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\*6019 TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) How many complaints about the train timetables were received by Transport for NSW for each of the years from 2011-13?

(a) How many of these complaints were from commuters who reside in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Feedback about the timetable is appreciated. We will continue to closely monitor the performance of the timetable.

\*6020 TEACHERS' AIDES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How much has been allocated to the Cabramatta electorate for teachers' aides in Government schools for the 2014-15 financial year?

(a) Has this allocation increased or decreased in the last four financial years?

Answer—

For the 2014-15 financial year more than \$990,000 was allocated to the 15 public schools in the Cabramatta electorate to support students with disability and additional learning and support needs in regular classes.

In addition, in 2014 there are 26 specialist support classes across five regular schools and one special school in the Cabramatta electorate.

The funding allocated for the 2014-15 financial year has increased when compared to the 2010-11 financial year.

\*6021 FAIRFIELD AND LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many complaints about Fairfield and Liverpool hospitals were received in:

(a) 2012; and

(b) 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Of the 28,814 admissions to Fairfield Hospital in 2012 there were 113 complaints. Of the 29,610 admissions to Fairfield Hospital in 2013 there were 116 complaints.

Of the 70,370 admissions to Liverpool Hospital in 2012 there were 538 complaints. Of the 73,738 admissions to Liverpool Hospital in 2013 there were 467 complaints.

\*6022 SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What programs are available in Cabramatta to help senior citizens maintain independent and healthy lifestyles?

(2) How much funding does the Government provide to support senior citizens in Cabramatta?

Answer—

(1) - (2) There are a variety of local service programs available in the Cabramatta area across government, non-government and business sectors.

Information on the NSW Ageing Strategy can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

\*6023 VISITS BY THE PREMIER TO CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Since becoming Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney, how many times have you visited the region

and in particular, the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

I regularly visit Western Sydney in my capacity as Minister for Western Sydney. Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

\*6024 BONNYRIGG MEN'S SHED—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What support is the Government providing to the Bonnyrigg Men's Shed?
- (2) How much funding does the Government provide to the Bonnyrigg Men's Shed?

Answer—

The Bonnyrigg Men's Shed operates under the auspice of Parks Community Network Inc. Details about funding provided to the Network is available in the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) Annual Report.

\*6025 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Has the Government signed a contract with Wollongong City Council regarding the West Dapto Access Road Link for \$22.5 million under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Has the Government signed a contract with the Illawarra Retirement Trust Ltd regarding the care and community centre for \$2.9 million under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How many of the approved projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund have actually commenced construction to this date?
- (4) What are the reasons for the delays in starting the projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?

Answer—

(1) - (4) The 12 projects awarded funding through the \$100 million Illawarra Infrastructure Fund are large scale, high worth projects. The Government is doing its due diligence and ensuring that all of the projects have provided the necessary information and approvals before they progress. This is to ensure that projects funded through Restart deliver the best economic and social outcome possible for Illawarra. The projects are progressing and Infrastructure NSW is responsible for administering the funding agreements.

\*6026 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students were enrolled at the following TAFE campuses in 2013:
  - (a) Dapto;
  - (b) Shellharbour; and
  - (c) Yallah?
- (2) How many students were enrolled at the following TAFE campuses for 2014:
  - (a) Dapto;
  - (b) Shellharbour; and
  - (c) Yallah?

Answer—

TAFE NSW data is recorded by the number of enrolments, not students.

TAFE NSW enrolments by campus are not publicly available. However, enrolments by Institute are published on the TAFE NSW website.

2013 enrolments data by Institute is publicly available in the 2013 TAFE NSW Statistical Compendium at [www.tafensw.edu.au/about/assets/pdf/TAFE-NSW-Statistical-Compendium-2013.pdf](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/about/assets/pdf/TAFE-NSW-Statistical-Compendium-2013.pdf).

The 2014 TAFE NSW Statistical Compendium will be loaded onto the TAFE NSW website by mid-2015.

\*6027 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- (1) Will the Premier ensure that any infrastructure projects included in the sale of poles and wires in the Illawarra must undergo a cost benefit analysis?
- (2) Will any such cost benefit analysis be completed before or after the sale of the State's poles and wires?
- (3) Will these cost benefit studies be released to the public?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government is committed to Rebuilding NSW by unlocking an additional \$20 billion for rebuilding the State's infrastructure by leasing 49% of New South Wales' electricity network or "poles and wires" assets.

Rebuilding NSW will improve access to roads, public transport, schools, hospitals, sports and cultural facilities.

Infrastructure NSW will provide an updated State Infrastructure Strategy to the Government later this year. Proposed projects will be assessed by Infrastructure NSW in accordance with existing processes.

\*6028 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What are the remaining administrative requirements, once the planning associated with the Shellharbour Hospital redevelopment is finalised in 2014, before funding for the redevelopment is allocated by the Government?
- (2) What is the reason for the discrepancy in estimated completion time for the planning of the Shellharbour Hospital redevelopment which was stated to be completed in 2014 (ref Q.5908), and also 2016 (ref 2014-15 Budget papers)?
- (3) Did any other construction companies submit tenders for the \$6.7 million Ambulatory Care Expansion project at Shellharbour Hospital?
  - (a) If so, what were the names of these companies and their locations?
- (4) Will the preferred tenderer in the case of the Ambulatory Care Expansion project at Shellharbour Hospital employ Illawarra based subcontractors on the project work?
  - (a) If so, which work?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Prior to the allocation of any capital funding, the final business case is endorsed by the Ministry of Health and issued to Treasury for inclusion in the budget process for funding consideration. The 2016 reference completion date in the 2014-15 Budget papers is an administrative function of the budget process. The actual project completion date remains at early 2015.

(2) The 2016 referenced completion date in the 2014-15 Budget papers is an administrative function of the Budget process.

(3) The tenderers for the Shellharbour Ambulatory Care project were selected by Health Infrastructure from the Department of Finance & Services, Prequalified List of Capable Contractors. This list filters prequalified contractors based on the selected project value, region, procurement method, type of project and experience. The selection of the preferred tenderer is done by a panel based on a range of non-price and price criteria.

(a) The other tenderers were:

- Donnelly Constructions whose head office is in Sydney.
- Kane Constructions with offices in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.
- Zauner Constructions who is a regional builder with an office on the South Coast.

(4) The project is being delivered under a construction management form of contract. As such, Health Infrastructure will have transparency during the selection and assessment of subcontractor tenders. Health Infrastructure have put in place with the principle contractor, Fugen Constructions, a process for assessing the subcontract tender with criteria that includes local industry participation and Aboriginal participation, along with other price and non-price criteria.

In addition, Fugen Constructions placed an advertisement in the local papers asking for expressions of interest from suitably qualified subcontractors to tender on the project.

I have been advised to date that only a limited number of subcontracts have been tendered, however they have included local firms or firms that have personnel living locally. In addition I note that the Site Manager on the project lives locally.

\*6029 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Government completed all of the planning and approval works required for the Albion Park Rail Bypass?
  - (a) If not, when does the Minister expect all of the planning and approval works will be completed?
- (2) When will the Government receive the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) study into the investigation of whether on and off ramps and interchanges are required on the M1 Motorway in the Dapto area?
  - (a) What are the terms of reference for this investigation?
  - (b) Will the RMS report be made available to the public?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services anticipates that planning and approval will be completed in 2016.

Roads and Maritime Services is undertaking a series of investigations including complex traffic modelling. These investigations are at an early stage and it is not yet known when the results of these investigations will be finalised.

The work being undertaken is preliminary information gathering, investigation and planning work for improvements to the M1 Princes Motorway between Figtree and Dapto. These improvements will consider the impacts of planned development in the Dapto area and traffic growth from surrounding areas.

Roads and Maritime Services anticipates publishing a report when the preliminary information gathering, investigation and planning work are complete.

\*6030 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many reports were made to the Graffiti Hotline between 1 July 2013 and 12 August 2014?
- (2) How many of these were from the:
  - (a) Wollongong Local Government Area; and
  - (b) Shellharbour Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 1,022.
- (2) A number of calls were made in the Wollongong and Shellharbour Local Government Area;
  - (a) N/A;
  - (b) N/A.

\*6031 2013-14 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Was Woonona East Primary School nominated for the 2013-14 Capital Works Program?
  - (a) If so, what was the project and how much funding was requested?
  - (b) If not, why was this project unsuccessful?
- (2) Was Figtree High School nominated for the 2013-14 Capital Works Program?
  - (a) If so, what was the project and how much funding was requested?
  - (b) If not, why was this project unsuccessful?

Answer—

(1) In 2013-14, six projects were nominated for Woonona East Public School and all were considered for funding against competing projects across all New South Wales government schools.

(2) In 2013-14, five projects were nominated for Figtree High School and all were considered for funding against competing projects across all New South Wales government schools.

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\*6032 OPAL CARD USE IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many Opal cards have been sold to Illawarra residents?
- (2) What is the average daily use on weekdays of Opal cards at the following railway stations:
  - (a) Helensburgh;
  - (b) Thirroul;
  - (c) Woonona;
  - (d) Wollongong;
  - (e) Dapto; and
  - (f) Kiama?
- (3) What safety audits have been undertaken at the Bellambi and Corrimal Railway Station level crossings?
  - (a) What recommendations has the Minister received regarding improving safety at these crossings?
- (4) Does the Minister have plans to visit these stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (2) More than 700,000 Opal cards have now been issued. Over 37 million journeys have been taken by customers using the Opal card.
- (3) Level crossings are prioritised for safety upgrades according to a range of criteria.
- (4) I regularly visit stations across the network and will continue to do so.

\*6033 M2 SPEED LIMIT CHANGES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Was the speed limit on the M2 motorway, between the M7 junction and the Windsor Road exit, increased from 90 kilometres per hour to 100 kilometres per hour?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) If so, what has been the accident record on this stretch of road that prompted the speed limit increase?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes, the speed limit was increased following the completion of speed zone reviews for the top 100 roads in New South Wales. These were identified through submissions from the community to the Safer Roads NSW website in March 2012.

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(Paper No. 1)

6034 SCHOOL CLOSURES AND DOWNGRADES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6035 ONE TEACHER SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6036 NON-RESIDENT LAND OWNER LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—

6037 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—

6038 2014 CHRISTMAS SENIORS CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

\*6039 CONVEYANCE SERVICE COMPLAINTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

Who is the overseeing authority for purchasers to lodge a complaint with against a conveyance service when poor information or advice is provided for a house/property purchase?

Answer—

Customers who have a complaint about a licensed conveyancer's conduct can lodge a complaint with NSW Fair Trading, as the agency is responsible for administering the Conveyancers Licensing Act 2003 and the Conveyancers Licensing Regulation 2006.

- 6042 RAILCORP MAINTENANCE DEPOTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6043 NATIONAL PARKS ESTATE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6044 SUSTAINABLE AND RECYCLED PAPER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6045 ILLEGAL POSTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6046 ALCOHOL MERIT PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6047 LIGHT RAIL TREE REMOVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6048 INFREQUENT BUS USERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6049 REDUCING PEAK ELECTRICITY DEMAND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 6050 PRIVATE COLLEGE DISCRIMINATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6051 RECREATIONAL FISHING IN SHORELINE SANCTUARY ZONES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—
- 6052 M5 WEST MOTORWAY TOLL PERIOD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6053 INTERSECTION OF ROOKWOOD ROAD AND BRUNKER ROAD, YAGOONA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6054 ALLOCATION OF SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6055 INTERSECTION OF CHAPEL ROAD NORTH AND RICKARD ROAD, BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6056 BUS COMMUTERS IN GREENACRE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6057 SUBSIDISING AIRPORT LINE FARE PRICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- \*6059 CONSUMER PRODUCT WARNINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- How many consumer product warnings did the Department of Fair Trading issue between 5 July 2014 and 10 July 2014?

Answer—



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Nil.

- 6060 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6070 TAFE REDUNDANCIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6071 SUPPORT TEACHER LEARNING ASSISTANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6072 SCHOOL FENCING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- \*6073 HANDYMAN SERVICE IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the current funding arrangements for the Handyman Service in the Illawarra?
  - (2) How many people accessed this service between 1 January 2014 and 14 August 2014?
  - (3) Are there any plans to extend this program?
- Answer—
- I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's Handypersons Program operates in various metropolitan and regional locations across the State to perform minor maintenance and repairs to social housing properties.
- 6074 MACQUARIE HOSPITAL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6076 SCHOOL FUNDING IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—

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(Paper No. 1)

- 6078 HUNTER CYCLEWAY NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6079 PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6080 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6081 OPAL CARD USE IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6082 THE HUNTER EXPRESSWAY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6083 ALLOCATION OF POLICE RECRUITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6084 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL AT METFORD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6085 CASEWORKER VACANCIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6086 WOMEN'S REFUGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6087 COURT HOUSE STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6088 REQUEST BY DAVID GOODMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- 6089 JAN MCCLELLAND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6090 INFORMATION COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6091 NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6092 INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6093 CORONIAL INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6094 CORONERS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6095 BERESFIELD GOLF COURSE LEASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 6096 DAIRY FARMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Assistant Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

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(Paper No. 2)

- 6097 REDEVELOPMENT OF FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6098 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TRANSFERS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6099 CRIME IN BONNYRIGG, EDENSOR PARK AND GREENFIELD PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6100 CABRAMATTA LOCAL AREA COMMAND DISCIPLINARY ACTION—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6101 LIVERPOOL-PARRAMATTA TRANSITWAY SERVICE—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6102 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM CHANGES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6103 ONE-STOP-SHOP IN WETHERILL PARK—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6104 ARBORIST ASSESSMENTS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6105 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND TRAFFIC OFFENCES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6106 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6107 PARKING AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6108 NURSING BUDGET AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6109 MATERNITY SERVICES UNIT AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 6110 MIDWIVES AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6111 NATIONAL PATIENT TRANSPORT GROUP—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6112 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6113 SMOKING AT THE BEACH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6114 SMIRNOFF ADVERTISEMENTS ON BUSES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6115 HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT WEST DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6116 MATERNITY UNIT SERVICES AT SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6117 TREATING EATING DISORDERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 6118 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 6119 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6120 ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6121 NEW SENIOR ENGLISH SYLLABUS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6122 SCHOOL SPEED ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6123 ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES AT DAWSON MALL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6124 DISABILITY PAYROLL TAX REBATES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6125 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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(Paper No. 3)

- 6126 NEW GROWTH BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6127 OPAL CARDS IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6128 TAFE NSW CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6129 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 6130 EAR NOSE AND THROAT SURGEONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6131 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6132 CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITIES BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6133 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6134 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6135 INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6136 THE ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6137 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT AT KINGS CROSS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6138 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6139 NON-ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—
- 6140 UNREGISTERED BOARDING HOUSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6141 ELIZABETH BAY MARINA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6142 COMPUTER ACCESS TO PRISONERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6143 PYRMONT BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6144 PARKING AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 6198 HUNTER HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Will the Government reopen Hunter Health Counselling Services?  
(a) If not, why not?
- 6199 PATIENT WAITING TIMES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What will the Minister do to reduce waiting times, which have doubled since last year, for patients in the Hunter?
- 6200 AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How will the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013 apply to those with a disability living in aged care facilities like Wallsend Aged Care Facility?  
(2) Will young people with a disability living in a state run aged care facility be unable to remain in this facility due to legislation removing care for those with a disability from State run services?
- 6201 SAFETY FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What is the Government doing to improve safety for paramedics?
- 6202 DISPLACED RAIL STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Will staff who are displaced from railway stations between Wickham and Newcastle stations following the truncation of the rail line be offered permanent positions elsewhere within State rail?  
(2) Will the jobs of displaced staff be guaranteed following the implementation of the light rail?
- 6203 SAFETY ON NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Is the Government taking action to improve the safety of passengers and drivers on Newcastle Buses?  
(a) If so, what is being done to improve safety?  
(b) If not, why is no action being taken?
- 6204 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What public transport options will be available to commuters between Wickham and Newcastle while the proposed light rail is being constructed?  
(2) How long will this temporary transport option be in place?  
(3) What is the time frame for completion of the light rail construction?  
(4) What is the cost of the light rail construction?
- 6205 TAFE NSW COUNSELLORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Is the Government committed to supporting TAFE NSW meet its responsibilities under the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 by providing fully registered psychologists as TAFE counsellors?

- (2) What is the Government's response to the existing counselling cuts caused by the threat of privatisation, including those in New England, the Hunter, the Illawarra, and South West Sydney?
- 6206 FIXED PRICE RACING BETTING RULES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Was the minimum bet requirement of the New South Wales Fixed Price Racing Betting Rules removed in January 2014?  
(a) If so, what are the reasons for this change?
- (2) Is the Minister, or the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, aware of any breaches to the New South Wales Fixed Price Racing Betting Rules prior to the introduction of this change?  
(a) If so, how many breaches were there in the three years prior to this change?
- 6207 HOUSING OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- Will the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care retain ownership of properties currently used to house people with a disability, in light of the transfer of the management of people with a disability to the non-government sector under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act?
- 6208 SPEECH THERAPISTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many speech therapists, employed by NSW Health, currently work in schools?  
(2) Does the Department of Education and Communities fund any additional speech therapists?  
(a) If so, how many?  
(3) For each speech therapist working in schools in New South Wales, can you provide a breakdown of the schools they are currently attached to?
- 6209 NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- What specific support will the Minister offer to Australia's oldest school, Newcastle East Public School, to celebrate its Bicentenary in February 2016?
- 6210 BULLI HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) When will construction on the upgrade to Bulli Hospital commence?  
(2) What is the estimated completion date for these works?  
(3) Has the project received all of the funding it was allocated under the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?  
(a) If not, how much funding has the project received?  
(b) If not, when will the rest of the funding be allocated?
- 6211 NSW HEALTH SPEECH THERAPISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) How many speech therapists are employed by NSW Health and currently work in schools?  
(a) Can you list each of the schools that each of the speech therapists work in?  
(b) How many of these speech therapists worked in schools in each year from 2008 to 2013?  
(2) How much funding does the Government allocate to the provision of speech therapists in schools?
- 6212 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns by local councils about the level of funding provided by the Government to local libraries?  
(2) What is the Government doing to address the current funding shortage?  
(3) What are the reasons for Government funding for public libraries being at their lowest level in decades?
- 6213 GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Do the following funds exist:  
(a) Schools and Hospital Fund;  
(b) Regional Roads Fund; and



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- (c) Sporting and Cultural Fund?
- (2) How much funding is currently contained in each fund in (1)?
  - (3) Which Minister is responsible for administering each fund in (1)?
  - (4) Does each fund in (1) require legislation and regulations to operate?
    - (a) If so, when will the Government introduce the necessary legislation or regulations?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (5) What local government areas in the Illawarra region will be eligible to seek funding from the funds in (1)?
  - (6) Which local government areas in the Illawarra region will be ineligible to seek funding from the funds in (1)?
  - (7) What are the governance arrangements for each fund in (1)?
  - (8) Have guidelines for each fund been published?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 6214 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION SIGNAGE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What is the total cost of erecting new signage that says "Shellharbour Junction" for the new station under construction between Dunmore and Flinders?
  - (2) Why was signage erected prior to the formal meeting of the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales meeting scheduled for the 16 September 2014?
  - (3) Who was responsible for instructing the erection of the signage?
- 6215 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) What are the qualifications of each member of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel announced on 29 July 2014?
    - (a) What organisations are represented by each member?
    - (b) What is the residential post code of each member?
  - (2) Are any of the members of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel also members of a political party?
    - (a) If so, which political party?
  - (3) What was discussed at the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel induction session held on 13 August 2014?
    - (a) What was the venue of this induction session?
    - (b) Did all members of the the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel attend?
      - (i) If not, why not?
    - (c) What was the cost for hosting the induction session?
  - (4) When was the inaugural meeting of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel new membership held?
    - (a) What issues were on the agenda for the inaugural meeting?
    - (b) What was the outcome of the issues discussed on the agenda?
  - (5) What was the cost of holding previous meetings of the Illawarra Community Advisory Panel since it was first established?