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- 4354 QUAMMA AND CANDELO—Mr Constance to Minister for Police, representing the Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Lands—
- 4355 ROCKS CENTRE—Mr Constance to Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 4356 GREY ASBESTOS—Mr Constance to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—
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- 4359 CARAVAN REPLACEMENT—Mr J.H. Turner to Attorney General, and Minister for the Environment, representing the Minister for Justice, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister Assisting the Minister for Commerce, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of a matter before the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal concerning application: Mr Martin Ford in relation to the purchase and subsequent replacement of a caravan?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that the faulty caravan purchased by Mr Ford was “lost” after it had been returned to the factory for a replacement?
  - (3) Can the Minister advise if this is an isolated case or if other caravans have been “lost” or not returned to other owners under similar circumstances from the same manufacturer?
  - (4) If so, how many other consumers are currently affected or still awaiting the return of their caravans?
  - (5) If so, what action has the Minister taken to assist, warn and prevent other consumers being affected?

4360 RESIDENTIAL PARKS ACT REVIEW REPORT—Mr J.H. Turner to Attorney General, and Minister for the Environment, representing the Minister for Justice, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister Assisting the Minister for Commerce, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

- (1) When will the Minister act on recommendations and findings of the Residential Parks Act Review report tabled in the Parliament in December 2004?
- (2) What action has the Minister taken to date in respect of the recommendations contained in that report?

4361 RETIREMENT VILLAGES ACT 1999—Mr J.H. Turner to Attorney General, and Minister for the Environment, representing the Minister for Justice, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister Assisting the Minister for Commerce, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

- (1) When will the Minister act on recommendations contained in the Retirement Villages Act 1999 report tabled in the Parliament in March 2005?
- (2) What action and consultation will occur in relation to the recommendations contained in the report?

4362 WATER QUALITY—Mr Pringle to Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Science and Medical Research, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

In view of the 50 per cent reduction in environmental flows available to the Hawkesbury River and the fact that approximately 54,000 residents utilise water drawn directly from the river, what additional drinking water monitoring is proposed at the North Richmond plant to ensure the health and safety of residents?

4363 HAWKESBURY RIVER —Mr Pringle to Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Science and Medical Research, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

In view of the 50 per cent reduction in environmental water flows to the Hawkesbury River, does the Government propose to:

- (a) Increase water quality monitoring?
- (b) Purchase a weed harvester to combat the likely outbreak of salvinia?
- (c) Take measures to support the Hawkesbury prawn and fishing industries?
- (d) Upgrade the standard of effluent discharge from the sewerage treatment plants?

4364 WATER QUALITY MONITORING—Mr Pringle to Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Science and Medical Research, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

What are the locations of the water quality monitoring points for the Hawkesbury River and its tributaries?

4365 ROUSE HILL POLICE STATION—Mr Pringle to Minister for Police—

With the massive increase in population growth in the Rouse Hill district and North-Western Sydney in general, when does the Minister propose to establish a permanent police presence in the area?

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4366 BUS SERVICES—Mr Debnam to Minister for Transport—

In relation to bus services:

- (1) How many complaints were received about 382 bus services in 2004?
- (2) How many of these complaints related to 382 buses that were cancelled?
- (3) How many of these complaints related to 382 buses that were late?
- (4) How many of these complaints related to 382 buses that were fully loaded and unable to pick up passengers?
- (5) How many complainants stated that they had waited for more than 30 minutes for a 382 bus?
- (6) How many complainants stated that they had waited for more than 45 minutes for a 382 bus?
- (7) How many complainants stated that this problem was an ongoing concern, with buses regularly late or cancelled?
- (8) What causes of delays and cancellations were identified when these complaints were investigated?
- (9) What action was taken in response to these complaints?
- (10) What action has the Government taken to ensure the 382 bus service is reliable and meets demand?

4367 FISHERMEN'S SAFETY—Mr Richardson to Attorney General, and Minister for the Environment—

What steps are you taking to ensure that fishermen's safety is not compromised by the restrictions imposed on them by the new Lord Howe Island Marine Park, which are causing tourists to fish under unsafe weather conditions or miss out altogether?

4368 FISHING PROMOTION—Mr Richardson to Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Are you aware that, although your Department promotes fishing as a recreational activity to undertake on Lord Howe Island, the new Marine Park zonings mean that many tourists are unable to fish or put their lives at risk by fishing under unsafe weather conditions?
- (2) What steps are being taking to ensure that tourists who want to go fishing are still encouraged to visit the island and catch fish when they are there?
- (3) What steps have you taken to moderate the impact on the charter boat fishing industry on the island of prohibition on boats longer than 5 metres long anchoring in the lagoon?

4369 ELECTRICITY MARKET—Mr Richardson to Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Science and Medical Research, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

- (1) How many residential customers have switched from Integral Energy to Energy Australia since the introduction of full contestability to the electricity market?
- (2) How many business customers have switched from Integral Energy to Energy Australia since the introduction of full contestability to the electricity market?
- (3) How many residential customers have switched from Energy Australia to Integral Energy since the introduction of full contestability to the electricity market?
- (4) How many business customers have switched from Energy Australia to Integral Energy since the introduction of full contestability to the electricity market?

4370 PLACES OF WORSHIP—ATTACKS—Mr Debnam to Attorney General, and Minister for the Environment—

In relation to attacks on places of worship:

- (1) Have there been any convictions for attacks on churches, synagogues, mosques or other places of worship in NSW in the last ten years?
- (2) If so, in each case, what was the date and location of the attack and the date and the nature of the conviction?

4371 TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Debnam to Minister for Transport—

In relation to travelling times:

- (1) What will be the impact of the significant increases in traffic expected from the Cross City Tunnel through the suburbs of Glebe, Annandale and Paddington on bus travel times in those areas, especially the 433, 432 and all routes using the Anzac Bridge?
- (2) Would a dedicated bus lane over the Anzac Bridge improve running times for bus services that travel to and from the CBD via the Anzac Bridge?
- (3) Has the Department of Transport participated in any investigation of an outbound bus lane over the Anzac Bridge (to be conducted under the conditions of consent for approval of the Cross City Tunnel), and what are the outcomes of any such investigations?
- (4) Does the Department of Transport support the provision of priority signalling for light rail services, as in other cities, to improve running times of services?
- (5) Does the Department of Transport accept that an important way to improve average road speed for motorists is to lift the average speed of the public transport system?
- (6) What impact will slowing of the rail timetable have on average road speeds?

4372 S41J REGISTERED CLUB ACT—Mr Crittenden to Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Given your advice that “guidelines” for clubs produced by the Director of Liquor and Gaming only applied to agreements entered into for the disposal of land prior to the commencement date of the legislation and that since that date all clubs are required to strictly comply with the legislation (ref Q&A 4060):

- (1) As s41J of the Registered Clubs Act commenced in March 2004 and the contractual agreement between Kalayla Pty Ltd and Belmont Golf Club was executed on 19 July 2004, why hasn't the Director of Liquor and Gaming implemented the s41J provisions?

4373 RANDOM DRUG/BREATH TESTING—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Police—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the results of the Victorian trial of random drug/breath testing for drivers of heavy vehicles?
- (2) If so, will he advise me what those results indicated?
- (3) What is the current process under which NSW Police are able to conduct drug testing on a heavy-vehicle driver?
- (4) How many tests, using the process in (3) above, were conducted in the past 12 months?
- (5) How many of these tests were positive?
- (6) What were the penalties given to those heavy-vehicle drivers who provided a positive drug test reading?
- (7) Are NSW Police able to conduct tests on heavy-vehicle operators on a random basis?
- (8) Is not, why not?

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- (9) Are there plans to introduce random drug testing of heavy vehicle drivers?  
(10) Are there plans to introduce random drug/breath testing of heavy-vehicle drivers?

4374 TAXI RANKS IN CITY OF SYDNEY —Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport—

- (1) (a) How many signposted taxi ranks exist in Sydney, within the approximate perimeters of Bathurst Street, Sussex Street, Macquarie Street and Circular Quay?  
(a) What is the location of each of these signposted taxi ranks?  
(2) (a) How many signposted taxi ranks exist in the Rocks area of Sydney?  
(b) What is the location of each of these posted taxi ranks?  
(3) Have you received any correspondence from the NSW Taxi Council Ltd or (b) any Taxi company or (c) Taxi operator or (d) member of the public requesting an increase in the number of taxi ranks in the Sydney CBD or The Rocks localities?  
(4) Will he review the current number of signposted taxi ranks available in the Sydney CBD and the Rocks with a view to increasing the numbers?

4375 POLICE SERVICE ACT—Mr Oakeshott to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) Do the provisions of the Police Service Act that deny senior police officers natural justice in cases of possible dismissal also apply to the public service generally?  
(2) Is there concern that these provisions inhibit talented individuals seeking careers in the police service, or the public service generally?  
(3) If these standards only apply to police, why has this one area of public service been singled out for such standards that are potentially unjust?  
(4) Would you consider appointing a suitable person to examine the circumstances of dismissal of former deputy Commissioner Jarratt in a non-litigious way, to see whether some amendment might need to be made to the legislation to give serving police and future police officers some assurance that Parliament recognises their valuable role in society?

4376 HARASSMENT CASES—Mr George to Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Assistant Treasurer and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the annual cost to the State Government for (non sexual) harassment cases in NSW?  
(2) What is the annual cost per user to the Department of Health?

4377 POLICE HANDLING —Mr Stoner to Minister for Police—

In relation to Mr Stephen Quintano's allegations regarding police handling of investigations into the disappearance and assaults on his two young children:

- (1) Are you aware that the ICAC advised Mr Quintano that it no longer deals with matters concerning NSW Police officers since the establishment of the Police Integrity Commission (PIC)?  
(2) Are you aware that the PIC advised Mr Quintano that as the matter is now old and that documents considered that at the most, incompetence on the part of police could be established, it would not handle his complaint?  
(3) In relation to (1) and (2) above, and given that you have indicated that two of the offenders remained at large, what action do you propose to deal with Mr Quintano's complaints?

4378 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Stoner to Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Economic Reform, Minister for Ports and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the proposed Kempsey to Eungai upgrade of the Pacific Highway:

- (1) What is the likely impact of the proposed works on flooding in the Sevenoaks drainage area, near Clybucca, given that this area currently stays flooded for longer periods than other areas in the district during flood events, due in part to ineffective floodgate operation?
- (2) In view of these likely impacts, what action do you propose to undertake to ensure that landowners are not disadvantaged?

4379 WATER EXTRACTION—Mr Amery to Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) What is the average rate of water extraction from the State's river systems on an annual basis?
- (2) What is the trend in water extractions from the State's rivers over the past five years?

4380 CAPPED WATER DIVERSIONS—Mr Amery to Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) What is the current position of all Governments participating in the Murray Darling Basin Commission in complying with the cap on water diversions?
- (2) Is the Barwon Darling Catchment the only one in New South Wales not to have a "cap" on water diversions?
- (3) Is it a fact that Queensland will not have a cap in place for some time?
- (4) Is it the Minister's intention not to insist on a "cap" in the Barwon-Darling until the Queensland Government establishes its own cap on diversions?

4381 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—HORNSBY ELECTORATE—Mrs Hopwood to Minister for Transport, representing the Minister for Education and Training—

What are the details of all the infrastructure projects in the Education portfolio that will commence in the Hornsby electorate within the next 12 months, including total estimated cost, expected completion date and amount allocated this year?

4382 FULL FARE PRICES—Mrs Hopwood to Minister for Transport—

For a full fare, in relation to prices as at 1 September in each of the following years 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004:

- (1) What was the price of a return ticket from Berowra station (via North Shore line) to Central Station and from Hornsby (via North Shore line) to Central Station?
- (2) What was the price of a return fare from Hornsby (via the main North line) to Central Station?

4383 CLEARWAY PROJECTS—Mrs Hopwood to Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Hornsby clearways project extra platform construction:

- (1) How many car spaces will be lost in the High Street car park?
- (2) How many extra car spaces will be added the George Street car park?

4384 BELMONT GOLF CLUB—Mr Crittenden to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

With respect to Belmont Golf Club (Ref. Q 4056):

- (1) On how many occasions has the Premier's Department Regional Co-ordinator for the Hunter, Mr. B. Chard met with the President and/or other directors and/or officers of Belmont Golf Club?
- (2) What is/are the date(s) of this/these meeting(s)?
- (3) Who was present on each occasion there has been a meeting?
- (4) On each occasion who was the individual or party who initiated the meeting(s)?
- (5) Did any Board member, Director or officer of Belmont Golf Club seek Mr. Chard's support for, or intervention in, or involvement with respect to any or all aspects of the proposed development between the Belmont Golf Club and Kalayla Pty. Ltd., a subsidiary of the Terrace Tower Group?
- (6) Did Mr. Chard meet with the Terrace Tower Group at the same time as the Minister for the Hunter met with them for a briefing?
- (7) If not, has Mr. Chard met with the Terrace Tower Group or any officer, employee associate or Director of the Terrace Tower Group at any other time?
- (8) With regard to Aboriginal Land Claim 6577, are you satisfied that all relevant inquiries as to the validity of the claim have been, and will continue to be made, prior to determination of the claim?