal seam gas exploration licence known as PEL 267:

- (1) Will PEL 267 be affected in any way by The Strategic Regional Land Use Policy which was released 11 September 2012?
- (2) Will PEL 267 be affected in any way by measures to further strengthen the regulation of the Coal Seam Gas industry in NSW announced by the Premier and Deputy Premier on 19 February 2013?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Yes.

*3792 HOUSING NSW TENANT FRAUD UNIT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Will the Minister invest any surplus funds derived from the recent amnesty by the Housing NSW Tenant

Fraud Unit to help address the housing affordability crisis in South-West Sydney?

Answer—

On this occasion, I respond on behalf of the Acting Minister for Finance and Services.

Any additional rent will be used to maintain the public housing system.

*3793 WATER SUPPLY DISCONNECTION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How many persons have had water supply disconnected for non payment of accounts for addresses in the 2770 postcode area in the last two years?

Answer—

Nil.

*3795 CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION CTP CATEGORY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

With regard to the Conditional Registration CTP Category:

- (1) What areas are classified as "Other"?
- (2) What areas are classified as "Country"?
- (3) Why does "Other" classified Conditional Registration cost approximately 120% more than "Country" classified Conditional Registration?

Answer—

- (1) The "Other" CTP classification for conditionally registered vehicles includes all postcodes in New South Wales excepting those listed below at (2).
- (2) The "Country" CTP classification for conditionally registered vehicles comprises those in the following postcode bands:
 - 2311 to 2312.
 - 2328 to 2490.
 - 2527 to 2529.
 - 2532 to 2551.
 - 2575 to 2739.
 - 2787 to 2899.
- (3) Green Slip premiums are set by the CTP insurers, within limits set by the Motor Accidents Authority, based on the actual claims experience (cost and frequency) of a particular class of vehicle in a particular rating district.

For many of the vehicle classes eligible for conditional registration, the variation in the claims experience and CTP costs between the "Country" and "Other" rating zone is small. In other instances, the variation is larger reflecting the higher risk of claims for these vehicles.

*3796 WESTERN SYDNEY OUTFALL PIPES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Does Sydney Water have any plans to make Western Sydney Outfall pipes inaccessible as they cross the Cooks River?
- (2) Is Sydney Water aware of the practice of young men using the exposed pipes as a bridge?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Yes, permanent security measures will be installed on the aqueduct as part of a project to rehabilitate the main western carrier.

*3799 BELMORE RAILCORP FREIGHT LINE—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

In regard to the Belmore RailCorp Freight Line:

- (1) How does RailCorp identify that the rolling stock of a private sector rail freight operator is producing abnormal levels of noise?
- (2) Has RailCorp identified that the rolling stock of any private sector freight rail operators using the Metropolitan Freight Network in the vicinity of Paxton Avenue is producing abnormal levels of noise?
- (3) If RailCorp has identified that the rolling stock of a private sector rail freight operator is producing

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abnormal levels of noise:

- (a) What communication has RailCorp had with those private sector rail freight operators;
- (b) In what form was the communication made?
- (c) When was the communication was made?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please see the response to LA Question 3305.

*3800 MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND UPGRADE OF ROAD PAVEMENTS—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) In regard to the maintenance, repair and upgrade of road pavements on state roads, what is the basis for prioritising road pavement repairs and maintenance?
- (2) Has the Road and Maritime Service undertaken an assessment of the condition of the road pavement of Canterbury Road between King Georges Road and Bexley Road?
 - (a) If yes, what was the result of the assessment?
- (3) Has any sections of the road pavement on Canterbury Road between King Georges Road and Bexley Road been identified for repair, maintenance or upgrade?
 - (a) If yes, when will the works be undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services assesses road pavement conditions annually across the State Road network. Funding is allocated on a State-wide priority basis, and Canterbury Road will be considered for pavement rehabilitation and maintenance upgrade as part of this process.

*3802 CHILDCARE FACILITIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

With respect to analysis in The Australia Institute report "Trouble with childcare affordability, availability and quality":

- (1) What programs does the Government provide to help parents and guardians locate childcare that meets their needs, including waiting lists and vacancies?
- (2) What data does the Government have about childcare demand in the inner city?
- (3) What data does the Government have about future demand for childcare in the inner city?
- (4) What support does the Government provide to increase the availability of flexible and responsive childcare options?
- (5) How does the Government support the provision of appropriate land and buildings for childcare facilities?
- (6) What other support does the Government provide to help the establishment of new childcare facilities in high demand area?
- (7) What action has the Government taken with the Commonwealth Government to increase childcare in areas of high need?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to improve childcare affordability, availability and quality?

Answer—

(1) Child care in New South Wales is supported by the Commonwealth Government, through funding provided to parents with children enrolled in eligible care services.

(2) and (3) The NSW Government does not have a role in determining current or future supply or demand for child care places.

(4) The NSW Government provides funding support for approximately 800 preschool services state wide.

(5) to (8) In March 2013, the NSW Government announced a \$5 million capital funding initiative for the community-based preschool sector.

The current review of the NSW planning system will lead to stronger community engagement in key planning decisions and a focus on evidence-based strategic planning, including for child care needs in communities.

In 2014, the NSW Government will roll out a new funding model for community-based preschools that will distribute NSW Government funding more equitably, prioritising preschool access for children in the year prior to school and providing two years of subsidised preschool for disadvantaged children.

*3805 STOCKTON CENTRE NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What is the nurse to patient ratio at the Stockton Centre?
- (2) What is the recommended nurse to patient ratio?

Answer—

There are no patients at Stockton Centre.

*3806 POLICE TO POPULATION RATIO NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the police to population ratio in the Newcastle Local Area Command?
- (2) How does this compare with the NSW ratio and the police to population ratio in other Australian states?
- (3) Will the Minister employ more police in the Hunter Region considering its rates of crime are above the state average in 12 out of 17 categories, according to the most recent figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics?

Answer—

I am advised:

In terms of the allocation of police resources across these areas, a range of factors are considered to determine police strength, such as crime figures, categories of crime, population and demographics, and these are reviewed as changes occur to ensure policing meets demand.

The Government is committed to providing the NSW Police Force with the resources it needs to keep the community safe. Since May 2011, 138 new Probationary Constables have been allocated to Local Area Commands in the Hunter region.

*3807 MAINTENANCE ON DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HOMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the current budget for maintenance on Department of Housing homes in the Hunter region?
- (2) (a) Has this budget increased from previous years?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation allocated a budget of \$16.7 million for planned maintenance and upgrading of Land and Housing Corporation properties in the Hunter Region for the current financial year 2012-2013. There is no budget allocation for responsive maintenance by electorate, Local Government Area or suburb. Responsive maintenance is undertaken when tenants contact the call centre.

- (2) (a) No.
(b) Maintenance works are prioritised based on need and available funding is allocated to each job accordingly.

*3808 GLOUCESTER AND MANNING HOSPITALS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government reduce services, including maternity services, at Gloucester and Manning hospitals?
- (2) Will the Government downgrade Gloucester and Manning hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There are no planned changes to service delivery, including maternity services at either Manning or Gloucester Hospitals.

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*3809 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL PALLIATIVE CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why are there no palliative care staff specialists based at Newcastle's John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) Are there plans to rectify this situation?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Will funding for existing palliative care services in the Hunter Region be maintained or increased?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) John Hunter Hospital benefits from the expertise of Hunter New England Local Health District's Palliative Care Network. Palliative Care specialists are on-call 24-hours-day and regularly visit the John Hunter Hospital to provide support and advice.

For those patients with more complex needs who require specialist palliative care, the Calvary Mater Newcastle's Palliative Care Unit is available for phone consultation 24 hours per day and inpatient review once per week.

The District's Cancer Network is considering a range of options to support palliative care services at John Hunter Hospital.

*3810 OVERPASS BRIDGE - STEWART AV AND HANNELL ST—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Does the Government plan to build an overpass bridge connecting Newcastle's Stewart Avenue and Hannell Street?
- (2) If not, does it have any other plans to alleviate congestion at this intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has no plans to build an overpass bridge between Stewart Avenue and Hannell Street.

A Scoping Study is being undertaken to establish a more detailed project plan, including alternative transport arrangements for all modes of transport in the Newcastle City Centre.

*3811 FRONTLINE HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Government's definition of "frontline health services" include emergency room nurses?
- (2) (a) Is the Government planning to reduce emergency department nursing staff levels at the John Hunter Hospital by one nurse every morning and one nurse after midnight about four days a week?
 - (b) If so, why is the Government breaking its promise not to axe frontline health services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Frontline nurses are all nurses who provide direct patient care.
- (2) There are no plans to reduce nursing staff levels at John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department. Nurse staffing at John Hunter Hospital's Emergency Department is in accordance with the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' Award. The Emergency Department is currently fully and appropriately staffed.

*3812 DAYS SPENT IN HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Did the Premier promise, before he was elected Premier, to spend at least one day a month in the Hunter?
- (2) How many days has the Premier spent in the Hunter since the March 2011 election?

Answer—

Despite the spurious claim in the question, I have happily visited the Hunter on a regular basis, both before and after March 2011 election.

*3813 STATEWIDE COMMUNITY AND COURT LIAISON SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) At which local courts do the Statewide Community and Court Liaison Service operate?

(2) What is the cost of the program at these locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Statewide Community and Court Liaison Service (SCCLS) is established in 20 Local Courts across NSW. The service provides mental health assessments and reports to the Court to assist Magistrates in making informed decisions about cases involving individuals with mental health problems.

Currently the SCCLS operates in Blacktown, Burwood, Campbelltown, Central, Gosford/Wyong, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith, Sutherland, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Lismore, Nowra/Milton, Port Macquarie/Kempsey, Tamworth, Wollongong and Wagga Wagga Local Courts. The courts in which SCCLS currently operates were chosen by the Justice and Forensic Mental Health Network in close consultation with the Chief Magistrate's Office. The NSW Government invested \$3.1 million in 2012-2013 for Court Liaison Services across the 20 Courts.

*3814 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT NO 137—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the response of the Government to the recommendations of NSW Law Reform Commission Report No 137 'Security for costs and associated orders'?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Attorney General and Justice is currently consulting on the NSW Law Reform Commission's report.

Nine of the report's 11 recommendations relate to the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005. The Uniform Rules Committee is currently considering those recommendations.

The NSW Government response should be finalised during 2013.

*3815 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT NO 136—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Government response to the recommendations of NSW Law Reform Commission Report no 136 Jury Directions?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Law Reform Commission's Report no 136, Jury Directions, was tabled on 26 March 2013.

The Department of Attorney General and Justice is currently considering the report's recommendations, in consultation with key stakeholders. This consultation will inform the Government response which is envisaged by the end of 2013.

*3816 REPLY TO STEVE CANSDELL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When does the Director of Public Prosecutions propose to reply in relation to the advice of Greg James QC concerning Mr Steve Cansdell?

Answer—

I am advised:

The advice from Mr James QC was unsolicited advice and as such it is a matter for the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions.

*3818 LINDA MARKOU—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Have you responded to the letter to you from Linda Anne Markou?

(a) If so, what was your response?

Answer—

The Office of the Premier responded to correspondence, dated 14 May 2013.

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*3819 INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE - BRINGELLY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has NSW Animal Rescue approached the Minister or Juvenile Justice concerning their site in Bringelly and the involvement and/or training of young people there involved with Juvenile Justice?
(a) If so, what was the Government's response?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
(a) Juvenile Justice has existing pathways and processes for establishing partnerships via the Community Service Order (CSO) scheme which is overseen by local Juvenile Justice Community Services Area Managers, and also through programs offered in centres. Juvenile Justice already maintains a number of partnerships with community organisations in the region. Given the number of community partnerships already in place, and concerns around potential contact between adult and juvenile offenders at this site, Juvenile Justice is not considering this proposal at this time.

*3820 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the NSW Police force implemented recommendations (i) to (v) inclusive of the Ombudsman's Report dated February 2013 into the monitoring of the police investigation into the death of Roberto Laudisio-Curti?
(a) If not, why not?
(2) What is the Government response to recommendation (vi) and (vii) in the Report referred to above?

Answer—

The Ombudsman's latest report makes seven recommendations including two relating to amending the Police Act 1990, which is a matter the Government will consider as part of an upcoming statutory review of that Act.

The other five recommendations focus on strengthening either the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) Critical Incident Guidelines or police procedures in critical incident investigations.

The Commissioner is considering these five recommendations and any criticisms of NSWPF policies and procedures.

The recommendations are not about police actions at the time of the incident, but the police investigation into those actions.

*3821 COST ORDERS MADE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the Minister agree not to pursue the enforcement of the costs order made against the plaintiff in the proceedings brought on behalf of a forensic patient by his tutor Brett Collins against the Mental Health Review Tribunal in the Supreme Court?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mr Collins has applied for leave to appeal against the order for costs made against him in the Supreme Court. Pending determination of the application, the Court of Appeal has stayed the order for costs. As the matter is before the court it is not appropriate to comment.

*3822 GUIDELINES TO CRIME COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Management Committee of the NSW Crime Commission issued guidelines to the Crime Commission concerning Criminal Assets Recovery?
(a) Do any such guidelines comply with the recommendations in the report by the Police Integrity Commission in Operation Winjana?
(2) Where may such Guidelines be viewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. In drafting the Guidelines, the recommendations of the Police Integrity Commission in Operation Winjana were taken into account.
- (2) The Guidelines issued on 5 February 2013 are available on the website of the NSW Crime Commission.

*3823 SURGICAL WAITING TIMES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Surgical waiting times on the "Find your health service" website where the reported quarter is for 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 as of 30 April 2013:

When will the latest available data be updated on the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

Up to date information on performance of NSW hospitals is available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/home.

*3824 CREMORNE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Minister's pre-election commitment, when will the Cremorne Community Mental Health Centre be re-opened?

Answer—

I maintain my long-standing commitment to retain the Cremorne Community Centre for the provision of health care to local residents.

The previous Government intended on selling the Cremorne site. I lobbied strenuously to delay the sale and since becoming Minister the buildings at Cremorne have been renovated.

I am advised that mental health services are currently provided from the Royal North Shore and Chatswood community buildings. Community options remain in place for clients who previously attended the Cremorne Community Centre, with mental health consumers and carers reporting their satisfaction with the services being provided from both the Royal North Shore and Chatswood facilities.

The North Shore Ryde Mental Health Service will continue to explore a variety of options for providing services from the Cremorne Community Health Centre. This includes working with Mosman Council to discuss future plans for this community facility.

*3825 SURGICAL WAIT TIME EXPLANATION—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Surgical waiting times on the "Find your health service" website.

- (1) Is this reported waiting time
 - (a) Median wait time.
 - (b) Mean wait time.
 - (c) 90th centile wait time.
- (2) Where on the website is this wait time explained?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The NSW Ministry of Health monitors waiting times for planned surgery and for Emergency Department care using nationally agreed measures. These measures are based on clinically recommended time frames, as determined for each patient by their medical practitioner.

All hospitals in NSW use the nationally agreed waiting time measures. The Bureau of Health Information publishes advice on individual hospital performance at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/home.

*3826 NSW AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

As of 1 April 2013:

- (1) How many fully qualified paramedics are employed in front line roles by NSW Ambulance Service?
- (2) How many paramedics in training are employed in front line roles by NSW Ambulance Service?

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(3) How many vacancies currently exist for qualified paramedics?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Nearly 3000 fully qualified paramedics and over 100 trainee paramedics are employed in front line roles. Trainee paramedics are only deployed in front line roles when accompanied by a paramedic intern or more senior officer. As at 1 April 2013 there were no paramedic vacancies.

*3827 NEPEAN HOSPITAL MATERNITY UNIT BIRTHRATE PLUS STAFFING—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Maternity Unit at Nepean Hospital.

(1) How many Full Time Employment nursing and midwifery staff would be required to fully staff this unit, using Birthrate plus as the format?

(2) When will Birthrate plus staffing be implemented in the Nepean Maternity Unit?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Under the 2011 Nurses' and Midwives' Public Health System (State) Award a midwifery staffing methodology called Birthrate Plus® is in use in NSW. Birthrate Plus® provides a framework to assess the midwifery hours of care required at a service based on a minimum standard of one-to-one midwifery care throughout labour and birth.

The Birthrate Plus® methodology provides a component of a Maternity Unit's staffing. The total staffing of the unit will also include additional FTE for managers, educators, clinical midwifery consultants and nursing work where relevant.

The methodology is currently being used by the Hospital and active recruitment is undertaken by Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District for any vacancies. Where necessary, experienced casual, agency and overtime staffing is used to continue to provide safe and effective shift coverage.

*3828 NEPEAN HOSPITAL MATERNITY UNIT STAFF—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Maternity Unit at Nepean Hospital.

(1) What is the Nursing and Midwifery Full Time Employment establishment of this unit?

(a) How many of these positions are filled?

(b) How many are vacant as of 1 April 2013?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my answer to LA Question 3827.

*3829 NEEDLE EXCHANGE MACHINE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) After a meeting with local business owners of Redfern community, did the Minister assure Ben Fordham that extra needle bins would be installed, before the needle vending machine was turned on?

(2) When did this needle exchange machine begin operating?

(3) When were these extra needle bins installed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) During a meeting with local residents and business owners on 9 February 2013, it was raised that the Sydney Local Health District would investigate the possibility of a sharps disposal bin being installed at Redfern Oval.

This matter was referred to the City of Sydney Council, which has ownership of this public area. The consultation process with the community has commenced in this regard, however, it has been indicated publicly that installation of the bin is not supported under Council criteria and is unlikely to proceed. Consultation is ongoing.

The Sydney Local Health District is conducting daily sweeps of the area and has installed a sharps waste disposal bin adjacent to the automatic dispensing machine at Redfern Community Health Centre. The City of Sydney Council has advised that its staff currently conduct regular clean-ups of Redfern Oval.

The Sydney Local Health District activated the automatic dispensing machine after hours on 11 April 2013. The automatic dispensing machine is operational outside of business hours of the primary fixed site Needle and Syringe Program outlet.

- *3831 ALCOHOL PRODUCT ADVERTISING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

In reference to the NSW Alcohol Summit 2013:

What is the Government's position on the proposal to prohibit advertising of alcohol products?

Answer—

The issue of alcohol advertising regulation requires a national approach, given the national advertising market place that exists.

I am advised that alcohol advertising is currently being considered by the Commonwealth's Australian National Preventative Health Agency (ANPHA), which released a paper in late 2012 (Alcohol Advertising: the effectiveness of current regulatory controls in addressing community concerns) to guide community discussion on this issue.

The Government will consider the Commonwealth's report once it has been made available.

- *3832 VEHICLE OFFENCES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How many fines have been issued in the last two financial years for the following offences:

- (1) Not restrain vehicle properly?
- (2) Not remove ignition key (vehicle unattended)?
- (3) Not secure windows/lock doors (vehicle unattended)?
- (4) Driver splash mud on bus passengers?

Answer—

The table below provides the number of fines issued for each offence listed above for the last two financial years:

Offence:	2010-2011 Financial Year	2011-2012 Financial Year
1	135	95
2	69	34
3	289	146
4	Nil	Nil

- *3833 VEHICLE OFFENCES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

	TRAFFIC OFFENCES	2011-2012	2012-2013 (YTD)	TOTAL
1	Not restrain vehicle properly	57	77	134
2	Not remove ignition key (vehicle unattended)	18	50	68
3	Not lock doors secure windows (vehicle unattended)	74	157	231
4	Driver splash mud on bus passengers	0	0	0

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*3834 ALBION PARK MEDICAL HELICOPTER—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the Medical Helicopter based at Albion Park Airport, when will the Minister inform the community about:

- (1) The future of this service?
- (2) The future location of this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Review of NSW Aeromedical (Rotary Wing) Retrieval Services Final Report prepared by Ernst & Young made a large number of recommendations on options for configuration of aeromedical bases.

The Report was issued for wide stakeholder consideration from December 2012 to March 2013. Stakeholder feedback, including comments from the Illawarra community, is under active consideration and will inform the Government's response to the Report's options and recommendations.

*3835 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

In relation to the Resources for Regions program:

- (1) How were the Illawarra region and the Wollongong Local Government area excluded in the first two rounds?
- (2) What specific data and information did the Minister receive to change the decision and announce that they will now be included?
- (3) What changes have been made to the criteria for determining what Councils will be included in the future rollout of this program?
- (4) Will Cessnock and Maitland Local Government Areas be now included?

Answer—

(1) Details of the data that was used to determine the extent to which communities are affected by mining is detailed in the 2011 and 2012 Economic Assessments.

(2) Following the release of the 2012 Assessment further consideration was given to the fact that some Local Government Areas (LGAs) which are directly impacted by mining activity may also be indirectly impacted. A subsequent analysis of mining-related truck movements identified Wollongong's eligibility to apply for funding in 2013-2014.

(3) and (4) All LGAs will be considered as part of the assessment process in future rounds. The relative priority of a particular community cannot be determined in advance of the assessments actually being conducted.

*3836 WYEE SEWERAGE SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

Does the Priority Sewerage Scheme still operate outside of the Sydney metropolitan region?

Answer—

The Priority Sewerage Scheme does not operate outside the Sydney Metropolitan (Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment) area.

*3837 VACANT DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How many Departmental properties are vacant in the following suburbs:

- (1) Heckenberg;
- (2) Villawood;
- (3) Fairfield;
- (4) Smithfield;
- (5) Mount Druitt;

(6) Parramatta?

Answer—

As at the 1 May 2013, 1.4 per cent of Land and Housing Corporation residential properties in the nominated suburbs were vacant.

*3838 MERIT PROGRAM AT LOCAL COURTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What is the cost of the MERIT program at the following local courts?

Albion Park	Coffs Harbour	Kogarah	Newtown	Singleton
Ballina	Cooma	Kyogle	North Sydney	Sutherland
Bankstown	Downing Centre	Lismore	Nowra	Tamworth
Bathurst	Dubbo	Liverpool	Oberon	Toronto
Blacktown	Fairfield	Maclean	Orange	Tweed Heads
Blayney	Forbes	Maitland	Parkes	Wagga Wagga
Broken Hill	Gosford	Manly	Parramatta	Wauchope
Burwood	Grafton	Milton	Penrith	Waverley
Byron Bay	Hornsby	Mt Druitt	Port Kembla	Wellington
Camden	Junee	Mullumbimby	Port Macquarie	Wilcannia
Campbelltown	Katoomba	Murwillumbah	Queanbeyan	Wollongong
Casino	Kempsey	Muswellbrook	Raymond Terrace	Woy Woy
Cessnock	Kiama	Newcastle	Ryde	Wyong

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ministry of Health does not allocate MERIT funds to particular local courts.

In 2012-2013, the Ministry allocated the following funding for delivery of the MERIT program and related treatment:

- \$12,752,500 to 15 Local Health Districts;
- \$2,697,000 to non government organisations;
- \$306,000 to the Department of Attorney General and Justice.

*3839 HOUSING NSW HANDYMAN PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the handyman project for Housing NSW properties:

- (1) How many projects have been undertaken by the handyman in the Keira electorate in this financial year?
- (2) What is the funding allocation for handyman projects in the Keira electorate and the Illawarra?
- (3) What is the overall funding allocation in NSW for handyman projects?

Answer—

- (1) As at 6 May 2013, 65 handyperson works orders were completed in the Keira Electorate during 2012-2013.
- (2) Handyperson Program funding allocated for the Illawarra contract, including the Keira Electorate, is \$92,565 for 2012-2013.
- (3) The overall funding allocated to the NSW Handypersons Program is approximately \$2,453,000 for 2012-2013.

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*3840 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL CARDIAC UNIT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the expected date that the Government will close the Cardiac unit at the Mount Druitt hospital?

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- (2) When this unit closes, will Mount Druitt Hospital be the only hospital in Western Sydney not to have a cardiac unit?
(3) If the situation in (2) is not the case, what hospitals in Western Sydney do not have a cardiac unit?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) I refer the Member to my response to LA Question 3646.

*3841 SOLE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ORDERS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many sole parental responsibility orders were issued in:

- (1) 2010;
(2) 2011;
(3) 2012?

Answer—

Section 149 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act requires the carers of children under the Minister's parental responsibility to make the application to the Children's Court for a sole parental responsibility order. To make this application, the carers need the consent of the natural parents in addition to the agency supervising the placement. The Children's Court cannot make a sole parental responsibility order if the parents have not given their consent. Few parents have been prepared to give consent because, if a sole parental responsibility order is made, it will significantly limit their ability to apply to the court in the future to have the orders changed. Hence sole parental responsibility orders are not commonly applied for by carers.

*3842 COMMUNITY SERVICES ITS SYSTEM—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Given reports from caseworkers about the serious and ongoing problems with "My Virtual Office", and the cessation of the IT Assist Program with no funded equivalent:

When will the Government develop and fund a new ITS system for Community Services?

Answer—

This Government is fixing the IT mess left by the former Government. The KIDS system is being improved, with caseworkers' input, to reduce the administrative burden so caseworkers can spend more time visiting children.

*3843 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - EASTLAKES SHOPPING CENTRE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

In relation to the development application pending for Eastlakes Shopping Centre pursuant to part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979:

- (1) (a) Has any person or corporation made representations to the Director General of the Department of Planning, or officers of the Department of Planning in support of the development application?
(b) If so, what was that communication or representation?
(2) Why, when the Planning and Assessment Commission in September 2010 rejected a recommendation from the Department of Planning to authorise a submission of a concept plan did the Department of Planning continue to deal with the application and the submission of an application without a further concept plan being submitted to the Planning and Assessment Commission?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) All submissions received are available to view on the Department's website. The Department has met with both the Proponent and Botany Council regarding the proposal on a number of occasions.
(2) This question refers to the previous Government.

*3844 INSHORE WATER RESCUE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regards to the recommendations of the Inshore Water Rescue: A Review of Procedures Report: When will the Government amend the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 to ensure that:

- (1) The NSW Police force has primary responsibility for the co-ordination of rescue operations in NSW?
- (2) All emergency service organisations are required to notify the NSW police force of rescue incident?

Answer—

I am advised:

The State Emergency and Rescue Management Amendment (Co-ordination and Notification of Rescues) Bill 2013 addresses these recommendations. The Bill has already been passed by the Legislative Council and is currently awaiting a second reading in the Legislative Assembly.

*3845 DR ANDREW KAM'S CLINICS AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Dr Andrew Kam's neurosurgery and spine clinics at Westmead hospital;

- (1) How many patients were on the surgical waiting list for Dr Kam's team as of 30 April 2013 in;
 - (a) Category 1?
 - (b) Category 2?
 - (c) Category 3?
- (2) How many patients had their surgery over the 12 months from Dr Kam's team from May 2012 until May 2013 in;
 - (a) Category 1?
 - (b) Category 2?
 - (c) Category 3?
- (3) What was the average waiting time for patients to have their surgery for Dr Kam's team over the 12 months from May 2012 until May 2013 in;
 - (a) Category 1?
 - (b) Category 2?
 - (c) Category 3?
- (4) How many of the patients who have had surgery over the 12 months from Dr Kam's team from May 2012 until May 2013 "breached" the waiting times in their category;
 - (a) Category 1?
 - (b) Category 2?
 - (c) Category 3?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that all patients waiting for elective surgery are treated within clinically recommended timeframes. The National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services requires States to ensure that patients receive their surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe and has set progressive targets for all States.

Information regarding surgery waiting times is available from the Bureau of Health Information at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*3848 SHELLHARBOUR TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many commuters used the following train stations in the Shellharbour in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012:
 - (a) Albion Park;
 - (b) Oak Flats; and
 - (c) Dapto?
- (2) How many CityRail staff are employed at:
 - (a) Each of the train stations;
 - (b) During each year 2010, 2011 and 2012?
- (3) Which of the train stations in (1) are not staffed during the day and at what specific times are the stations not staffed?
- (4) What is the reason for these train stations not being staffed during the times they are unstaffed?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) Customer information for 2010 and 2011 is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website. Commuter information for 2012 will be placed on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website once finalised.
- (2) to (4) Stations are staffed to an appropriate level.

*3850 SHELLHARBOUR SPEED ZONES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Have there been any speed zone changes to roads in the Shellharbour electorate since March 2011?
- (2) If so, on which specific roads have speed zones been changed?
- (3) What are the reasons for the speed zone changes on these specific roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about changes to speed limits is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*3851 LAKE ILLAWARRA AUTHORITY REVIEW—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Has the Minister received the report and recommendations into the review of the Lake Illawarra Authority?
- (2) On what date will the Minister publicly release the report?
- (3) Will the Minister commit to extensive public consultations, including face-to-face meetings with stakeholders and the community, prior to any final decision on the report's recommendations?
- (4) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The report, its recommendations and the Government response were released on Saturday 1 June 2013.
- (3) An extensive consultation process involving stakeholders and the community was undertaken during the writing of the report. 140 submissions were received. The feedback has been incorporated into the final report and recommendations.
- (4) See 3 above.

*3852 EATING DISORDER TREATMENT BEDS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With regards to inpatient eating disorder treatment beds at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital;

- (1) How many inpatient care beds currently exist at RPA?
- (2) How many individuals were on the waiting list for inpatient care for eating disorder beds as of 1 April 2013?
- (3) What is the average time spent by inpatients occupying these beds?
- (4) What is the average waiting time for admission into inpatient eating disorder treatment at RPA?
- (5) What other treatment beds specifically for eating disorder are there in NSW?
 - (a) Where are they located?

- (1) What inpatient enhancements for treatment beds specifically for eating disorders are planned for NSW over the next 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) There are currently two inpatient beds allocated for inpatient treatment of eating disorders at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Two additional beds have been temporarily closed pending completion of the hospital redevelopment. The range of period inpatients occupy these beds can be from three to 127 days. The waiting time for admission is dependent on a patient's clinical need, as determined by their treating doctor.

Any person regardless of age or where they live who is medically compromised as a result of an eating disorder and is assessed as requiring treatment in a hospital has access to a bed in NSW. If any patient is medically unwell they will be admitted to a general hospital bed, on the basis of clinical need.

It is important to note that the majority of people with eating disorders do not require hospitalisation and receive ongoing care through a range of health providers across both the public and private health system and in a range of settings including general practice, day programs and outpatient care. Hospital based inpatient care is primarily required for medical stabilisation when a person's health status is medically compromised or to initiate treatment for people whose resistance to treatment puts them at high risk of medical complications. Many people with eating disorders receive care in general medical, paediatric, as well as child and adolescent mental health and adult mental health wards, depending on their needs at the time.

In the NSW public health system there are more than 25 non-dedicated but specialist eating disorder beds providing acute, developmentally appropriate interventions. These are located within the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, John Hunter Hospital, Westmead Hospital and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

In the private NSW Health system there are at least 32 eating disorder beds available for adolescents and adults located at the North Side Psychiatric Clinic and Wesley Private Hospital.

The NSW Government is committed to increasing assistance to people with eating disorders. We are currently implementing a range of measures including training clinicians throughout NSW to identify and treat eating disorders so that treatment can commence as early as possible; funding specialists through the Centre for Eating and Dieting Disorders to improve treatment and support across NSW; and creating the world's first interactive Eating Disorder Online Training Program to train general health and mental health staff in the identification and treatment of eating disorders. The Ministry of Health is also currently reviewing options for increased treatment access across both community and inpatient care.

*3853 SMOKY TRUCK FINES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How many fines have been issued since 1 March 2013 for smoky trucks going through the M5 East motorway and tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 1 March to 1 June 2013, 46 confirmed incidents of vehicles emitting excessive smoke in the M5 tunnel were recorded and referred to the Environment Protection Authority for further action.

*3854 NSW FAIR WORK INSPECTORS IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) How many NSW Fair Work inspectors' jobs are proposed to be removed from Wollongong?

(2) Why is the Minister closing the Industrial Relations offices in Wollongong?

Answer—

For the last three and a half years NSW Industrial Relations (NSW IR) has carried out investigations of complaints, audits and field inspections for the Fair Work Ombudsman under contract.

The Federal Government advised NSW IR on 24 April 2013 that it has decided not to renew the current contract that expires on 30 June 2013.

As a result of the Federal Government's decision, the ten Fair Work inspectors in the Wollongong regional office will no longer be required.

*3855 LINNWOOD HOUSE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

(1) Does the Government plan to convert Linnwood House at Guildford into a museum?

(2) If so, when?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) N/A.

*3856 PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Has the Government earmarked land, or section of land belonging to a public school, including but not limited to playgrounds or sports ovals, in the Fairfield area, for liquidation to private persons or government agencies outside the Education Department?

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(2) Does the Government plan or are currently exploring the possibility of selling off land or parcels of land belonging to public schools?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) The Department of Education and Communities reviews its assets on an ongoing basis. Any land that is surplus to the Department's educational needs is disposed of and the proceeds are reinvested in capital works and maintenance in schools.

*3857 CHILDREN AT RISK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What is the Department doing to protect children who are known to be at risk?

Answer—

The NSW Government's child protection legislative reform agenda is designed to improve services and lives for vulnerable children. We need a child protection system that ensures children and young people at Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) are safe. The system needs to ensure those children that do need to be in state care are on a pathway to a good and productive future.

To achieve this, significant change is required in the way the system works. This means legislative, policy and cultural change across the sector and making our system more flexible, responsive and innovative.

At the heart of these reforms is placing children at the centre of the child protection system. Vulnerable children and young people need us to be proactive and timely. A key component of the reform agenda is to proactively promote good parenting and build the capacity of vulnerable parents to care for their children safely.

In addition to legislative reform, the Department of Family and Community Services has implemented other reforms and strategies to improve the way we protect children at risk.

These reforms include:

- Practice First, a NSW model for child protection and out-of-home care (OOHC) service delivery crafted to be a pragmatic fit with the current resourcing, legislative and policy framework in NSW;
- Structured Decision Making (SDM) tools have been introduced across the state to promote consistency in decision-making when reporting, screening or assessing child protection concerns. The SDM assessments are now a key tool to support NSW child protection system;
- The Intensive Family Support/Preservation Programs support families in crisis whose children and young people (aged 0-15 years) are at risk/imminent risk of removal and placement in OOHC;
- Strengthening Families, which works with families with a child under 9 years or an unborn child who is the subject of a ROSH report;
- Brighter Futures which deliver services and support to families with children aged under 9 years or who are expecting a child, where the child/ren are at high risk of entering the statutory child protection system, including OOHC; and
- Short Term Court Order and Family Preservation and Restoration Project combines legal options in the Children's Court with solid case planning and service provision so that long-term OOHC is avoided by intervening earlier and children are kept safe within their families.

The Department of Family and Community Services is also one of three partners involved in the Joint Investigation Response Teams (JIRT), along with the NSW Police and NSW Health. JIRT Teams enable inter-agency collaboration in responding to serious cases of child abuse, including sexual assault, and neglect.

Community Services is also establishing Child Protection Adolescent Response Teams in each of its regions to strengthen child protection case management to at-risk adolescents and their families.

*3858 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

What is the Government doing to ensure all eligible applicants are made aware of the \$75 Family Energy Rebate?

Answer—

Unlike the previous Government, the O'Farrell Government is committed to providing targeted, ongoing assistance to help households and families struggling to manage the impacts of the previous Government's legacy of power price rises.

The NSW Government continues to actively promote all of its assistance measures on offer, with over 940,000 households currently eligible to receive a rebate.

It should be noted that IPART has determined that NSW electricity bills would be \$171 cheaper from 1 July if Labor scrapped its carbon tax - a tax which has the full support of the NSW Labor Party.

*3859 NSW NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the nurse to patient ratio in New South Wales Hospitals?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Question 3691.

*3860 INVOLUNTARY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Is there an involuntary Mental Health Treatment Program similar to the Involuntary Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program?

Answer—

Yes, please refer to the NSW Mental Health Act 2007 for details.

*3861 WETHERILL PARK TAFE ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF NURSING POSITIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Why have positions for the Advanced Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nursing) been cut at South Western Sydney Institute (Wetherill Park TAFE)?

Answer—

TAFE NSW – South Western Sydney Institute has never offered the Advanced Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nursing) course at Wetherill Park College.

*3862 TAFE ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF NURSING STUDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Is there any screening in place to ensure non-English speaking students enrolling in the Advanced Diploma of Nursing course at TAFE are capable of comprehending medical terminology?

Answer—

To gain entry into the Advanced Diploma of Nursing course at TAFE NSW, applicants must:

- hold the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 Nursing) qualification from the HLT07 Health Training Package.
- be eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as an Enrolled Nurse, which includes meeting the registration standard on English language skills.

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*3863 COMPLAINTS MONTAGE GROUP PTY LTD—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Has the Department of Fair Trading received complaints about the actions of Montage Group Pty Ltd?
- (2) Is this company connected to other companies such as Montage Group Volley Contract Pty Ltd and Volley Systems and Montage Group Pty Ltd?
 - (a) If so, how many complaints have been lodged against the above named companies?
- (3) What has been the result of any such complaints?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading advises me of the following:

- (1) Yes.

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- (2) Montage Group Pty Ltd and Volla Systems Pty Ltd did share a director until 4 March 2013. Shares in Volla Systems Pty Ltd are owned by a company that shares a director with Montage Group Pty Ltd.

There is no company with the name "Montage Group Volla Contract Pty Ltd" registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

(a) One complaint lodged against Montage Group Pty Ltd also relates to Volla Systems Pty Ltd.

- (3) To date, Montage Group Pty Ltd has been issued with penalty notices for unlicensed contracting, taking excessive deposits, and a failure to provide home warranty insurance.

*3864 TAFE NSW SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many positions are to be lost at TAFE NSW Sydney Institute?
- (2) How many teaching positions are to be lost at TAFE NSW Sydney Institute?
 - (a) How many head teacher positions are to be lost?
 - (b) How many coordinator positions are to be lost?
- (3) How many administrative positions are to be lost from TAFE NSW Sydney Institute?
- (4) Why has TAFE NSW Sydney Institute refused to allow voluntary redundancies?
- (5) Is Sydney Institute planning to review its administrative structure?
 - (a) If yes, when will this occur?
- (6) When TAFE tenders for a contract, what percentage of that contract is accounted for teaching costs?
- (7) In TAFE tenders, what percentage is accounted for administrative costs?
- (8) When TAFE tenders, what percentage is added for profit?

Answer—

- (1) In Stage 1 of the business reforms 36 positions will be declared excess. Stage 2 business reforms are yet to be finalised. Sydney Institute is undertaking business reforms in accordance with its obligations under Fair Work Australia and the NSW Government's Managing Excess Employees Policy.
- (2) In Stage 1 of the business reforms 31 teaching positions have been declared excess.
 - (a) No head teacher positions have been declared excess.
 - (b) No coordinator positions have been declared excess.
- (3) In Stage 1 of the business reforms 1 administrative position will be lost at Sydney Institute. Stage 2 business reform proposals are yet to be finalised.
- (4) Sydney Institute has not refused to allow voluntary redundancies. It has offered a number of voluntary redundancies in Stage 1 of the business reforms.
- (5) Sydney Institute will continue to review all aspects of its business to position itself to be competitive and sustainable into the future. Any future reforms could impact on Sydney Institute administrative staff.
 - (a) The time frames of future reforms have yet to be determined.
- (6) Teaching components are determined by the needs of each contract. Any variance is due to length of program and student/teacher ratio required to deliver the program.
- (7) Administrative costs associated with commercial tenders vary according to the business needs of each contract.
- (8) Profit percentages vary between tenders depending on the size of the program or tender, the longevity of the tender, the market forces around the products and the anticipated volume of competition for the tender.

*3865 SYDNEY PORTS CORPORATION—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What portion of the income of Sydney Ports Corporation is;
 - (a) Currently generated by Port Botany?
 - (b) Expected to be generated by Port Botany following the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium?
- (2) What was the income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the;
 - (a) 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (b) 2010-2011 financial year?
- (3) What is the projected income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the 2012-2013 financial year?
- (4) What impact will the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium have on the income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the 2013-14 financial year?

- (5) Is the annual income of Sydney Ports Corporation expected to decrease following the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium?
- (6) Has any work been done to calculate how Sydney Ports Corporation will make up for the income shortfall as a result of the leasing of Port Botany?
- (7) Which commercial wharves in Sydney, not used for Cruise Passenger Terminals, will remain in public ownership following the lease of Port Botany?
- (8) Have there been any discussions or plans for Sydney Ports to intensify port uses and freight movements at White Bay and Glebe Island?
- (9) Has there been consideration of the concerns of Leichhardt Council and the community regarding the traffic congestion that will result if all port traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island is not contained within a separate port road? If yes;
 - (a) What impact?
 - (b) What steps have been taken to address these concerns?
- (10) Will all traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island be contained within a separate port road?
 - (a) If no, what portion of traffic relating to White Bay and Glebe Island will use the local council road network?
- (11) What are the reasons for not containing all port traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island on a separate port road?
- (12) What research and analysis is being undertaken of the costs and transport benefits of retaining versus removing Glebe Island Bridge?
- (13) What is the community consultation plan relating to the decision to retain or remove Glebe Island Bridge?
- (14) What consideration has been given to reinstating the Glebe Island Bridge as a pedestrian way, cycleway and potentially for Light Rail?
- (15) What is the current position of Roads and Maritime services on whether to retain or remove the Glebe Island Bridge?
- (16) What is the foreseen percentage of the Bays Precinct to be allocated for community use for open space and recreational purposes?
- (17) Will the Minister commit to undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the economic, recreational, cultural and social benefits of establishing sporting fields at White Bay and in the Rozelle Railway Marshalling Yards?

Answer—

(1) to (6) I am advised that questions relating to the financial performance of Sydney Ports Corporation would be most appropriately directed to the Treasurer.

(7) to (17) I am advised that these questions would be most appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports.

*3866 CONSTABLE EDUCATION PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When did the Government make the decision to put a hold on accepting any new applications for the Constable Education Program and Rejoinee and Professional Mobility Employment applications?
- (2) Can the Minister provide, in detail, the reasons for this decision?
- (3) When will this program begin to process applications again?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Police Force has had to put a temporary hold on accepting any new applications to the Academy, due to the number of applications already received and the fact that there are fewer officers leaving the Force. Over a thousand people are waiting to get into the Academy and start their training. It would be unfair to accept any additional applications when the number of officers leaving the Force, and therefore the number of vacancies, is at an all time low.

The hold on new applications is a temporary measure that will be monitored and reassessed by the NSW Police Force as part of its normal recruiting processes. Meanwhile, police numbers are at record levels, with the Government committed to achieving an authorised strength of 16,665 in August 2015.

*3867 REMOVAL OF TREES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the removal of trees currently underway on the Memorial Drive through Towradgi and Fairy

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Meadow:

- (1) Why are these trees being removed?
- (2) Why wasn't the area simply cleaned up and weeds and litter removed?
- (3) Are the trees getting removed because they were the wrong species?
- (4) What trees are they going to be replaced with?
- (5) How much did it cost to put the original trees in?
- (6) How much are the current works costing?
- (7) Are you concerned that the removal of the trees is a road safety issue given they serve to filter and reduce oncoming glare from motorists headlights in the other lanes?
 - (a) If so, what are you doing to address this? If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is part of an annual program for landscaping maintenance and upgrade of the original 1990s landscaping. The budget for the upgrade is \$100,000. New plantings along Memorial Drive will include the Callistemon variety.

There are guard fences on each side of the median as a safety measure.

*3868 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (February 2013) and the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (December 2011):

- (1) Are the figures/tables displaying coal royalties per Local Government Area factually incorrect in both reports?
- (2) If both sets of figures, in both reports, are factually incorrect, can you confirm that the figures offered in response to Q 3496 are accurate?
- (3) Can you confirm that the independent auditor responsible for reviewing both sets of data was Hill Rogers Spencer Steer?
- (4) In either report, did the auditing firm raise any concerns about the figures being used?
- (5) Are you confident that NSW received value for money in the auditing process given the factual errors that have been highlighted?
- (6) How can Cessnock, Lake Macquarie and Maitland LGA's have confidence that they have been fairly assessed and considered for funding when the process, data, tables, graphs and freight modelling used for this report have so many factual errors?
- (7) During the process, was the NSW Association of Mining Affected Councils consulted?

Answer—

(1) No. While Figure 1 in the 2012 Assessment did not display all data accurately, the tables and data used in both Assessments are factually correct and consistent.

(2) The data used in both Assessments are factually correct and consistent with the response to LA Question 3496.

(3) Yes.

(4) to (6) There are no factual errors in the Assessments.

(7) All local government authorities in NSW were surveyed in 2012. The NSW Association of Mining Affected Councils will have an opportunity to provide input to the Independent Assessment Panel on projects being considered for funding.

*3869 NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Was detail, such as
 - (a) residential unit approvals over the past 10 years till 2012;
 - (b) the number of residential units constructed over past 10 years;
 - (c) whether approved, but not completed units remain ready for construction;
 - (a) the construction of residential units approved in 2013?

used to inform and develop the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy 2012?

(2) Did your office seek and gain information related to the development of Units and Residential Dwellings in the Newcastle CBD at any stage during the development of the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy 2012?

(3) Given that the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy 2012 has identified an additional 6000 dwellings as a target, will the Government have any capacity to measure its performance against this target?

(4) Given that the 2006 Revitalizing Newcastle City Centre document identified an additional 4000 dwellings, is the Government able to measure or monitor the success of that strategy?

Answer—

I am advised the following:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) Existing mechanisms can be used to measure dwelling approvals and completions including: monthly dwelling approval data at a local government wide level, quarterly NSW ABS commencement and completions data and Hunter Water data on the number of connections to water meters.
- (4) The preparation of a new regional growth plan will be informed by housing approval and commencement data.

*3870 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to Kurri Kurri Police Station:

- (1) Between what hours each day can residents attend Kurri Kurri Police Station to speak face-to-face with an officer without making an appointment?
- (2) If Kurri Kurri Police Station is unattended, what is the closest manned 24 hour Station that residents can attend to speak with an officer face-to-face without an appointment?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Question 3585 on this subject. Both Maitland and Cessnock Police Stations operate 24/7.

*3871 CENTRELINK CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the Centrelink Clean Energy Supplement being included as income for social housing tenants:

(a) The letter to customers from Centrelink specifically states "this is a tax free payment and does not count as income for social security or family assistance purposes"

(b) The letter to clients from Family and Community Services states "the review was based on income information provided by Centreline"

- (1) Why does the NSW Government define the supplement as income for determining social housing rents?
- (2) How does the Government explain the contradictory statements in the two letters to social housing tenants?

Answer—

The treatment of the carbon tax supplement in social housing rents is consistent with longstanding policy of including general income support as assessable income in calculating a household's rental subsidy.

Centrelink has no jurisdiction over social housing rent setting.

*3872 RENT ASSESSMENT INCLUDING CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the Centrelink Clean Energy Supplement being included as income for social housing tenants:

- (1) Are you aware that the
 - (a) Property Council of Australia used Carbon Price Modelling done by Allen Consulting Group and the modelling by the Allen Consulting Group shows a possible Carbon Price impact range of 1.3 per cent to 1.7 per cent?

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- (b) Housing Industry Association has released Carbon Price Modelling with a range from 0.8 per cent to 1.7 per cent?
- (c) Stockland Group has factored in a Carbon Price impact to the delivery of housing at 0.6 per cent?
- (2) Why has the Minister applied a possible Carbon Price impact at the highest end of the range provided by various industry groups?
- (3) By assessing the Clean Energy Supplement as a source of income and at an assessment rate of 25 per cent, what will be the fortnightly increase to Housing NSW's income from Social Housing Rent?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government does not support the carbon tax due to the negative long term impact it will have on the people and the economy of NSW. Over time, the carbon tax will significantly increase the cost of providing and maintaining social housing in NSW.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Services.

*3873 MINING RELATED HEAVY VEHICLE MOVEMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (February 2013) and the Strategic Freight Model used to estimate mining related heavy vehicle movements within an Local Government Area (LGA):

- (1) What is the number of mining related truck movements each day in the
 - (a) Cessnock Local Government Area?
 - (b) Maitland Local Government Area?
 - (c) Lake Macquarie Local Government Area?
 - (d) All other Local Government Area's?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (d) Heavy vehicle movement analyses were conducted for the local government areas for which a response to the survey conducted in 2012 was received. Of the three local government authorities identified, only Lake Macquarie responded to the survey. Mining-related heavy vehicle movements in the Lake Macquarie LGA were estimated at approximately 350 per day. Data relating to heavy vehicle movements in all other LGAs is available in the Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities, available at http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/27154/economic_assess_mining_comms_20130227.pdf.

*3875 TRAIN STATION SECURITY AND POLICE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to security on the NSW rail network:

- (1) How many transit safety officers were employed in NSW as at;
 - (a) 1 March 2011?
 - (b) 1 March 2012?
 - (c) 1 March 2013?
- (2) How many NSW Police Transit Officers were employed in NSW as at;
 - (a) 1 March 2012?
 - (b) 1 March 2013?
- (3) Since the introduction of NSW Police Transit Officers, how many arrests have been made anywhere within the Hunter?
- (4) Are there any times when the Hunter line had no Security rostered onto trains, be they Police Transit Officers and/or Transit Safety Officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no such job title within RailCorp or Transport for NSW.
- (2) There is no such job title within RailCorp or Transport for NSW.
- (3) There is no such job title within RailCorp or Transport for NSW.
- (4) There are no such job titles as those within RailCorp or Transport for NSW.

The member should consider asking questions about the NSW Police Transport Command, Transport Officers or Transit Officers.

*3876 TRAIN STATIONS SECURITY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the train stations at Beresfield, Tarro, Greta and Branxton located in the Cessnock Electorate:

- (1) What security measures are currently in place?
- (2) Have any security measures been removed from these train stations since 1 July 2011?
- (3) What additional security measures have been implemented for these train stations since 1 July 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) CCTV cameras and help points are located at each of these stations. The NSW Police Transport Command patrols also cover these locations.
- (2) and (3) On 1 May 2012, the Police Transport Command formally took over responsibility for public transport network security.

The command will see 610 dedicated police officers patrolling public transport by the end of 2014. Further, 150 new Transport Officers will focus on fare evasion. The first tranche of Transport Officers commenced their responsibilities on 13 May 2013.

This important measure builds on our \$40 million Park and Travel Safety Fund to further improve CCTV on station platforms, on trains and in car parks; improve lighting in and around train stations; and increase help point reliability.

*3879 LEGAL AID AND PUBLIC PURPOSE FUNDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Noting that the Government's new Principles for Funding of Legal Assistance Services guidelines restrict funds from the Legal Aid & Public Purpose Fund:

- (1) To what extent does Principle 3 prevent funded legal centres from
 - (a) law reform and policy development?
 - (b) lobbying governments and elected officials?
 - (c) public campaigning and advocacy, including media and social media comment and public reform events?
 - (d) community education or training on advocacy skills?
 - (e) representing or advising activist groups, lobbying groups and action groups?
- (2) What consultation or negotiation was carried out with funded organisations before the new Principles were developed?
- (3) What concerns have been raised about the impact of the new Principles and limiting legal centres' capacity to fulfill their role?
- (4) What is the aim in restricting legal centres from involvement from their traditional vital role in law reform?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to ensure that legal centres can continue their role in law reform?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new Principles for Funding of Legal Assistance Services ("the Principles") are not intended to restrict funds from Legal Aid NSW and the Public Purpose Fund, but aim to ensure that the limited funds available are directed to those in the community who are most in need.

- (1) The goal of the Principles is to ensure that public funds for legal assistance services are primarily directed towards legal representation, casework and advice for disadvantaged people and vulnerable groups. The Principles also allow Community Legal Centres ('CLCs') to undertake a range of other activities to help disadvantaged people, including community consultation, community capacity building and the provision of factual information, research and advice on law reform and policy issues. The Principles seek to ensure that funding for legal assistance services is not applied towards political advocacy or activism.
- (2) Legal Aid NSW, which administers the CLC Program, was consulted on the Principles before they were finalised.
- (3) Some concerns have been raised about the meaning and impact of the Principles. For instance, some stakeholders have expressed concern that the Principles will lead to a reduction in funding for CLCs, and that the Principles will hamper the ability of CLCs to undertake law reform work and limit the

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community's access to justice. Some of these concerns are based on a misunderstanding of the Principles. My Department and Legal Aid NSW will work with CLCs to ensure the Principles are not misconstrued and to assist CLCs with the implementation of the Principles.

- (4) The Principles do not aim to restrict CLCs from undertaking law reform work, but to focus limited resources on the areas for systemic reform that will have the most impact on vulnerable and disadvantaged people.
- (5) The Government expects that CLCs will continue to undertake law reform work. It is anticipated that CLCs will continue to contribute to law reform through submissions and participation in law reform consultative groups with other non-government organisations and the government sector.

*3880 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BOARD—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Noting that the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 states that the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board will review legislation, government policies and practice:

- (1) Over the past 12 months
 - (a) What legislation has the Anti-Discrimination Board reviewed?
 - (b) What policies and practices has the Anti-Discrimination Board reviewed?
- (2) What advice did the Anti-Discrimination Board provide on legislation related to sobering up centres and changes to the evidence of silence?
- (3) How many Anti-Discrimination Board staff are allocated to legislative review functions?
 - (a) What levels are these positions at?
- (4) What funding is allocated to the Anti-Discrimination Board for legislative review?
- (5) How many investigations, research and inquiries relating to discrimination have been carried out by the Anti-Discrimination Board over the past 12 months?
 - (a) What staff and funding is allocated to the Board for these investigations, research and inquiries?
- (6) What matters has the Attorney General referred to the Anti-Discrimination Board for investigation under Section 120 over the past 12 months?
- (7) How does the Government allocate funds to the Anti-Discrimination Board for its annual budget and when does the Attorney General's Department advise the Anti-Discrimination Board of its annual budget?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to facilitate and improve the Anti-Discrimination Board's operations and effectiveness?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (8) Details of the activities conducted by the Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) are provided in the ADB's annual report. Activities conducted prior to 1 July 2012, can be found in the past annual reports published online. Details of activities conducted from 1 July 2012 to date will be reported in the 2012-2013 annual report, to be made public shortly.

*3881 SOBERING UP CENTRES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With respect to the evaluation of Sobering-Up Centres:

- (1) What data does the Government have about similar facilities in other jurisdictions?
- (2) What data will the Government collect to carry out to identify a cost benefit analysis of these facilities?
- (3) What indicators will be used as measures for before and after outcomes?
- (4) What evaluation is proposed to assess the trial of Sobering-Up Centres?
- (5) What stakeholders and experts will be involved and how will they contribute to this evaluation?
- (6) When does the Government plan to report on this evaluation?
- (7) What further plans does the Government have to address alcohol abuse?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data from other Australian jurisdictions has been collected and assessed. An evaluation of the sobering up centres trial will be conducted by an external consultant appointed by Tender.

The evaluation plan will include analysis of the costs of running the Centres and consider these alongside the benefits to the local community. A range of outcome indicators will be measured, through the collection and analysis of data. The evaluation of the three Centres will include stakeholder consultations.

Since its election in 2011, the Government has made the misuse of alcohol a key focus. Initiatives to address this have included: enhanced move-on powers for police officers, a major overhaul of liquor laws designed to enhance public safety, reintroduction and modernisation of the 'intoxicated and disorderly' offence and public health campaigns encouraging drinkers to take responsibility for their own behaviour. This work is ongoing.

*3882 DARLING HARBOUR EXHIBITION BUILDINGS REUSE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on the potential to disassemble and reuse existing exhibition buildings at Darling Harbour if redevelopment proposals are approved?
- (2) What conclusions has the Government made on the cost savings of reusing the building for other project proposals?
- (3) What action has the Government taken in response to the City of Sydney proposal to reuse two or more bays as a new fish market on the existing fish market site at Blackwattle Bay or at Glebe Island?
- (4) What other proposed projects has the Government identified which could benefit from the cost savings of using the buildings?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to reuse these buildings?

Answer—

(1) Engineering advisers undertook a review of the feasibility of reusing the Exhibition Halls. Their advice was that the existing roof and walls had reached the end of their useful life and only the structure could potentially be reused.

(2) The work undertaken to date indicates that any cost saving of reusing the steel structure is minimal and that this saving would be offset by the increased costs arising from the extra time and costs needed to dismantle the building to allow the structural steel to be reused.

(3) to (5) The Government will consider any viable cost effective options for reuse of the steelwork.

*3883 RSPCA CONCERNS WITH PIG DOG HUNTING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With regard to concerns raised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the 24 April Central Western Daily article "No justification for pig hunting":

- (1) What plans does the Government have to discuss concerns that recreational pig dog hunting is "cruel and cannot be justified in any circumstances"?
- (2) What investigation will the Government initiate in response to statements that feral animals are at the mercy of inexperienced hunters who are not always able to bring the animal down with a single shot to the head or heart?
- (3) What assessment will the Government make on the nature of pig dog hunting in hunting magazines and on the internet, given comments that the practices of using dogs to hold pigs is not only extremely cruel, but can cause injuries to the dogs, while stabbing the pig causes a prolonged, painful and distressing death?

Answer—

(1) Under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002 the hunting of feral pigs with dogs is a legal and approved method for licenced hunters to use on public land. Through the licensing process hunters are provided with education in hunting ethics and the humane destruction of animals, and are subject to a comprehensive code of conduct. In addition, all hunters on public and private land are subject to the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

(2) Over the last seven years regulated hunters have spent more than 85,000 hunter days as volunteers removing more than 91,000 game and feral animals from public land in NSW. This has been achieved without any serious safety incident, injury or fatality to hunters, workers or the public and it has occurred with no reported incidents of animal cruelty.

(3) It is legal to hunt pigs with dogs in NSW provided it is done ethically, humanely and in accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 and when on declared public land in accordance with the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002 and the NSW Hunting Code of Practice.

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Illegal hunting may attract significant fines of up to \$5500, seizure and/or forfeiture of hunting equipment and may also attract criminal charges for various offences including those outlined in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

*3884 NEONICOTINOIDS AND BEES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

With respect to the European Union decision to ban neonicotinoids following a series of high-profile scientific studies linking neonicotinoids to devastation of bee colonies:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the
 - (a) Health of bee colonies in NSW?
 - (b) Dangers of neonicotinoids?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to ensure that pesticides do not impact on bees and pollination of crops?
- (3) What liaison has been carried out with other States and Territories about neonicotinoids?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to protect bee colonies and prevent these problems?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is aware of the North American and European phenomenon known as "Colony Collapse Disorder" (CCD) and have studied it with respect to any implications for Australian honeybees.

At this stage, Colony Collapse Disorder has not had a significant effect on NSW bee colonies.

- (b) The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and the Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPac) are both aware of the decision by the European Food Safety Agency to suspend the use of neonicotinoid pesticides pending further assessments of their safety to bees. The APVMA is currently examining the European decision and the information on which it is based prior to making any decision on the future of neonicotinoids in Australia.
- (2) DPI's apiary specialists work closely with the bee industry and the Environment Protection Authority to reduce pesticide risks to bees and to promote practices which benefit agriculture as a whole. At times this includes assisting with investigations of bee mortalities and providing advice to the APVMA regarding the circumstances around major bee poisoning incidents.
- (3) The APVMA is the national regulator responsible for assessing the safety of pesticides, including their effect on bees. The APVMA liaises regularly with states and territories on the progress of its considerations which are also communicated through the APVMA website.
- (4) APVMA has recently published a report of a study it commissioned to examine whether neonicotinoid insecticides present more of a risk to honey bee health than other pesticides that have been in use for many years. The APVMA is now considering this report together with recent assessments by the European Food Safety Agency and advice from national and international experts. The final assessment report from the APVMA is expected around the middle of this year at which time the future of the neonicotinoid insecticides in Australia should become clearer.

*3885 CARBON PRICING HOUSING COSTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting the Government has stated that social housing rents have been increased in order to cover increased housing costs resulting from the Commonwealth Carbon Pricing and Emissions Trading Scheme:

- (1) What data has the Government obtained or collected about increased costs for social housing providers?
- (2) What inputs for social housing were calculated to increase as a result of the Carbon Pricing and Emissions Trading Scheme?
- (3) What evidence and review was used to determine the level of increased cost for each tenant?
- (4) What assessment has the NSW Government made of measures to prevent or reduce these impacts?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have to prevent carbon pricing impacts hurting low income and vulnerable people?

Answer—

The treatment of the carbon tax supplement in social housing rents is consistent with longstanding policy of including general income support as assessable income in calculating a household's rental subsidy.

Most social housing tenants will continue to have their rents heavily subsidised by NSW taxpayers and

will continue to pay only 25 per cent of their household income on rent.

*3886 WHITEBRIDGE LAND SELL OFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to ensure that Whitebridge residents are fully included in the decision making process regarding the sale of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) owned land in Whitebridge?
- (2) (a) Does the Government recognize the importance of the land's biodiversity and its proximity to the renowned Fernleigh track?
(b) If so, why is the Government considering the sale of the land?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) and (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Mr Duncan Gay MLC.

*3887 ORICA BLAST OVERPRESSURE MAPS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Why has the Government allowed Orica to keep blast "overpressure" maps for its ammonia nitrate manufacturing plant on Kooragang Island confidential?
- (2) Will the Government take steps to make the "overpressure" maps publicly available?
- (3) Can the Government guarantee the safety of residents living near the Orica plant?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) and (2) Some of the technical information in Orica's project application was provided to the Department in-confidence, for security reasons. This information was considered by the Department in its assessment of the application.

(3) All potentially hazardous facilities are subject to a rigorous risk assessment. Project applications for such facilities are not approved unless the risk assessment demonstrates that the facility does not pose significant risks to the surrounding area. In this regard, the NSW Government has had risk criteria for land use safety planning for more than 20 years, which are recognised nationally and internationally. The risks from the Orica facility meet these criteria.

*3888 FUEL MONITORING SYSTEM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will the Government consider establishing a fuel monitoring system equivalent to that operated by the Western Australian Government called FuelWatch?

Answer—

The Federal Government unsuccessfully attempted to introduce FuelWatch nationally in 2008. It failed to pass the Senate because of concerns about:

- its anti-competitive nature-retailers could not reduce their prices for 24 hours; and
- the lack of proof of any reduction in the price of fuel in Western Australia.

The NSW Government is committed to improving price transparency for motorists on fuel prices. That is why during 2012, the NSW information standard for fuel price boards was reviewed and updated, with new requirements commencing on 1 September 2013.

I have also pursued the issue of improving fuel price board information at a national level.

There are already a number of smart phone apps, websites and email notification services available to NSW consumers that provide similar information to FuelWatch. Accordingly, there is no need for a NSW Government-backed FuelWatch scheme.

*3889 RESTRUCTURE - FAIR TRADING COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How will the Minister ensure that Fair Trading undertake investigations into individual licensees and other operators, considered small, despite the ongoing restructure of Fair Trading Compliance and Enforcement?
- (2) How many jobs have been lost as a result of restructure of the NSW Fair Trading Compliance and Enforcement section?

(3) How will job cuts affect the important work of NSW Fair Trading in prosecuting illegal business practices?

Answer—

The restructuring of NSW Fair Trading's Compliance and Enforcement Division has enhanced the agency's capacity to undertake investigations into individual licensees and other operators, whether small or large, across a range of industries.

Fair Trading has refocused its resources to maximise compliance and enforcement outcomes. The number of experienced Principal Investigators in the Division has increased, and a suite of dedicated Consumer Protection Officers has been established to monitor the marketplace and carry out compliance checks across a range of industries regulated by Fair Trading.

Fair Trading is becoming more strategic in the way it carries out its compliance and enforcement activities, using evidence based intelligence to target problem industries and take swift action. The recent establishment of a robust intelligence unit will ensure investigations are informed by marketplace trends. A National Projects team has been established to coordinate and drive Fair Trading's contribution to national and state/territory consumer protection projects and to lead key investigations on behalf of all consumer protection regulators.

The restructuring of Fair Trading's compliance and enforcement functions to better protect the integrity of the marketplace and take action against those who break the law is delivering improved compliance outcomes for New South Wales consumers. Fair Trading continues to undertake important compliance and enforcement activities across a range of key industries. Fair Trading is working closely with the NSW Police and other government agencies, including all consumer protection agencies, to take action, including prosecution action, against those who break the law.

*3890 OPENING OF SERVICE NSW OPENING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will the Government ensure that no Fair Trading shop fronts are closed prior to a Service NSW service centre opening, so that communities are not deprived of a Fair Trading service for months on end?

Answer—

Service NSW will provide access to more than 840 transactions and services including driving licences and licences issued by NSW Fair Trading.

Following the commencement of Service NSW from 1 July 2013, Fair Trading Centres will cease providing counter services as Service NSW is progressively rolled out across NSW. Fair Trading will continue to provide dispute resolution services, compliance and community education programs.

In regional locations, Fair Trading will maintain a presence in current locations as Service NSW is rolled out. In the Sydney metropolitan area, some operations are being consolidated at Parramatta and Penrith.

Fair Trading is endeavouring to align the closure of counter services as near as possible to the commencement of local Service NSW centres.

In the interim period, customers are able to access Fair Trading services either online through Fair Trading's website (www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au), by telephone on 13 32 20 or other metropolitan Fair Trading Centres at Hurstville, Penrith and Parramatta.

*3891 FAIR TRADING EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will you guarantee that all employees at Fair Trading shopfronts at the following locations receive an employment position at Service NSW:

- (1) The Rocks?
- (2) Newcastle?
- (3) Orange?
- (4) Tweed Heads?
- (5) Penrith South?
- (6) Kiama?
- (7) Newcastle?
- (8) City South?
- (9) Chatswood?
- (10) Liverpool?
- (11) Queanbeyan?
- (12) Port Macquarie?
- (13) Gosford?

- (14) Dubbo?
- (15) Lismore?
- (16) Wollongong?
- (17) Tamworth?
- (18) Wynyard?
- (19) Parramatta?
- (20) Wagga Wagga?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading does not have shopfronts at The Rocks, Penrith South, Kiama, Chatswood or Wynyard.

*3892 NURSING HOURS PER PATIENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What advice has the Minister received regarding the Nursing Hours per Patient Day in South-West Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) What is the latest information regarding the use of the Nursing Hours per Patient Day formula at Bankstown Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided to the LA Question 3691.

*3893 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken advertising to encourage affected families to take up the Family Energy Rebate?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will you consider extending the closing period for application for the rebate past 14 June 2013?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Unlike the previous Government, the O'Farrell Government is committed to providing targeted, ongoing assistance to help households and families struggling to manage the impacts of the Labor Government's legacy of power price rises.

The NSW Government continues to actively promote all of its assistance measures on offer, with over 940,000 households currently eligible to receive a rebate.

It should be noted that IPART has determined that NSW electricity bills would be \$171 cheaper from 1 July if Labor scrapped its carbon tax - a tax which has the full support of the NSW Labor Party.

*3894 SYDNEY WATER BILLS ESTIMATION - BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What proportion of bills issued in the electorate of Bankstown by Sydney Water were estimated?
- (2) What action will the Minister take to reduce the instance of bill estimation leading to overcharging of people in communities including Bankstown?

Answer—

- (1) 1.4 per cent.
- (2) Sydney Water attempts to read more than 1.3 million meters each quarter and goes to great lengths to make sure meters are read correctly.

If a meter is inaccessible, Sydney Water leaves a card for the customer to provide a meter reading. If the customer does not respond, it is a common practice for utilities to estimate water usage.

Once an actual meter reading is obtained, any discrepancy in the estimated water use will be corrected.

*3896 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE - APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many people in the electorate of Bankstown have applied for the Family Energy Rebate?
- (2) What measures have been undertaken to inform people in communities throughout NSW of their

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potential eligibility for the Family Energy Rebate?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I refer the Member to LA Question 3893.

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*3897 CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

When will the claim for compensation by Ronald King against the Housing NSW concerning the loss of electricity in premises at Miller commencing on 29 October 2012 be finalised?

Answer—

An offer of settlement was made to Mr King on 16 May 2013.

*3898 NUMBER OF CROWN PROSECUTORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many Crown Prosecutors were there in NSW as at:
 - (a) 1 April 2011;
 - (b) 1 February 2012;
 - (c) 1 April 2013?
- (2) During the period 1 April 2011 to 1 May 2013 what was the:
 - (a) Highest number of Crown Prosecutors;
 - (b) Lowest number of Crown Prosecutors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of Crown Prosecutors in NSW was:
 - (a) 83 at 1 April 2011;
 - (b) 83 at 1 February 2012;
 - (c) 82 at 1 April 2013.
- (2) During the period 1 April 2011 to 1 May 2013:
 - (a) the highest number of Crown Prosecutors was 83; and
 - (b) the lowest number of Crown Prosecutors was 80.

*3899 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many women have been prosecuted for allegedly retracting the substance of claims that they were the victims of domestic violence?
- (2) How many of those women referred to in (1)
 - (a) Have been sentenced to periods of imprisonment?
 - (b) Are aboriginal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Following a search of records from 2003 to the present the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) was able to identify 35 matters involving women who have been prosecuted for allegedly making a false allegation in relation to a domestic incident. This figure does not account for the offences prosecuted by the NSW Police.
- (2) Regarding the number of women referred to in (1):
 - (a) At least 11 women were sentenced to a term of imprisonment at first instance. However of these, only one sentence of imprisonment was confirmed on appeal. The ODPP does not have information about the sentence for 10 of the 35 matters.
 - (b) The ODPP does not keep records concerning the ethnicity of the accused.

*3900 NUMBER OF MAGISTRATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

During the period 1 April 2011 to 1 May 2013:

- (1) What, and on which date, was the highest number of:
 - (a) Full-time Magistrates in NSW?
 - (b) Part-time Magistrates in NSW?
- (2) What, and on which date, was the lowest number of:
 - (a) Full-time Magistrates in NSW?
 - (b) Part-time Magistrates in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Department of Attorney General and Justice is unable to list each date during the 25 month period when these highest and lowest levels occurred. This is due to the considerable resources that are required to determine this.

However, the number of full time and part time magistrates holding office at seven dates during the specified period is shown in the following table:

	1 April 2011	1 June 2011	1 December 2011	1 June 2012	1 December 2012	1 March 2013	1 May 2013
Full time	125	126	125	126	126	127	126
Part time	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

*3901 LIVERPOOL DPP LIST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When will the Liverpool DPP list in the Local Court be restored from Campbelltown Court house to Liverpool Court house?
- (2) How many cases have there been in the Liverpool DPP list heard at Campbelltown Local Court during the period:
 - (a) 1 January 2013 to 28 February 2013;
 - (b) 1 March 2013 to 30 April 2013;
 - (c) 1 May 2013 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The decision as to where and when the Local Court sits is the responsibility of the Chief Magistrate of the Local Court. The Chief Magistrate has decided to centralise committal work at Campbelltown and therefore the DPP list will not be restored at Liverpool Court House at this time.
- (2) The following number of cases from the Liverpool DPP list have been heard at Campbelltown Local Court during the specified periods (some matters involve more than one accused):
 - (a) 512;
 - (b) 569;
 - (c) 275 (up to 22 May 2013).

*3902 NUMBER OF SUPREME COURT JUDGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

During the period 1 April 2011 to 1 May 2013:

- (1) What was the highest number of full-time Supreme Court judges in NSW and at which date?
- (2) What was the lowest number of full-time Supreme Court judges in NSW and at which date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) is unable to list each date during the 25 month period when the highest and lowest level of Supreme Court judges occurred. This is due to the considerable resources that are required to determine this.

However, the number of Supreme Court judges holding office at seven dates during the specified period is shown in the following table:

Date	1 April 2011	1 June 2011	1 December 2011	1 June 2012	1 December 2012	1 March 2013	1 May 2013
Number	46	48	49	49	50	48	51

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In preparing an answer to this question, DAGJ has identified a minor error in the figures provided for the response to LA Question 3710. The correct response for that question is:

	1 June 2010	1 June 2011	1 December 2011	1 June 2012	1 December 2012	1 March 2013
Full time	50	48	49	49	50	48
Part time	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

*3903 NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

During the period 1 April 2011 to 1 May 2013:

- (1) What was the highest number of full-time District Court Judges in NSW and at which date?
- (2) What was the lowest number of full-time District Court Judges in NSW and at which date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Department of Attorney General and Justice (DAGJ) is unable to list each date during the 25 month period when the highest and lowest level of District Court judges occurred. This is due to the considerable resources that are required to determine this.

However, the number of District Court judges holding office at seven dates during the specified period is shown in the following table:

Date	1 April 2011	1 June 2011	1 December 2011	1 June 2012	1 December 2012	1 March 2013	1 May 2013
Number	69	69	67	71	72	70	69

In preparing an answer to this question, DAGJ has identified a minor error in the figures provided for the response to LA Question 3709. The correct response for that question is:

	1 June 2010	1 June 2011	1 December 2011	1 June 2012	1 December 2012	1 March 2013
Full time	68	69	67	71	72	70
Part time	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

*3904 NSW CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) As at 1 May 2013 how many inmates were there in NSW Correctional Centres?
- (2) How many of those referred to in (1):
 - (a) Were on remand?
 - (b) Were sentenced?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW collates this data on Sundays. The following numbers of inmates were in NSW correctional centres as at 12:00am on 28 April 2013.

- (1) The total number of inmates was 9897.
- (2) Of those:
 - (a) 2832 were on remand; and
 - (b) 7065 were sentenced.

*3905 NUMBER OF LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT JUDGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

During the period 1 April 2011 to 1 May 2013:

- (1) What was the highest number of full-time Land and Environment Court judges in NSW and at which date?
- (2) What was the lowest number of full-time Land and Environment Court judges in NSW and at which date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Land and Environment Court had six full time judges at all times during this period.
(2) N/A.

*3906 LUTATE FOR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Lutate (lutetium 177) for treatment of patients with neuro-endocrine tumours:

- (1) Has the Agency for Clinical Innovation provided a proposal to the Ministry for funding of Lutate for treatment of patients with neuro-endocrine tumours?
(2) How many patients statewide are being treated with Lutate at present?
(3) How many patients statewide would benefit from this treatment?
(4) What plans does the Ministry have to increase treatment availability of Lutate for treatment of patients with neuro-endocrine tumours in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Lutate is an unregistered experimental treatment at this stage. Its use should be confined to clinical trial settings or under the Special Access Scheme provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Act under oversight of an appropriate ethics committee until its safety and efficacy have been demonstrated.

*3907 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the sixty \$10,000 scholarships offered by NSW Health for nurses who wish to re-enter the workforce after a five to ten year break:

- (1) How many applications have been received since 1 March 2012?
(2) How many scholarships have been awarded?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) 41 scholarships of \$10,000 each have been awarded since 1 March 2012.

*3908 EATING DISORDER TREATMENT BEDS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to inpatient eating disorder treatment beds at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital:

- (1) How many inpatient beds currently exist at RPA specifically for eating disorders?
(2) How many individuals were on the waiting list for inpatient care for eating disorder beds as of 1 April 2013?
(3) What is the average time spent by inpatients occupying these beds?
(4) What is the average waiting time for admission into inpatient eating disorder treatment at RPA?
(5) What other treatment beds specifically for eating disorder are there in NSW?
(a) Where are they located?
(6) What inpatient enhancements for treatment beds specifically for eating disorders are planned for NSW over the next 12 months?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western NSW's, response to LA Question 3852 in the Legislative Assembly.

*3909 WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the \$2.1 million spent on locums in the Western NSW Local Health District in December 2012:

How much of this money was spent at:

- (a) Bathurst;
(b) Dubbo;
(c) Forbes;
(d) Orange/Bloomfield;
(e) Parkes;
(f) Others?

Answer—

I am advised that:

All regional and rural NSW health facilities face particular workforce challenges in relation to the availability of skilled medical officers. In addition local general practitioners have increasingly been less inclined to participate in on-call rosters at their local public hospitals.

Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks are responsible for determining the budget for expenditure on locum medical officers to meet their local workforce requirements and patient demand.

The gross cost of locums does not reflect the service cost to health services of using locums instead of permanent staff. The real cost is the premium component of the locum costs over and above normal cost of utilising permanent staff.

*3910 WAGGA WAGGA HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Wagga Wagga Hospital redevelopment:

- (1) In what year is construction of phase 3 due to commence?
- (2) In what year will phase 3 be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Phase 3 is scheduled to commence when the new acute hospital is completed in 2016. Phase 3 will entail the demolition of the old vacated hospital and associated car parking and landscaping works, and is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

*3911 MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the \$1.07 million spent on locums in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in December 2012:

How much of this money was spent at:

- (a) Wagga Wagga;
- (b) Griffith;
- (c) Other?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Refer to answer to LA Question 3909.

*3912 MONA VALE MATERNITY UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many deliveries have occurred at the Mona Vale maternity unit since the re-opening in July 2012?

Answer—

Information on births in NSW is provided by the Bureau of Health Information and is available at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*3913 AREA OF NEED POSITIONS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the creation of area of need positions at Blue Mountains Hospital in March 2012:

- (1) How many new Full time equivalent (FTE) permanent consultants have been appointed to these positions since 19 March 2012?
- (2) How many new FTE permanent career medical officers have been appointed to these positions since 19 March 2012?
- (3) Were any of these in Anaesthesia, Obstetrics, Radiology or Psychiatry?
- (4) In which other specialties were appointments made?
- (5) How many FTE of these consultants were:
 - (a) Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs);
 - (b) Staff specialists?
- (6) Were any of these appointments made across two sites (for example Nepean Hospital)?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) Blue Mountains Hospital has received substantial support from the Local Health District and Nepean Hospital with regard to recruitment and joint appointments of medical staff between Nepean Hospital and Blue Mountains Hospital. Over the past three years medical staff levels have been stabilised due to this support.

Area of Need status has not been used for any acute services medical staff for Blue Mountains Hospital at this time, as local candidates have been appointed to any vacancies.

- *3914 OBESITY AND METABOLISM CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the Obesity and Metabolism Clinic at Camden Hospital:

- (1) Has there been any reduction of staffing in this clinic since August 2012?
 (2) How many patients were seen in:
 (a) July 2012 to September 2012;
 (b) October 2012 to December 2012;
 (c) January 2013 to March 2013?
 (3) How many new patients are on the waiting list to be seen?
 (4) When is the next available appointment for a new patient assessment?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided to LA Question 2647.

- *3915 GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR NURSES—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the new graduate program for nurses at Auburn Hospital in 2013:

- (1) How many positions were available?
 (2) How many applications were received?
 (3) How many new graduate nurses commenced at Auburn Hospital in early 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) In 2013 a total of six registered nurse and three registered midwife positions are available at Auburn Hospital. A selection process was conducted. To date, two new graduate registered nurses and one new graduate midwife have commenced at Auburn in 2013.

- *3916 SHERIFF'S SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to privatize the NSW Sheriff's Services in NSW?
 (a) If so, how many jobs will be lost?
 (2) How many jobs have been cut from the NSW Sheriff's offices since March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government has not made any decision to privatise the NSW Sheriff's services in NSW.
 (2) Since March 2011, one position within the Sheriff's Office has been deleted. In addition, two officers have accepted redundancies following a review of their positions.

- *3917 CARDIFF RAILWAY STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In regards to the Cardiff Railway Station upgrade, will one of the new lifts be named the "Brian Young Lift"?

- (a) If so, when?

Answer—

Yes, to be installed in June 2013.

- *3918 MINING ROYALTY REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Under the Resources for Regions programs:

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What steps has the Government taken to ensure that the Hunter Region communities affected by mining get an adequate and fair share of mining royalty revenue?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services.

*3919 CUTS TO TAFE SECTOR—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government intend to make further cuts to the TAFE sector to fund the implementation of the Gonski school education reforms?

(a) If so, what cuts will be made?

Answer—

(1) Information in relation to the implementation of Gonski School funding reforms is available in media releases of 23 April 2013. This information is available at www.premier.nsw.gov.au.

*3920 MARYLAND FIRE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Has a site been identified for the proposed Maryland Fire Station?

(a) If so, when is the construction to commence?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

A site for Maryland Fire Station is currently under consideration, with due diligence to be undertaken and commercial terms to be agreed.

*3921 TAXI SERVICES AT ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) What taxi services are available to commuters at the Rooty Hill Railway Station?

(2) Has the department received any complaints about the lack of taxi cabs at this station, especially late at night?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The taxi rank near Rooty Hill Railway Station can be used by any metropolitan taxi.

(2) Not in at least the last 12 months.

*3922 REGIONAL RELOCATION GRANT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Since the Regional Relocation Grant commenced:

(1) How many residents from Wollongong Local Government Area have received the grant?

(2) How many, if any, have moved to:

(a) Shellharbour Local Government Area;

(b) Kiama Local Government Area;

(c) Shoalhaven Local Government Area?

Answer—

(1) Between 1 July 2011 and 30 April 2013, 178 Wollongong Local Government Area residents received the grant.

(2) Between 1 July 2011 and 30 April 2013:

(a) 130 Shellharbour Local Government Area residents received the grant;

(b) 33 Kiama Local Government Area residents received the grant; and

(c) 181 Shoalhaven Local Government Area residents received the grant.

*3923 ROAD CORRIDORS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) What road corridors have been selected to be reviewed as part of the process to reduce the number of

speed zones?

- (2) When will the road corridor reviews begin?
- (3) If not finalised, when will this overall process be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The details of the roads reviewed are published on the Safer Roads website.
- (2) The reviews have been completed.
- (3) Forty-six of the 48 recommended speed limit changes have been implemented. The remaining two speed zone changes on the M2 and the Cobb Highway will be implemented when road works are completed.

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*3924 POLICE SECURITY AUDIT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) What action has been taken by the Department to address all the issues raised in a Police Security audit of the units for public housing tenants situated at 6 Bunting Street, Emerton?
- (2) What issues, raised by the Police in this audit are still outstanding?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services (Housing NSW) is working with the Department of Finance and Services (Land and Housing Corporation), to jointly implement the recommendations outlined in the safety audit conducted by NSW Police.

*3925 CASEWORKER RECRUITMENT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many caseworkers have completed the Caseworker Development Program in:
 - (a) 2009;
 - (b) 2010;
 - (c) 2011;
 - (d) 2012;
 - (e) this year to date?
- (2) When was the last time caseworker positions were advertised in the Western region?
 - (a) In which local publications did the advertisements appear?

Answer—

- (1) The Community Services Caseworker Development Program is compulsory for all new caseworker recruits and must be satisfactorily completed.
- (2) Recruitment for caseworkers in the Western Region is undertaken through the Assessment Centre process and is advertised through various mediums including Jobs NSW web site, local radio and posters.

*3926 ASHFIELD AND CAMPSIE FIRE STATIONS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) During the period 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013 how many incidents have been responded to by:
 - (a) Campsie Fire Station crews?
 - (b) Ashfield Fire Station crews?
- (2) How many times since 1 July 2012 has Ashfield Fire Station been closed due to rostered staff not being replaced?
- (3) What assurances can the Minister give to the community that no life will be lost whilst Ashfield Fire Station is unstaffed?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

- (1) (a) 617.

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- (b) 782.
(2) Seven.
(3) Fire crews are a mobile resource and stations are regularly taken offline for short periods, for a variety of reasons. These arrangements have minimal impact on response times and delivery of fire services to the community and have been standard practice for over 100 years.

*3927 AERIAL SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In regards to the Aerial Speed Enforcement program:

- (1) How many infringement notices have been issued by this strategy since 1 April 2011?
(2) What is the breakdown as to the number of infringement notices issued for each of the sections of roadway where this enforcement takes place?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 214 infringement notices were issued as a result of the Aerial Speed Enforcement program between 1 April 2011 and 30 April 2013.
(2) The breakdown requested is not able to be extracted from police systems.

*3928 PICTON ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

When will the upgrade works currently underway on Picton Road be finished?

Answer—

I am advised:

The upgrade works on Picton Road are expected to be completed by mid-2013, weather permitting.

*3929 AVERAGE TIME FOR CLEARING MAJOR TRAFFIC—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What is the current average time for clearing major traffic incidents on the following roads:
(a) Parramatta Road;
(b) Victoria Road;
(c) M4;
(d) M5;
(e) F3;
(f) F6;
(g) M7?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 37.59 minutes (from City Road at Broadway to Church Street in Parramatta).
(b) 33.70 minutes (from Parramatta to the Western Distributor).
(c) 33.97 minutes.
(d) 39.94 minutes.
(e) 40.08 minutes.
(f) 61.39 minutes*.
(g) 61.40 minutes**.

The figures provided are for April 2013.

* On Saturday 20 April, a fatal accident occurred on the F6 Freeway at Berkeley, which the NSW Police Crash Investigation Unit attended. The time taken for the Unit to arrive and carry out their investigation resulted in a longer clearance time for this incident (280 minutes).

** During the afternoon peak on Thursday 4 April, a truck jack-knifed southbound on the M7 Motorway at Bernera Road and became tangled in wire fencing. Heavy Vehicle Inspectors attended the scene and the time taken for them to arrive, complete their investigation and remove the truck from the fence resulted in a total clearance time of 202 minutes.

*3930 ADDITIONAL SPEED CAMERAS INSTALLATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

With regards to the installation of additional speed cameras in local communities:

- (1) How many nominations have Roads and Maritime Services received from the community through the Safer Roads NSW website?
- (2) What are the specific locations of these nominated areas?
- (3) What, if any, decisions has the Government made about these additional sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 667 as at 16 May 2013.
- (2) 76 per cent are locations in the Sydney region, 11 per cent are in the Hunter region, 6 per cent are in the Southern region, 4 per cent are in the Northern region and 3 per cent are in the Western and South West regions combined.
- (3) All nominated locations are assessed to determine if they are suitable for mobile speed camera enforcement. New locations will be progressively published on the Centre for Road Safety website.

Community nominations can also be used to highlight locations with road safety issues that may be more appropriately addressed with fixed, red-light speed or point-to-point camera enforcement. These locations require detailed crash analysis and technical assessment.

As an example, Lane Cove and Coxs Road at North Ryde received strong community support on the Safer Roads website. It had a crash history which met the assessment criteria and a red-light speed camera has been in operation since April 2013.

*3931 ADDITIONAL POWERS TO LOCAL COUNCIL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

Following the release of the White Paper - A new planning system for NSW:

- (1) What are the Government's reasons for not providing additional powers to local councils to crack down on derelict building owners in our community?
- (2) Will the Minister now consider providing additional powers to local councils?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Government would like to be able to take further steps to address the challenging issues presented by the presence of derelict buildings, reflecting the need to protect individual owners' entitlement to the quiet enjoyment of their property and the need for the community not to be exposed to or put at risk of derelict buildings. However it should be noted that there are already significant powers for councils to order demolition of dilapidated buildings and these powers have been carried over in the draft exposure Planning Bill 2013 currently on exhibition.
- (2) Any council or interested person should make a submission whilst the White Paper on the new planning system is out for public comment and consideration will be given to what additional powers may be viable.

*3932 MAINTENANCE ORDERS - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many maintenance orders are outstanding as at 30 April 2013 on Department of Housing properties in the Hunter region?
- (2) Has the number of maintenance orders in the Hunter region increased from the previous two years?
 - (a) If so, by how many?

Answer—

- (1) There were 4,091 maintenance orders to be finalised in the Hunter region as at 30 April 2013.
- (2) No.

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*3933 CRIMINAL COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many criminal compensation claims for child sexual abuse offences have been lodged, over the past two years for persons residing in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2770;
 - (b) 2761;
 - (c) 2766?
- (2) How many of these claims relate to offences that will be affected by the proposed ten year limit on the payment for claims to these victims?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The numbers of claims lodged in relation to child sexual abuse by people residing in the specified postcodes are detailed in the following table:

	2010-2011	2011-2012
a. Postcode 2770	29	22
b. Postcode 2761	3	2
c. Postcode 2766	1	4

- (2) Under the Victims Rights and Support Bill 2013 that passed both Houses on 30 May 2013, victims of child sexual abuse will be able to make an application for victim support at any time, no matter how long ago the abuse took place. They will be eligible for a recognition payment and financial assistance for out of pocket expenses and justice related expenses up to \$10,000.

*3934 BUS SERVICES—Mr Michael Daley asked the Minister for Transport—

For Monday to Friday; How many services are run each day for:

- (1) the 393, 394, 395, 396, 397 and 399 bus services;
- (2) the M10 bus services;
- (3) the L94 bus services;
- (4) the X94, X96, X97 and X99 bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Timetables are publicly available on each bus operator's website and at www.131500.com.au.

*3935 LOT 10 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY—Mrs Barbara Perry asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

In relation to the Lot 10 Rookwood Cemetery to be developed as a Muslim/Jewish burial ground:

- (1) What will be required to ensure that the land is appropriate for burial?
- (2) Has subdivision of the lot occurred yet?
- (3) Who will pay for the subdivision process?
- (4) Who is expected to develop the land to prepare the land for appropriate use?
- (5) What will be the cost of (4)?
- (6) Who will be funding the development of the land?
- (7) If the answer to (6) is the Cemetery trust, will this have an impact on increasing burial fees?

Answer—

- (1) All the soil within lot 10 has been relayed and compacted to accept burials with subsoil drainage and roads constructed to deal with surface drainage.

Within the Muslim section (eastern side of Lot 10), roads, paths and some beams to support headstones have been constructed and the area is ready to accept burials. The Jewish section (western side of Lot 10) will not be further developed until existing Jewish burial space within Rookwood is filled, likely in 10 to 15 years.

I formally opened the site on 8 May 2013.

- (2) Under the Government's cemetery reforms, the Muslim, Jewish, Independent, Anglican and General Trusts were dissolved and replaced by a single new trust, the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust (RGCRT). As the whole of Lot 10 is managed by the RGCRT, there is no need to subdivide Lot 10 into denominational areas.

An unformed section of Weeroona Road, owned by Auburn Council, is still to be closed and added to Lot 10 and Rookwood Necropolis. However, Council has consented to the works and occupation of this part of the road while the administrative process is finalised.

- (3) RGCRT.
- (4) RGCRT has completed these works.
- (5) RGCRT advises that the cost of developing Lot 10 to the current stage has been approximately \$6m, which has included the relocation of significant electricity and gas services through the site.
- (6) RGCRT.
- (7) No, the price of a burial licence will be same as that charged in other areas of the Cemetery managed by RGCRT.

*3936 BORONIA ROAD NO STOPPING ZONES REVIEW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the Roads and Maritime Services' study on Boronia Road, Greenacre on potentially installing No Stopping Zones during peak periods:

- (1) Has the Roads and Maritime Services finalised the review?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, what are the details of the study?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime Service is currently analysing the results of the community feedback.

*3937 BANKSTOWN DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable school buildings are there in the Bankstown electorate?
 - (a) How many demountables are at each school?
- (2) Have any demountable school buildings been replaced in 2012-2013 financial period in the electorate of Bankstown?
 - (a) If so, at which schools?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Will any demountable school buildings be replaced in the 2013-2014 financial year in the electorate of Bankstown?
 - (a) If so, at which schools?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Demountable buildings are regularly moved on and off school sites to meet changing needs and the number of demountable buildings on a school site are subject to change.

To list the number of demountable buildings that are currently located on, or have been replaced with permanent buildings on individual school sites would be a diversion of resources from the Department's core business, the provision of public education.

*3938 REGIONAL SPORTS OFFICE RELOCATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

In relation to Bankstown North Public School's request to have the Regional Sports Office relocated from its grounds:

- (1) Has the department, since its earlier advice of 18 September 2012, established an appropriate alternate location?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Department of Education and Communities has considered moving the Sports Unit from the Bankstown North Public School site. However, since it can be easily reached by students and their parents from all parts of the Sydney metropolitan area, it was decided to retain it on the current site.

*3940 TICKET ONSELLING REGULATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

In relation to the Commonwealth Government's comprehensive review in 2010 of ticket onselling titled "Consumers and the Ticket Market: Ticket onselling in the Australian market" which deemed that further regulation was not necessary:

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(1) Does the Government plan to introduce additional regulation?

(2) If so, why?

Answer—

Fair Trading is aware that ticket scalping is a source of dissatisfaction for consumers.

There is consumer concern about fair access to tickets, the transfer of tickets, and transparency in ticket allocation.

When tickets, having sold out through official suppliers within minutes of going on sale, are immediately listed on secondary markets for several times the original price, consumer confidence in the ticket market is reduced and perceptions of unfairness increase.

Fair Trading has met with representatives of ticketing agencies, promoters, consumers, sporting organisations and online auction sites, to canvass their concerns about ticket scalping and discuss possible solutions.

The Government is currently considering options for ensuring equitable access to tickets and will make a decision in due time.

*3941 SECONDARY MARKET TICKET SALE COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

How many consumer complaints did the Department of Fair Trading received in 2012 regarding the sale of tickets on the secondary market?

Answer—

Fair Trading is aware that ticket scalping is a source of dissatisfaction for consumers.

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The Government is currently considering options for ensuring equitable access to tickets and will make a decision in due time.

*3942 PRIMARY TICKET PURCHASE ANCILLARY COSTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Does the Minister plan to investigate CHOICE's concerns regarding the reduction of ancillary costs associated with the primary ticket purchases and the issue of transparency regarding these charges prior to purchase?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading meets regularly with CHOICE to discuss issues of concern in the marketplace. This issue has not been raised by CHOICE with Fair Trading.

*3944 CTP NO-FAULT SCHEME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How will the Minister ensure that a move to a CTP no-fault scheme which allows negligent motorists to apply for compensation will not lead to:

(1) a significant rise to the number of claims; and

(2) an increase in the cost of premiums?

Answer—

The Motor Accident Injuries Amendment Bill 2013 proposes a new first party, no-fault CTP Scheme which is expected to cover up to 7,000 additional people who were at fault in an accident.

The introduction of capped statutory benefits will reduce insurer uncertainty, thus reducing the long term reserving which has led to excessive insurer profits. The new Scheme will also have reduced legal and investigation involvement and costs, and limits on insurer expenses.

The Bill in its current form ensures that these savings will offset the additional costs associated with providing benefits for all those injured in motor vehicle accidents.

*3945 MINMI/LINK ROAD AND STOCKRINGTON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

With regard to the Coal & Allied "Northern Estates" residential development proposed for Minmi/Link Road and Stockrington:

- (1) Does the Department of Planning and Infrastructure accept and recognise the findings of the local community charette as proposed in the Coal & Allied Lower Hunter Lands submission dated 22 November 2007, pages 65-68?
- (2) Does the Department of Planning and Infrastructure accept and recognise that the 3rd highest priority from the local community charette as proposed in the Coal & Allied Lower Hunter Lands submission dated 22 November 2007 was to "replace or expand" the Minmi Progress Hall as per page 65?
- (3) Does the Department of Planning and Infrastructure accept and recognise Item 5, Appendix D Coal & Allied Allocation for the "replacement or expansion of the existing progress hall" for the Minmi community as proposed in the Coal & Allied Minmi/link road and Stockrington Concept Plan Environmental Assessment (February 2011)?
- (4) Does the Department of Planning and Infrastructure accept and recognise that the Newcastle City Council (NCC) submission to the Minmi/Link road North & South Residential Development (Northern Estates) Concept Plan (MP10_0090) pages 9, 27 & 28, a submission that does not refute the need to replace or expand the Minmi Progress Hall, but simply notes the NCC view that this should not be considered as "over and above" the essential components of a development of this magnitude?
- (5) Why does page 5 of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Part C Modifications to the Concept under heading Contributions 1.8 propose that the "replacement or expansion of the existing Minmi Community Centre" not be included in the Coal & Allied \$8 million Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)?
- (6) In offering the proposed modification referred to above does the Department of Planning and Infrastructure refuse to acknowledge and accept the community feedback gained from the charette meetings organised by Coal & Allied?
- (7) Will the Department of Planning and Infrastructure now ensure that the "replacement or expansion" of the Minmi Progress Hall will be an essential part of the Coal & Allied Development as per community consultation?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) to (7) A decision on the Concept Plan will be made by the independent Planning Assessment Commission.

The Voluntary Planning Agreement between the NSW Government and Coal and Allied addresses state issues, not local infrastructure matters such as the Minmi Progress Hall.

*3947 BELMONT HOSPITAL PATIENT CARE UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the new patient care unit at Belmont Hospital:

- (1) (a) Has this unit opened?
(b) On which date?
- (2) How many beds were opened?
- (3) What was the final cost?
- (4) How much of this cost was funded by:
 - (a) the NSW Government?
 - (b) the Commonwealth Government?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The new patient care unit at Belmont Hospital will house 16 beds and is due to open mid-July 2013. The 16 beds were all operational by 30 June 2012 in interim accommodation and will be relocated to the purpose built unit at Belmont Hospital. The final cost of this project, funded by the Australian Government under the COAG New Subacute Beds Guarantee, was \$4.2 million.

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*3948 INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the standard response protocols by NSW Ambulance:

- (1) Are Intensive Care Paramedics required to attend all accidents when a rescue helicopter is called?
- (2) Under what circumstances would Intensive Care Paramedics not be required to attend?
- (3) Who makes the decision as to whether Intensive Care Paramedics are required:
 - (a) 000 Operator;
 - (b) attending Police;
 - (c) attending ambulance;
 - (d) protocol;
 - (e) other?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Intensive Care Paramedics may not respond to scenes if the call is not classified as having a clinical indicator for Intensive Care skills. In some cases, an ambulance already attending to a patient may request additional assistance from an Intensive Care Paramedic for a higher level of clinical care.

Generally, the deployment of Intensive Care Paramedics is dictated by information provided from the scene regarding the clinical requirement of patients. This can be provided by an initial triple zero caller or an attending emergency service or paramedics on scene. The dispatch of an ambulance is governed by the Ambulance Control Centres.

*3949 SENIORS WEEK GALA CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

With regard to the Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concerts for individuals:

What percentage of the tickets were not used in each session of:

- (a) 2010;
- (b) 2011;
- (c) 2012;
- (d) 2013?

Answer—

Tickets to the concerts through Ticketmaster, book out within two hours once released. The percentage of tickets unused at the Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concerts for the past four years was approximately 20-25 per cent.

The demographic of the audience for the concerts accounts for a higher than average 'no show' rate, for a variety of reasons. Weather conditions in particular are considered to play a part in determining attendance by guests.

*3950 PRIVATE BUS PASSENGERS RECORDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Department of Transport keep records of the number of passengers using private bus services such as Cessnock's Rover Motors?
- (2) If not, does the department have access to such records?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW keeps records of the number of passengers using private bus services in metropolitan and outer-metropolitan areas, such as Cessnock's Rover Motors.

*3951 STAMP DUTY ON MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to the stamp duty on motor vehicle purchases:

- (1) How much money was raised from stamp duty in the last financial year?
- (2) Are there any programs or budget items directly funded by this stamp duty revenue?

Answer—

- (1) Information on stamp duty revenue is publicly available in the Budget Papers.
- (2) Revenue from motor vehicle stamp duty is not directly allocated to a specific program or budget item.

*3952 SPECTACLE PROGRAM IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With regard to the Government's Spectacle Program:

- (1) How many residents of the Cessnock Electorate utilised the program in the years:
 - (a) 2009 to 2010;
 - (b) 2010 to 2011;
 - (c) 2011 to 2012;
 - (d) 2012 to date?
- (2) Is there only one Authorised Program Provider in the Cessnock Electorate?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If not, who are the providers?
 - (c) Is this adequate for a community in an electorate the size of Cessnock?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) As was the case under the previous Government, VisionCare administers the NSW Spectacles Program. VisionCare processes applications to ensure that there are adequate authorised providers across NSW.

*3953 BERESFIELD GOLF CLUB—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

With regard to the Government Sport and Recreation funding that has been made available and/or provided to the Beresfield Golf Club over the past 10 years:

- (1) How much funding has been provided and expended by the Golf Club since 2003?
- (2) Has any funding been made available for use by the Golf Club but not expended since 2003?
- (3) What projects have been completed using Government funding or part funding at the Golf Club since 2003?
- (4) What projects have been earmarked, but not completed, using Government funding or part funding at the Golf Club since 2003?
- (5) Are there any outstanding funds or projects related to the Beresfield Golf Club as of 1 May 2013?

Answer—

- (1) There has been no Government funding directly to the Golf Club since 2003.
- (2) Refer to Answer 1 above.
- (3) In 2006-2007 \$110,000 was provided to Newcastle City Council under the Regional Sports Facility Program for improved access to parts of the golf course and improved water drainage of the 10th and 11th fairways. In June 2011, Newcastle City Council advised Sport and Recreation that the project had been completed and submitted its financial acquittal.
- (4) Refer to Answer 3 above.
- (5) No.

*3954 NATIONAL CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Did the Government support a national Container Deposit Scheme at the Council of Australian Government (COAG) meeting in April this year?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

On 13 April 2013, as part of the Council of Australian Government Ministerial Council on Environment and Water (SCEW), Australia's Environment Ministers considered a progress report on the development of the Packaging Impacts Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (DRIS), including three different container deposit scheme models.

The NSW Government continues to work at a national level to progress the DRIS and its modelling so that Environment Ministers can make a fact based decision on this important issue. The Government will only support a container deposit scheme where it is introduced nationally, delivers strong resource recovery rates and provides a net benefit to communities.

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In the meantime, the Government remains open to all the options being considered so long as they are demonstrated to be cost effective and generate benefit to the community without significantly increasing the already rising cost of living.

*3955 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) On what dates will the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRP) sit to determine the proposal for a \$1.1 million expansion of Soldiers Point Marina?
- (2) Who is on the JRP panel?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

*3956 MINMI PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) Given that the size and scope of the proposed development at Minmi is for an additional 3000 dwellings, what factors will be taken into consideration to improve public transport services in relation to the prospective increase in the number of residents?
- (2) How and when will the existing bus and train service be augmented to serve the increased population?
- (3) Does the Government planning for public transport take into account development applications and proposals the size of the Minmi proposals?
- (4) Does the Government require development proposals, such as the one at Minmi, to include transport connectivity and the plans for public transport?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Public transport services will be planned in response to the scale and sequence of new urban development in and around Minmi, and growth in neighbouring centres.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.
- (3) Yes. Land use planning is being integrated with transport planning at the regional scale through Regional Transport Plans and Regional Growth Plans.
- (4) Yes. For larger greenfield development proposals, such as at Minmi, the developer must consider bus routes and the location of new bus stops as part of the first development application for subdivision of the site.

*3957 COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In regard to the Community Road Safety Fund:

- (1) Has any revenue collected from speed cameras been transferred to the Community Road Safety fund?
 - (a) If so, how much?
- (2) When did the first transfer of funds take place?
- (3) Does it include revenue from mobile speed cameras, safety cameras, red light cameras and point to point cameras?
 - (a) If not, which of the above devices are excluded?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) From 1 May 2013, all fine revenue collected from camera detected speeding and red light offences will be paid into the Fund.
- (3) Yes.

*3958 ERIDER TOLLING PRODUCT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

How many accounts have been opened for the eRider tolling product since it was introduced in

November 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 13 May 2013, 948 accounts have been opened.

*3959 TAFE NSW POSITIONS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many positions have been deleted from TAFE NSW since 11 September 2012 by:

- (a) staffing category;
- (b) TAFE Institute?

Answer—

The number of positions in TAFE NSW changes constantly due to changes in contracts that TAFE NSW has with businesses, industry, communities and Governments.

TAFE NSW is in the process of undertaking business reforms to position itself to be competitive and sustainable into the future. This process involves a review of its operations including implementation of Government policies. These reviews are being undertaken in accordance with its obligations under Fair Work Australia and NSW Governments Managing Excess Employees Policy.

*3960 TEMPORARY TEACHERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many temporary teachers were employed as at 30 June 2011 in:
 - (a) primary schools;
 - (b) secondary schools?
- (2) What percentage of the total number of teachers as at 30 June 2011 were temporary employees in:
 - (a) primary schools;
 - (b) secondary schools?
- (3) How many temporary teachers were employed as at 30 June 2012 in:
 - (a) primary schools;
 - (b) secondary schools?
- (4) What percentage of the total number of teachers were temporary employees as at 30 June 2012 in:
 - (a) primary schools;
 - (b) secondary schools?

Answer—

Information about staffing is published each year in the Department's Annual report.

*3961 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES REDUNDANCY PACKAGES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many staff have been offered a redundancy package in the 2012-2013 financial year in the Department of Education and Communities?
- (2) In what sections of the department has redundancy been offered?
- (3) What are the job titles of the positions made redundant?

Answer—

- (1) 167.
- (2) Department of Education and Communities – 81.
TAFE Commission – 86.
- (3) These redundancies are across a range of job titles and positions.

*3962 TAFE FINE ARTS COURSE ENROLLMENTS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

How many students were enrolled in a Fine Arts course through TAFE NSW as at:

- (1) March 2012;
- (2) March 2013?

Answer—

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Students can enrol in TAFE NSW courses at any time during a year, as such current year enrolment data is not made publicly available until the year has been completed. For 2012 there were 5,698 enrolments in Fine Arts courses.

*3963 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT TEACHER EMPLOYMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Education—

As at March 2013, expressed as a full time equivalent:

- (1) How many primary school teachers are employed by the Department of Education and Communities in schools in NSW?
- (2) How many secondary school teachers are employed by the Department of Education and Communities in schools in NSW?

Answer—

As at June 2012 there were:

- (1) 33,431 full time equivalent (FTE) permanent, temporary and casual primary teachers employed in NSW government schools.
- (2) 28,233 full time equivalent (FTE) permanent, temporary and casual secondary teachers employed in NSW government schools.

The 2012-2013 annual Workforce Profile will be released later in 2013.

*3964 SURPLUS SCHOOL LAND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does any primary and secondary government school in the electorate of Shellharbour have any land surplus to educational requirements?
- (2) What are the current administrative and policy processes to determine whether a school's land is surplus to requirements?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities takes into account demographic and planning information prior to school land/facilities being declared surplus to educational requirements.

*3965 SCHOOLS AND MERGERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

In regard to the Education Infrastructure Baseline Report to Infrastructure NSW dated June 2010 by PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia:

- (1) When will the Government respond to the report ?
- (2) Of the 38 new schools that the report indicates will be required in the next ten years:
 - (a) Are any new primary and secondary schools planned in the:
 - (i) Illawarra region;
 - (ii) Shellharbour electorate?
 - (b) If so, how many are planned within the:
 - (i) Illawarra region;
 - (ii) Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) The report states that there are " general benefits of larger schools over smaller schools " (page 23):
 - (a) Does the Government have any plans to merge smaller schools and larger schools within the:
 - (i) Illawarra region;
 - (ii) Shellharbour electorate?
- (4) What are the criteria for determining a small school and a large school?
- (5) What is the current administrative and policy processes for merging schools in NSW?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) The Education Infrastructure Baseline Report 2010 does not exist. Infrastructure NSW was established by the O'Farrell Government in July 2011.

*3966 SHELLHARBOUR LOCAL COURT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to establish a local court in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There are no immediate plans to establish a local court in Shellharbour. However, the Government is making a major investment to upgrade nearby Wollongong Courthouse. The Government continues to review community needs and make investments in courthouses as emerging needs are identified.

*3967 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What is the relationship between the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Growth Plan to the new planning system White Paper and the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Action Plan?
- (2) On what date will the Government release the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Growth Plan discussion paper?
- (3) What is the reason for the delay in releasing the discussion paper given it was scheduled for release, according to page 11 of the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Action Plan, in March 2013?

Answer—

- (1) The White Paper proposes the development of Regional Growth Plans as part of the new strategic approach to planning growth across the state. A Regional Action Plan represents a whole of government approach to a wider range of issues and services across multiple agencies including Health and Family and Community Services.
- (2) The Illawarra Regional Growth Plan Discussion Paper and the South Coast Regional Growth Plan Discussion Paper will be released in the coming months.
- (3) The Illawarra Regional Growth Plan Discussion Paper was reviewed to ensure its consistency with the new directions of the planning system.

*3968 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL ACTION PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many discussion papers and action plans are mentioned in the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Action Plan?
- (2) How many discussion papers and action plans have been completed and released?
- (3) What is the implementation status of the discussion papers and action plans referred in (2)?
- (4) How many discussion papers and action plans have been delayed?
- (5) What are the reasons for the delay?
- (6) Will the Government review the implementation of the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Action Plan?
- (7) When is the review scheduled?
- (8) Will the review process involve community and stakeholder consultation?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Information including the Illawarra/South Coast Regional Action Plan is available at: <http://www.2021.nsw.gov.au/regions/illawarra-south-coast>.

*3969 INPATIENT BEDS AT SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many inpatient care beds currently exist at Shellharbour Hospital?
- (2) How many individuals were on the waiting list for inpatient care at Shellharbour Hospital as of 8 May 2013?
- (3) What is the average time spent by inpatients occupying these beds?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Across all health facilities, bed numbers can vary on a daily basis for a variety of reasons, including surge activity for peak periods of demand and the special needs of individual patients. Extensive information regarding available beds and treatment spaces is contained in the NSW Health Annual Report. Bed numbers also appear on the Federal Government's "My Hospital" website.

All NSW hospitals use the nationally agreed waiting time measures, and the NSW Ministry of Health monitors waiting times for elective surgery, based on the agreed measures. These measures are based on clinically recommended timeframes, as determined for each patient by their medical practitioner. No patients assigned admission dates for inpatient beds at Shellharbour Hospital have breached their clinically appropriate timeframes for admission.

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Information on performance of hospitals, including waiting times, can be viewed through the public reports of the Bureau of Health Information at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*3970 X-RAY MACHINE AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the announcement of a new x-ray machine at the Fairfield Hospital ('Just what the doctor ordered,' Fairfield Advance 8 May 2013, p 21):

When will the new x-ray machine be operational?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The new X-ray machine at Fairfield Hospital is expected to be operational in July 2013.

*3971 NEW ELECTRONIC BEDS AND X-RAY MACHINE AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the announcement of new electronic beds and x-ray machine at the Fairfield Hospital ('Just what the doctor ordered,' Fairfield Advance 8 May 2013, p 21):

- (1) What portion of the new electronic beds represents an increase in the bed capacity?
- (2) Will the new x-ray machine:
 - (a) replace an existing x-ray machine already at the premises;
 - (b) complement already existing x-ray machine(s), and be an increase in x-ray services being performed?

Answer—

- (1) The new electronic beds will replace existing mechanical beds at Fairfield Hospital.
- (2) The new digital x-ray machine will replace an existing machine at Fairfield Hospital, and will enhance radiology services.

*3972 ELECTRONIC BEDS AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

In relation to the announcement of 104 new electronic beds at the Fairfield Hospital ('Just what the doctor ordered,' Fairfield Advance 8 May 2013, p 21):

- (1) Will all 104 new electronic beds be operational by the end of the 2012-2013 financial year?
- (2) Will the new electronic beds be rolled out in instalments?
 - (a) If so, what is the timetable for the roll out of the new electronic beds?
 - (b) How many beds per instalment?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The roll out of the new electronic beds will commence in May 2013 and will be finalised in July 2013.

*3973 VACANT PROPERTIES OWNED BY HOUSING NSW—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

How many vacant properties are owned by the Housing NSW in the following suburbs:

- (a) Heckenberg;
- (b) Villawood;
- (c) Fairfield;
- (d) Smithfield;
- (e) Mount Druitt;
- (f) Parramatta?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to LA Question 3837.

*3974 RESTORATION OF WAR MEMORIALS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What funding has been provided for the restoration of war memorials in NSW during 2011-2012 and

2012-2013 financial years?

Answer—

Each year, the Government allocates up to \$250,000 to the Community War Memorials fund for the restoration and maintenance of the State's war memorials.

*3976 HERITAGE LISTED FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION SITE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What plans are in place for the heritage listed site of the current Fairfield Fire Station once construction of the new fire station is completed?

Answer—

I am advised that ownership of the station in question is vested in the Crown. As such, it would be up to Government Property NSW to determine future usage.

*3977 FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) At what stage is the proposed construction of the new Fairfield Fire Station up to?
- (2) Has the location for the new Fairfield Fire Station been determined?
- (3) When will the construction of the new Fairfield Fire Station:
 - (a) commence;
 - (b) be completed?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his previous LA Question 3694 on this subject.

*3978 NSW RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Where are the personal details of NSW Recreational Fishing Licence holders kept?
- (2) Does the department still maintain an office at the Cronulla Fisheries site?
- (3) What protocols are in place to ensure the safety of private details collected by the Government relating to NSW Recreational Fishing Licences?

Answer—

- (1) Personal details are held electronically on the Government Licensing System (GLS). Also, detail on duplicate/triplicate copies of the physical receipts sold through the 1,100 agent network (approximate - agent amounts vary from time to time) is held by the agent and then later in the departmental secure storage facility located at Nowra.
- (2) No.
- (3) Information held by the department related to recreational fishing fee payment is managed in line with relevant provisions of privacy legislation.

*3979 INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION GIPA RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to agency performance in actively complying with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA):

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on:
 - (a) the extent to which agencies abide by the Information and Privacy Commission recommendations?
 - (b) resources to the Information and Privacy Commission given it has not published a GIPA investigation report since 2011, a GIPA agency review report since May 2012 or a report on agency performance?
- (2) What action has the Government taken in response to the 2011-2012 Information and Privacy Commission Annual report which identifies in the Directions for 2012-2013 section:
 - (a) the need for many agencies to improve record keeping and information systems;
 - (b) agencies with inadequate systems and steps to follow in response to GIPA requests or out-dated systems that reflect previous Freedom of Information legislation;
 - (c) agencies with little or no open access information published on their websites?

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- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure the Commissioner provides a cross agency report at the end of each financial year on the operation of GIPA as required under section 37 of the Government Information (Information Commissioner) Act 2009 given the act commenced on 1 July 2010 and no such report has been published to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Information Commissioner reports directly to the Parliament and the Joint Committee on the Ombudsman, the Police Integrity Commission and the Crime Commission oversees the Information Commissioner's functions.

The primary focus of the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) is to conduct reviews and investigations, however it also monitors the outcomes of its recommendations at a general level.

From June 2013 the IPC intends to publish statistical reports on its IPC website. Additionally, the Commissioner will be providing a comprehensive report for this financial year and the overall results of the audit and monitoring activities undertaken by the IPC will be collected into reports to be published later in 2013.

In 2014 the Department of Attorney General and Justice will commence a review of the GIPA Act to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives. This is in accordance with section 130 of the GIPA Act.

- *3980 FUEL MIX AND CARBON INTENSITY DISCLOSURE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on the:
- (a) Institute of Sustainable Futures Electricity Retailer Disclosure Study, which concludes it is virtually impossible for energy customers to find out the fuel mix and carbon intensity of each retailer's electricity supply?
 - (b) Laws in the United Kingdom which require electricity suppliers to provide the data on fuel mix and carbon intensity?
 - (c) European Union directive for fuel mix labelling by suppliers?
 - (d) Action it can take to empower energy consumers with greater choice and more information on the fuel mix and carbon intensity of energy supply?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to raise the need for fuel mix and carbon intensity disclosure at the Council of Australian Governments Standing Committee on Energy and Resources?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government has no plans to raise the issue of fuel mix or carbon intensity labelling at the Standing Council on Energy and Resources.

- *3981 SMALLER BUSES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

In regard to the trial of smaller buses that are 1.5m shorter than others on 326, 327, 355 and 361 bus routes and a move away from "one-size-fits-all" approach to public transport:

- (1) What time-frame has been set for this trial?
- (2) How many smaller buses will be tested?
- (3) How is the Government assessing the passenger feedback?
- (4) What criteria will be used to evaluate the trial?
- (5) What assessment has been made for using smaller buses on the:
 - (a) 311 bus route where there are longstanding problems negotiating heavily trafficked narrow and winding streets;
 - (b) other bus routes through congested inner city areas?
- (6) What other options has the Government considered for inner city bus routes?
- (7) What further action is planned for improving bus services where there is a significant traffic congestion and narrow streets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (7) The operational evaluation of smaller buses commenced in April 2013, and will continue until they have been assessed.

*3982 MILLERS POINT HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Given that the Government's current review of the future of social housing properties in Millers Point and its concerns about the ongoing cost of maintaining these heritage housing properties:

- (1) What funds has the Government realised from the sale of Millers Point social housing properties to date?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to using:
 - (a) these proceeds to repair and upgrade remaining properties;
 - (b) the funds from sales of homes in poor condition to upgrade other properties?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to transferring the management of these properties to a:
 - (a) community housing provider;
 - (a) Tenant-managed co-operative registered as a community housing provider?
- (4) Will the Government consider transferring the management of Millers Point social housing properties to a tenant-managed co-operative registered as a community housing provider as part of its review?

Answer—

- (1) Sales to date from Millers Point housing properties are in the order of \$30.6 million.
- (2) Proceeds from the sale of properties are used generally to assist in the maintenance and repair of existing properties, and to support the construction of new social housing.
- (3) and (4) The Government is developing an overarching strategy for its public housing portfolio. The transfer of the properties to community housing providers may be an option for consideration.

*3984 COURT CELL SAFETY AND INTOXICATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Following the death of Adam Le Marseny in corrective services cell housed within the Sydney Police Centre at Surry Hills:

What action will the Minister take in response to the State Coroner's recommendation on:

- (a) training for police officers acting as custody managers and assistants in identifying health risks from people held in custody who have consumed alcohol, prescription drugs or prohibited drugs;
- (b) a six-month trial of a 24-hour nursing presence at Surry Hills Court Cells complex, at least on Friday and Saturday nights?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it is considering the Coroner's recommendations and will respond to the Attorney General within the required six month timeframe. It is noted that part (b) of the Member's question refers to a recommendation made to Corrective Services, not the Commissioner of Police.

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3988 MARYLAND FIRE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 3991 PARAMEDICS ABUSED ON JOB—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 4045 REDUCTION ON BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—

*4046 EAST HILLS TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many services are there daily along the East Hills train line?
- (2) How many officers from the Police Transport Command patrol the East Hills train line?
- (3) Have there been gaps in security on the East Hills train line following the removal of transit officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available on the RailCorp website.
- (2) and (3) The Police Transport Command patrol across the whole of the CityRail network.

*4047 BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many services are there daily along the Bankstown train line?
- (2) How many officers from the Police Transport Command patrol the Bankstown train line?
- (3) Have there been gaps in security on the Bankstown train line following the removal of transit officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available on the RailCorp website.
(2) and (3) The Police Transport Command patrol across the whole of the CityRail network.
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- 4150 EASY ACCESS AT ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- With regard to the funding in the budget for easy access to railway stations:
What is the timetable for the installation of easy access facilities for the Rooty Hill Railway Station?
- 4151 RUNNING OF 413 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the 413 bus service is still unreliable?
(2) What is the Minister's proposal to alleviate this situation?
(3) How often does the State Transit Authority monitor and review the bus services?
- 4152 ADDITIONAL 413 BUS SERVICE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Does the Government have any plans to add an additional 413 bus service to the existing morning route, to accommodate the increase in patronage?

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- 4153 CYCLISTS ROAD SAFETY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What are the current statistics for prosecution/enforcement for motorists who do not overtake safely, and do not leave enough space when overtaking a bicycle rider?
 - (2) How do current statistics compare with the previous year?
 - (3) Does NSW hold the worst Australian State statistics for cyclist fatalities and injuries?
 - (4) What is the Government proposing to combat these road offences to protect all road users?
- 4154 PEDESTRIAN OVERHEAD BRIDGE - CANTERBURY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- How often does the Roads and Maritime Services review, clean and maintain the pedestrian overhead bridge at Canterbury Road and Church Street, Canterbury?
- 4155 LEGAL AID COMMISSION LEGAL ASSISTANCE - STATE MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many clients received legal advice from the Legal Aid Commission concerning State matters that fall within the 'at special disadvantage' policy in the following period:
 - (a) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
 - (b) 1 January 2011 to 27 March 2011;
 - (c) 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (d) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 30 May 2013?
 - (2) How many clients received representation from the Legal Aid Commission concerning State matters that fall within the 'at special disadvantage' policy in the following period:
 - (a) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
 - (b) 1 January 2011 to 27 March 2011;
 - (c) 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (d) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 30 May 2013?
- 4156 INMATE POPULATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) As at 1 June 2013 what was the full-time inmate population of Corrective Services NSW facilities?
 - (2) What was the daily average remand inmate population in Corrective Services NSW facilities during:
 - (a) 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (c) 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012;
 - (d) 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (e) 1 January 2013 to 31 May 2013?
- 4157 CRIMINAL MATTERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many people do you estimate will no longer receive legal assistance from the Legal Aid Commission in relation to criminal matters in the Local Court where a prison sentence is a possibility for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- 4158 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FROM LEGAL AID COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- How many people received legal assistance from the Legal Aid Commission in relation to criminal matters in the Local Court where a prison sentence was a possibility in these periods:
- (a) 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
 - (b) 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011;
 - (c) 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012;
 - (d) 1 January 2013 to 31 May 2013?
- 4159 IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) How many responses were received to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Community Discussion Paper on improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal people?

- (2) How many submissions were received from submitters/authors in the following categories:
- (a) Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (b) non-Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (c) non-government organisations;
 - (d) Government agencies;
 - (e) Local Government;
 - (f) schools;
 - (g) industry;
 - (h) Aboriginal community groups:
 - (i) Community Working Parties;
 - (ii) Community engagement groups;
 - (i) Individual - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders;
 - (j) Individual - Non-Aboriginal?
- 4160 IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) How many responses were received to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Community Discussion Paper on improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal people?
- (2) How many submissions were received from submitters/authors in the following categories:
- (a) Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (b) non-Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (c) non-government organisations;
 - (d) Government agencies;
 - (e) Local Government;
 - (f) schools;
 - (g) industry;
 - (h) Aboriginal community groups including:
 - (i) Community Working Parties;
 - (ii) Community engagement groups;
 - (i) Individual - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders;
 - (j) Individual - Non-Aboriginal?
- 4161 MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE MEETINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) How many meetings have there been of the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs?
- (2) Who have been the attendees at each of the meetings?
- 4162 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEVIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- How much, and in respect of which developments, have community development levies, been paid by Local Aboriginal Land Councils from 1 April 2011 to date?
- 4163 IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- (1) How many responses were received to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Community Discussion Paper on improving service delivery and accountability in Aboriginal Affairs across NSW?
- (2) How many submissions were received from submitters/authors in the following categories:
- (a) Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (b) non-Aboriginal Community Organisations;
 - (c) non-government organisations;
 - (d) Government agencies;
 - (e) Local Government;
 - (f) schools;
 - (g) industry;
 - (h) Aboriginal community groups including:
 - (i) Community Working Parties;
 - (ii) Community engagement groups;

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- (i) Individual - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders;
(j) Individual - Non-Aboriginal?
- 4164 TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Education—
With regard to the Department of Education submission to the Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan to the NSW Treasury:
What major capital works projects that the Sydney Region Asset Reference Group considered were of higher priority in the region to the request of Tempe High School for a creative arts/performance space and new hall?
- 4165 EASTLAKES SHOPPING CENTRE—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
With regard to the Eastlakes shopping centre development application:
(1) What was the detail of discussions held between officers of the Department and the proponent?
(2) What information was communicated by the Department to the proponent?
(3) Did the Department indicate in any way to the proponent what should be contained in the application?
(4) Has the Minister investigated the matters I have personally conveyed to him in relation to the handling of the application?
- 4166 RENT ASSESSMENT INCLUDING CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
By assessing the Clean Energy Supplement as a source of income and at an assessment rate of 25 per cent, what will be the fortnightly increase to Housing NSW's income from Social Housing Rent?
- 4167 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
(1) On what dates will the Joint Regional Planning (JRP) Panel sit to determine the proposal for a \$1.1 million expansion of Soldiers Point Marina?
(2) Who is on the JRP Panel?
- 4168 MINING ROYALTY REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
Under the Resources for Regions programs:
What steps has the Government taken to ensure that the Hunter Region communities affected by mining get an adequate and fair share of mining royalty revenue?
- 4169 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
(1) What is the Government doing to improve waiting times at John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department?
(2) Why does John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department have fewer staff than some Sydney Hospital Emergency Departments, which treat fewer people?
(3) What percentage of patients presenting to John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department in the past 12 months are not being treated within the Federal Government's four hour benchmark?
- 4170 MINMI PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
Given that the size and scope of the proposed development at Minmi is for an additional 3000 dwellings, how and when will the existing bus and train service be augmented to serve the increased population?
- 4171 WHITEBRIDGE LAND SELL OFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
(1) What steps is the Government taking to ensure that Whitebridge residents are fully included in the decision making process regarding the sale of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) owned land in Whitebridge?
(2) (a) Does the Government recognize the importance of the land's biodiversity and its proximity to the

renowned Fernleigh track?

(b) If so, why is the Government considering the sale of the land?

4172 SYDNEY PORTS CORPORATION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Which commercial wharves in Sydney, not used for Cruise Passenger Terminals, will remain in public ownership following the lease of Port Botany?
- (2) Have there been any discussions or plans for Sydney Ports to intensify port uses and freight movements at White Bay and Glebe Island?
- (3) Has there been consideration of the concerns of Leichhardt Council and the community regarding the traffic congestion that will result if all port traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island is not contained within a separate port road? If so;
 - (a) What impact?
 - (b) What steps have been taken to address these concerns?
- (4) Will all traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island be contained within a separate port road?
 - (a) If not, what portion of traffic relating to White Bay and Glebe Island will use the local council road network?
- (5) What are the reasons for not containing all port traffic for White Bay and Glebe Island on a separate port road?
- (6) What research and analysis is being undertaken of the costs and transport benefits of retaining versus removing Glebe Island Bridge?
- (7) What is the community consultation plan relating to the decision to retain or remove Glebe Island Bridge?
- (8) What consideration has been given to reinstating the Glebe Island Bridge as a pedestrian way, cycleway and potentially for Light Rail?
- (9) What is the current position of Roads and Maritime services on whether to retain or remove the Glebe Island Bridge?
- (10) What is the foreseen percentage of the Bays Precinct to be allocated for community use for open space and recreational purposes?
- (11) Will the Minister commit to undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the economic, recreational, cultural and social benefits of establishing sporting fields at White Bay and in the Rozelle Railway Marshalling Yards?

4173 SYDNEY PORTS CORPORATION INCOME—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What portion of the income of Sydney Ports Corporation is;
 - (a) Currently generated by Port Botany?
 - (b) Expected to be generated by Port Botany following the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium?
- (2) What was the income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the;
 - (a) 2011-2012 financial year?
 - (b) 2010-2011 financial year?
- (3) What is the projected income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the 2012-2013 financial year?
- (4) What impact will the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium have on the income of Sydney Ports Corporation for the 2013-2014 financial year?
- (5) Is the annual income of Sydney Ports Corporation expected to decrease following the lease of Port Botany to the NSW Ports Consortium?
- (6) Has any work been done to calculate how Sydney Ports Corporation will make up for the income shortfall as a result of the leasing of Port Botany?