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*3128 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—MCDONALDS PHD OFFERING—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of media reports that the McDonald's fast food company is hoping to offer PhDs in Britain after receiving approval from educational authorities to award qualifications equivalent to that of a university?
- (2) What steps have been taken to ensure that this cannot happen in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Institutions wishing to operate as higher education providers in any State or Territory in Australia are assessed against National Protocols for Higher Education Approvals and related National Guidelines. The Protocols and Guidelines set out rigorous criteria and requirements for approval that apply to the institutions themselves and to the courses they seek to offer.

*3129 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN NSW—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a recent Sydney Morning Herald report that revealed exploitation of overseas students studying in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the composition of the Ministerial Taskforce studying the \$5.3 billion NSW International Education Industry?
- (3)
 - (a) Is the Taskforce comprised of only representatives from education providers and government?
 - (b) If so, why is there no student representation on this Ministerial Taskforce?
- (4) What steps are being taken to ensure that the composition of the Taskforce is balanced so that the views of international students studying in New South Wales are given appropriate weight?
- (5) What steps are being taken to ensure that the Taskforce studying the \$5.3 billion NSW International Education Industry receives sufficient and appropriate information from international students on the challenges and problems that confront them during the term of their education in Australia?

Answer—

- (1) I am aware of the Sydney Morning Herald article written by Anna Patty, "Overseas students abused by bosses, landlords: union." and published on 22 April 2009.
- (2) In November 2008 I initiated the formation of a Ministerial Taskforce on International Education to identify issues and make recommendations to enhance the experience of students living and studying in New South Wales. Members of the Ministerial Taskforce are experts with key responsibilities for international students, many providing direct support to them.
- (3)
 - (a) and (b) Membership of the Ministerial Taskforce includes one representative from a cross-section of education providers - from schools, the vocational education and training (VET) sector, higher education - as well as government and non-government peak bodies and a student nominated by the National Union of Students representing international students in New South Wales. Also included are organisations like ISANA: International Education Association, whose members work in partnership with students and community groups to recognise the interests and rights of international students. The range of organisations represented provides a unique opportunity to raise issues and make recommendations to enhance the overall experience of international students.
- (4) & (5) The Ministerial Taskforce takes its role very seriously and is committed to hearing from student groups as part of the consultation process. The next meeting of the Taskforce on 25 June

2009 will focus on presentations from international students and international student associations from the schools, VET and universities sector.

This consultation includes:

- presentations to the meetings of the Ministerial Taskforce by a variety of guest speakers, including international students from both public and private providers across all three education sectors and five Consuls General;
- invitations for written submissions, which have been sent to peak bodies and interested parties including to a variety of student groups, such as the National Union of Students and the Australian Federation of International Students, as well as to migration agents and other education providers who have direct contact with international students; and
- a review of research which includes the results of satisfaction surveys from international students.

The Ministerial Taskforce has established three sub committees to focus on the key areas of:

- marketing and recruitment;
- social inclusion, welfare and safety; and
- the quality of education and training.

Through the sub committees and the consultation process the Ministerial Taskforce is receiving important information and advice which will inform the recommendations in its final report.

*3130 FINANCE—CONSULTANTS FACILITATE ENERGY SALES—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

(1)

- (a) Have any consultants engaged to facilitate the sale of NSW Government owned energy related assets and rights ceased acting as consultants for the proposed sale?
- (b) If so, have any payments have been made to any of these consultants?
- (c) What is the value of any payments made to any of these consultants?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) I'm advised that consultants have been engaged to perform specific tasks in relation to the NSW Energy Reform project and remunerated based on the performance of these tasks.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

*3131 HEALTH—RADIOTHERAPY WAIT TIMES—Miss Gardiner asked the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

According to the answer provided to question 3012 on 7 May 2009, there is no NSW Health benchmark of 21 days for wait times for radiotherapy treatment, yet Standard 4.3 published in a NSW Health publication, "A Clinical Service Framework for Optimising Cancer Care in NSW 2003", states there is:

(1)

- (a) Has Standard 4.3 been abolished?
- (b) If so, when was it abolished?
- (c) If not, why is there a discrepancy between the answer given to question 3012 and Standard 4.3?

(2)

- (a) Were waiting lists monitored on a monthly basis by all Area Cancer Services from June 2004?
- (b) If so, what were the waiting lists statistics for each Area Cancer Services for each month from June 2004 until the latest date on which such statistics were recorded.
- (c) If not, why wasn't the "demonstration of compliance" implemented? (see Standard 4.1 4.3)

(3)

- (a) Who made the decision not to demonstrate compliance in this way?
 - (b) When was this decision made?
 - (c) Why was this decision made?
- (4) How does NSW Health now ensure compliance with Standards for "Access to appropriate clinical services" for each of the eight "agreed limits for all cancer related services" listed in Standard 4.3, including radiotherapy?
- (5) What evidence is there of compliance with any Standard that has replaced Standard 4.3 for each Radiotherapy Oncology Treatment Centre as at the most recent date that data has been compiled?
- (6)
- (a) Is the Australian College of Health definition of Radiotherapy Waiting Time now used by NSW Health as its waiting time benchmark for radiotherapy services?
 - (b) If so, how many patients as at 31 December 2008, at each Radiation Oncology Treatment Centre or each Area Health Service (whichever is the unit which currently collates radiotherapy waiting list data), were defined as "Ready for Care" and did not receive their first fraction of treatment within 21 days (or within any other NSW Health waiting benchmark that applied to radiotherapy patients at 31 December 2008).
 - (c) If the benchmark for waiting time between "Ready for Care" and the start of radiotherapy treatment is not 21 days, what is it?

Answer—

(1) (all parts) While NSW Health's Clinical Service Framework for Optimising Cancer Care in NSW (2003) was an important document to set the framework for cancer control at the time, the document is now over six years old. It was prepared prior to the establishment of the Cancer Institute NSW which was established in June 2003. Since inception, the Cancer Institute NSW has published two Cancer Plans, NSW Cancer Plan 2004-2006 and NSW Cancer Plan 2007-2010. The Standard 4.3 in the NSW Health publication refers to one of the radiation oncology clinical indicators in the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Clinical Indicator Program, which a majority of NSW public and private hospitals participate as part of the quality improvement programs. However, it is also important to note that since 2007, the ACHS clinical indicator for radiotherapy wait times has been revised from 21 days to 14 days. As such, it is considered appropriate to refer to the more recently published documents for guidance on clinical framework and strategic directions for cancer care, in order to reflect contemporary practices.

(2) - (5) inclusive Each Radiation Oncology Treatment Centre (ROTCs) has a system to monitor waiting times and a method of prioritising and categorising urgency of patients. This assists in the management of patient treatments helps identify ROTCs across the Cancer Network that may have shorter wait times for patient referrals.

(6) (all parts) The Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) defines the Radiotherapy Waiting Time as the time taken from the 'Ready for Care' date to the Start of Radiotherapy Treatment, that is, the date of first fraction of Treatment. 'Ready for Care' is the date when the patient is ready to commence treatment. Radiotherapy waiting time is one of a number of clinical indicators for radiation oncology.

As previously mentioned, since 2007, the ACHS clinical indicator for radiotherapy wait times has been revised from 21 days to 14 days.

The average waiting time for Centres for 2008 extracted from the centres Record and Verify Systems were as previously provided in the response to Question LC3012.

*3132 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—STAFF AND INMATES TRANSFERRED FROM CESSNOCK CENTRE—Ms Hale asked the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

In relation to the Minister's response to my question without notice on 13 May 2009 about the costs of relocating inmates from Cessnock Correctional Centre, that:

" The movement that the member refers to was to ensure the safety and security of prison officers and inmates located in these particular facilities. The commissioner made a decision to relocate the inmates to other areas throughout New South Wales in a safe and secure manner. All inmates were relocated to a facility at Windsor safely and securely, and in a manner that ensured security was not compromised. The movements at Cessnock were no different from other the movements that we make throughout New South Wales."

- (1) Is it customary Departmental practice to move prisoners in groups of about 20 at times consistent with normal runs?
- (2) How many inmates were sent from Cessnock to the Windsor facility?
- (3) At what time did they leave Cessnock?
- (4) At what time did they arrive at Windsor?
- (5)
 - (a) Were medical and clinical staff at Windsor told to expect the arrival of these prisoners from Cessnock?
 - (b) If so, when were they told and by whom?
 - (c) If not, why not?
- (6) Was only one clinical staff member on duty when the Cessnock transferees arrived?
- (7)
 - (a) Is it Departmental policy that prisoners' medical records accompany prisoners when they are transferred to other centres?
 - (b) If so, did their medical records accompany the Cessnock transferees when they were moved to Windsor?
 - (c) If not, when were those records sent to Windsor?
- (8)
 - (a) Did the delay in the arrival of medical records at Windsor resulted in some of the transferred prisoners being without medication for extended periods?
 - (b) If so, what was the longest delay before a transferred prisoner was provided with prescribed medication?
- (9) Was the Windsor emergency unit placed on standby because of the agitated state of transferred prisoners who did not received methadone for up to a week because their medical records were not forwarded to Windsor?
- (10) What is the cost per day of placing the emergency unit on standby?
- (11)
 - (a) Did all property belonging to transferred prisoners accompany them to Cessnock?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (12) Is any prisoner still awaiting the arrival of property?
- (13) Did any of the officers who were involved in transferring the prisoners work a triple shift that evening?
- (14)
 - (a) Were some senior officers on duty for 16 hours before leaving Sydney for Cessnock at about 10pm on Sunday 15 March, then spending 5.5 hours loading prisoners into the vans, and departing for Sydney at about 3.30am on Monday 16 March?
 - (b) How many officers were on duty for 24 hours before embarking for Sydney at 3.30am?
 - (c) If any officer worked for such an extended period, did this comply with occupational health and safety requirements?
- (15) What was the total amount of overtime incurred as a result of the transfer of these prisoners from Cessnock?
- (16) Is working a 24 hour shift compatible with ensuring the health and safety of staff, prisoners or the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Inmates are moved according to the operational needs of the Department.
- (2) 107.
- (3) The vehicles were dispatched as they were loaded between approximately 11.15pm on 15 March and 3.20am on 16 March.
- (4) From approximately 2.20am to 6.25am on 16 March.
- (5)
 - (a) The appropriate staff were advised of the transfer of 107 inmates on 16 March 2009.
 - (b) By the General Manager of the Outer Metropolitan Multi Purpose Correctional Centre (OMMPC) at the appropriate time to ensure the safety of prisoners and staff.
 - (c) This timing was chosen to ensure the safety of prisoners and staff.
- (6) One member of clinical staff was rostered at Dillwynia Correctional Centre, within the OMMPC complex. I am advised that inmates sent to Windsor had no methadone or major health issues and that following a review of the inmates' medical files, Justice Health interviewed each inmate. Any medical issues arising either before or on reception of the inmates could have been attended to by clinical staff. This was not required.
- (7)
 - (a) Yes.
 - (b) Yes.
 - (c) The medical records arrived at the OMMPC on the morning of 16 March 2009.
- (8)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Not Applicable.
- (9) No.
- (10) There is no specific cost. Emergency units are comprised of correctional officers employed in a variety of roles who are re-deployed or called out as necessary if, and when, emergencies occur.
- (11) (a) and (b) The escort was accompanied by a property vehicle.
- (12) No.
- (13) Officers worked a variety of shifts consistent with their duties on the day.
- (14)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) None.
 - (c) Not applicable.
- (15) An adequate level of overtime was incurred for the operation to proceed.
- (16) The Department considers the health and safety to be the highest priority when determining what shifts that officers will work.

*3133 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—NEW POSITIONS WITHIN CORRECTIVE SERVICES—Ms Hale asked the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1)
 - (a) Has the Department of Corrective Services recently filled two positions at the level of Director with a maximum salary of \$164,000 pa and a position at the level of Manager with a maximum salary of \$110,000 pa?
 - (b) If so, are these new positions?
 - (c) If so, what is the justification of the creation of new senior level positions on two to three times the salary rates of front line prison officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) Two positions of Director and one position of Manager have recently been filled via a merit selection recruitment process.
 - (b) The positions of Director, Work Place Relations and Director, Human Services have been regraded. The position of Manager, Community Offender Support Program (Campbelltown) was created in May 2008 and was filled on an acting basis from October 2008 until the recent recruitment process.
 - (c) All Departmental senior officer positions are graded in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.

*3134 ROADS—UNSECURED ROADS—Ms Rhiannon asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—

- (1) Do unsecured loads and debris from such loads pose a great risk to public safety, particularly to the safety of people riding motorcycles and bicycles?
- (2)
- (a) How many accidents occur on New South Wales roads where unsecured loads played a role in 2008?
 - (b) How many injuries occur on New South Wales roads where unsecured loads played a role in 2008?
 - (c) How many deaths occur on New South Wales roads where unsecured loads played a role in 2008?
- (3) Is there any monitoring of accidents involving unsecured loads?
- (4) Are plans in place to review the laws and penalties regarding unsecured loads?
- (5) Are plans in place to undertake a driver awareness campaign to ensure loads are not carried in an unsafe manner on New South Wales roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes, unsecured loads and debris from loads pose a safety risk to all road users. Bicycles and motorcycles are balanced on two wheels and are more susceptible than motor vehicles to deviations in or on the road surface. This includes potholes, grooved surfaces, surface variations around utility covers, gravel, and other debris that may accumulate on the road or road shoulders.
- (2)
- (a) In 2008, there were 37 crashes recorded on New South Wales roads where a vehicle was struck by a load falling off another vehicle. Note 2008 data is incomplete and subject to change.
 - (b) These crashes resulted in 11 persons being injured. Those injured were two motorcycle riders, six motor vehicle drivers and three motor vehicle passengers.
 - (c) No persons were killed.
- (3) No.
- (4) There are currently no plans in place to review the laws and penalties regarding unsecured loads. However, Chain of Responsibility laws, which cover unsecured loads, were introduced in New South Wales in 2005. These laws provide that duties regarding load restraint apply not only to the driver and operator but also to other off road parties in the chain of responsibility including the consignor, consignee, packer and loader. A person must not drive or cause to be driven along a road any vehicle that contravenes load restraint restrictions. Penalties can be imposed on individuals, company directors, corporate bodies and comprise minor, substantial and severe risk breaches. The maximum penalty which could be applied against a corporate body for a severe load restraint breach is \$55,000.
- (5) The Road and Traffic Authority conducts an annual load restraint awareness campaign for drivers of heavy vehicles across New South Wales.

*3136 TRANSPORT—PRIVATE BUS OPERATOR—Mr Gay asked the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In regards to the school bus run in Narromine:

- (1) For what reasons has your Department informed a private bus operator (Mr W Prosser) that he can no longer provide a service to a group of school children in Narromine who travel to school on Mr Prosser's bus, as opposed to the regular school bus?
- (2)
 - (a) Is it for reasons surrounding lost revenue to the Government operated bus?
 - (b) If no, please specify.
- (3) Are you aware there is now a possibility of Mr Prosser's service becoming unviable due to the 11 children who have been refused service?
- (4)
 - (a) Why has the Minister not provided a response to Mrs Rowena Burke, who has requested to have her children continue using Mr Prosser's service at her cost?
 - (b) Is this a case of the smaller operator losing out to the State Labor Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The service operated by Mr W Prosser is contracted to provide transport for students from the Fairview area (south of Narromine) to schools in Narromine. This service is not contracted to provide a service for students residing within the Narromine town boundary, with that contract held by a separate private company.
- (2) (a) – (b) No. Both Mr Prosser's service and the Narromine town centre school service are provided under service contracts with the Ministry of Transport, and are totally funded by the Ministry under the School Student Transport Scheme.
- (3) The Ministry of Transport may consider varying or terminating existing service contracts if the number of school children for whom the service is being provided falls below 8 for at least two years. The latest information supplied by Mr Prosser to the Ministry of Transport lists a total of 11 students who require transport from the Fairview area to schools in Narromine. The service will continue to operate while it maintains student numbers above the required minimum.
- (4) (a) – (b) Mrs Burke's correspondence was received in my office on the 13th May 2009, one day before the Member's Question on Notice was lodged. A response has been forwarded.

*3139 ROADS—CENTRAL WEST TRANSPORT NEEDS—Ms Rhiannon asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—

- (1)
 - (a) Has the Central West Transport Needs study been completed?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) What are the findings of the study?
 - (ii) What are the recommendations of the study?
 - (iii) When will the study be made public?
 - (c) If not:
 - (i) When will the study be completed?
 - (ii) Will it be made public when it is completed?
 - (iii) Why is it running late, as it was scheduled to be completed in early 2009?
- (2)
 - (a) Has a draft of the study been given to any non-government bodies?
 - (b) If so, who?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) The report was completed in May 2009. Details can be found on <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/>
- (2)
 - (a) As far as the Road and Traffic Authority is aware, the draft report was only provided to New South Wales or Federal Government agencies.

*3140 TRANSPORT—M4 TOLLWAY—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1)
 - (a) With the federal government's rejection of the NSW government's request for funding for the extension of the M4 tollway, will other avenues for funding this project be pursued?
 - (b)
 - (i) If so, will the NSW government undertake a commitment to the New South Wales public that this project will not be listed as either state significant or critical infrastructure?
 - (ii) Will the NSW government allow the proposal to be assessed on environmental impact and merit?
- (2)
 - (a) Have undertakings or commitments been made with Leightons regarding the section of the M4 East proposal that has been referred to in the Steer Report as the Marrickville Truck Tunnel?
 - (b) If so, what undertakings?
- (3) Documents obtained in 2005 from the Roads and Traffic Authority indicate that a 'Victoria Road Extension' is part of the proposal to extend the M4 tollway. Is the present proposal to duplicate the Iron Cove Bridge a part of the 'Victoria Road Extension' referred to in the capital expenditure documents for the M4 extension? http://ecotransit.org.au/ets/files/M4E_option_A8_Capex.pdf

Answer—

I am advised:

As this matter falls under the responsibility of the Roads portfolio, this question should be directed to the Minister for Roads for consideration.

*3141 TRANSPORT—ENERGY USAGE OF CITYRAIL SERVICES—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) For the following CityRail services:
 - (a) Cityrail trains;
 - (b) substations;
 - (c) railway stations;
 - (d) maintenance buildings;
 - (e) administrative offices
 - (i) What is the total annual energy usage (in megawatt hours) of
 - (i) a. Cityrail passenger services ?
 - (ii) a Railcorp passenger services?
 - (iii) related infrastructure?
 - (iv) related buildings?
- (2) All rail, including both passenger services plus Railcorp freight and related infrastructure and buildings?
- (3) What is the projected future electricity usage of Cityrail and Railcorp for each of the following years?
 - (a) 2015?

- (b) 2020?
- (4) Is the electricity consumption of the network projected to grow or remain relatively stable?
 - (5) Are there upper and lower range estimates for future electricity consumption for the networks based on whether or not efficiency programs are implemented? (eg with a broad efficiency program, total electricity usage will be approximately xxxMWh per annum; if no efficiency measures are implemented total annual electricity usage across the network is estimated to be around xxxMWh per annum)?
 - (6) What is the estimated total annual electricity usage (in MWh) of all Cityrail electric passenger rail services?
 - (7) What is the typical hourly electricity consumption, in KWh, of:
 - (a) a typical Tangara train (if there are four, six or eight car sets please provide data for each)?
 - (b) a typical urban four six or eight car set of the double decker Cityrail trains?
 - (c) a typical four, six or eight car set of the new generation of Cityrail trains?
 - (8) What is the estimated total annual consumption of:
 - (a) Diesel?
 - (b) Petrol?
 - (c) Natural gas (for both heating and vehicles) by all Cityrail and Railcorp vehicles, maintenance equipment, rail engines, passenger services etc. across the whole network?

Answer—

The NSW Government is currently implementing a range of reform initiatives aimed at ensuring public transport provides a real alternative to travel by car, helping to reduce the volume of emissions from private vehicles and improving the environmental performance of public transport services. I am advised that RailCorp is actively participating in a number of initiatives to improve greenhouse performance.

*3142 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—ILLEGAL DUMP SAMPLES—Mr Cohen asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Why did the Department's hygienist, and the independent hygienist, only take samples from the 'illegal dump' at Wallaga Lake?
- (2) Why didn't the hygienists take samples from the 29 community houses?
 - (a) Were the hygienists directed only to take samples from the illegal tip?
- (3) Is the contamination at Wallaga Lakes appropriately characterised as an illegal dumping issue?
- (4) Is the asbestos waste a significant risk of harm under the Contaminated Lands Management Act?
- (5)
 - (a) Who is managing the asbestos removal?
 - (b) What is the Eurobodalla Shire Council's involvement in the removal?
- (6) Has the Department or the Minister's Office been informed about potential asbestos contamination on private residential properties in the area?
 - (a) If so, what action does it intend to take?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Greater Southern Area Health Service have engaged experts to investigate the extent of asbestos across the dump site and the Village and to undertake a health risk assessment. I am advised that physical sampling across the entire area is not necessary to determine the extent of the contamination, but soil sampling and air quality monitoring have been undertaken in the Village as part of the health risk assessment.
- (2) Please refer to the answer provided at question 1.
- (3) The asbestos found within the Village area is believed to have resulted from on-site building/demolition works and is a legacy of poor construction management.

- (4) No. The disposal of asbestos is regulated by the Appropriate Regulatory Authority under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. In this instance, Eurobodalla Shire Council is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority.
- (5)
- (a) The removal of asbestos at the dump site is being managed by the Merriman's Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Eurobodalla Shire Council. On 15 May 2009 a \$50,000 Environmental Trust Aboriginal Land Clean Up grant was provided for the clean up of the tip site. Environment Trust funds were also used to install temporary fencing around the site to restrict access.
 - (b) Eurobodalla Shire Council is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, and has the regulatory powers to require the landowner (Merriman's Local Aboriginal Land Council) to undertake any clean up works that are deemed necessary.
- (6) Please refer to the answer provided at question 1.

*3143 TRANSPORT—ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) In the opening paragraph of his Accessible Transport Action Plan the Minister states that '[p]roviding equitable access to services is a key Government policy objective'.
 - (a) With this in mind, are there a significant number of converted vehicles that have been licensed as Wheelchair Accessible Taxis that cannot accommodate wheelchair users because there is not enough space inside the vehicles?
 - (b) If so, when was the Minister first made aware of this issue?
- (2) What is being done to resolve this problem in order to maximise the number of wheelchair accessible taxis that are accessible by the maximum number of wheelchair users?
- (3) How many taxis that have been registered and licensed as Wheelchair Accessible Taxis by the NSW Department of Transport between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008?
- (4) How many Wheelchair Accessible Taxis that have been registered and licensed between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008 were converted into wheelchair accessible taxis by Right Price Conversions Pty Ltd?
- (5) How many Wheelchair Accessible Taxis that have been registered and licensed between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008 were converted into wheelchair accessible taxis by Flash Cab Australia?
- (6) How many taxis have been registered and licensed as Wheelchair Accessible Taxis by the NSW Department of Transport since 1 December 2008?
- (7) How many taxis have been registered and licensed as Wheelchair Accessible Taxis since 1 December 2008 that were converted into wheelchair accessible taxis by Right Price Conversions Pty Ltd?
- (8) How many taxis that have been registered and licensed as Wheelchair Accessible Taxis by the NSW Department of Transport since 1 December 2008 that were converted by Flash Cab Australia?
- (9) One of the guiding principles of the Minister's 'Accessible Transport Action Plan for NSW Transport, Roads and Maritime Agencies' is integrating accessible transport services which the Minister has stated will be promoted by monitoring taxi service performance across the transport network, including the response times for bookings of wheelchair accessible taxis. In light of this statement, can the Minister provide the data on waiting times for wheelchair accessible taxis and regular taxis for each month between 1 December 2007 and 1 March 2009?
- (10) Could the Minister provide the number of incidents between 1 December 2007 and 1 March 2009, where a wheelchair accessible taxi arrived at a booking and was unable to accommodate the passenger and another wheelchair accessible taxi had to be sent to pick up the passenger?
- (11) The Minister introduced a Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Measurement Protocol on 1 December 2008 to provide persons undertaking vehicle modifications, persons registered with the Roads and Traffic

Authority as engineering signatories and taxi builders with the measurement requirements for Wheel Chair Accessible Taxis in compliance with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT) 2002.

- (a) Has the Minister received any feedback on the protocol from stakeholders?
 - (b) If so, what was the nature of the feedback?
- (12)
- (a) Does the Minister propose to make any amendments to this Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Measurement Protocol?
 - (b) If yes, can the Minister outline the changes he is proposing to make to the Protocol?
- (13) When will the Minister be implementing changes to the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Measurement protocol?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (13) The Ministry of Transport requires all vehicles to be used as Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WAT) to be inspected by an RTA engineering signatory to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT).

The Ministry of Transport developed a WAT measurement protocol, published on 1 December 2008, containing guidelines to ensure that RTA engineering signatories measured the vehicles in a consistent way. As at 30 May 2009, there were over 700 WAT licences on issue across New South Wales.

The Ministry of Transport proposes to amend the WAT measurement protocol to define the allocated space for a wheelchair or similar mobility aid as a rectangular prism.

The Ministry of Transport will implement the proposed changes as soon as consultations with all stakeholders have been completed.

Information regarding pick up times is displayed in the Ministry's website at www.transport.nsw.gov.au.

*3144 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—FOX STUDIOS AUSTRALIA SITE—Mr Cohen asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Is the minister aware of the precise details of air quality monitoring, reporting and enforcement on the Fox Studios Australia (FSA) Site?
- (2) Would the minister please advise:
 - (a) what is being monitored on the FSA site?
 - (b) who is undertaking this monitoring?
 - (c) who receives these reports?
 - (d) whether the regulations for spray painting, welding and fibre-glass construction on the FSA site are consistent with other businesses undertaking these activities?
 - (e) what penalties could be applied to any breaches of air quality regulations by sub-tenants of FSA?
- (3) Would the minister undertake to table or publicly release reports on air quality at FSA in 2005 and 2008?
- (4) Previous air quality reports undertaken by Holmes Air Sciences have used conditions at Randwick Racecourse and the airport at Mascot to model air quality at FSA. What conditions have been used to determine the FSA sites air quality performance in the 2005 and 2008 air quality reports?

- (5) Previous air quality reports undertaken by Holmes Air Sciences have not used actual chemical inventories held by tenants and sub-tenants on the FSA site. What chemical inventories have been used to determine the FSA sites air quality performance in the 2005 and 2008 air quality reports?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change regulates the environmental performance of the site and imposes and enforces conditions on Fox Studios in relation to its film making operations.
- (2) (a) - (c) The Department of Environment and Climate Change monitors the amount and rate of use of certain resins, paints and dyes used in making film sets at the site. The amount of these substances is limited to ensure there is no impact on air quality from the production of film sets at the site. Fox Studios Australia Pty Ltd is responsible for ensuring that these limits are adhered to and the Department undertakes random checks to ensure that this is the case. (d) The regulation of spray painting and fibreglass construction on the Fox Studios site are more stringent than with other similar businesses undertaking these activities (eg. car repairers, surfboard manufacturers). (e) Anyone found breaching the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (for example by causing air pollution) is guilty of an offence which carries a maximum penalty of \$1 million.
- (3) The 2005 and 2008 air quality assessment reports that exist in relation to the Fox Studios site were commissioned by Fox Studios. The reports are the property of Fox Studios Australia Pty Ltd.
- (4) Background meteorological data for the various air quality impact assessments regarding the Fox Studios site have been sourced from the nearest reliable weather station, located at Randwick. This is less than two kilometres from the site and is representative of background meteorological data at the Fox Studios site.
- (5) A detailed "Cumulative Air Quality Assessment" undertaken by Holmes Air Sciences at the Fox Studios site in 2005 was undertaken during a major movie production and is representative of maximum site and chemical usage. The assessment highlighted that as long as the maximum usage rates for the fibreglass resins, paints and dyes were not exceeded, there should be no impact on air quality in residential areas surrounding Fox Studios.

*3145 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—PERISHER CREEK—Mr Cohen asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Who authorised the diversion of Perisher Creek?
- (2) What is the time line for delivery of unregulated flows to Perisher Creek?
- (3) How will the Perisher Creek diversion impact the upper Snowy River flows?
- (4) Has the Environmental Protection Agency investigated government pollution of Perisher Creek a result of debris from the Perisher carpark?

Answer—

- (1) - (3) These matters fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Water.

(4) The Environment Protection Authority has received a complaint regarding sediment impacting on Perisher Creek from a commercial operator. The matter has been referred to the National Parks and Wildlife Services, the Appropriate Regulatory Authority, which is currently undertaking an investigation.

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3240 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—EXCESS OR RETIRED ANIMALS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) What happens to animals at Western Plains Zoo that are considered excess and/or retired?
- (2) Are any animals sold to private individuals or businesses?
- (3) Have any animals been sold to a Mr Bob McComb?

- (a) If so,
- (i) what animals were sold?
 - (ii) When were they sold?
 - (iii) How much was paid for each animal?
 - (iv) Where are these animals kept?
 - (v) How is their ongoing welfare guaranteed?
- (4)
- (a) Are animals ever sold for the purpose of hunting?
 - (b) If so, is this in accordance with the zoo's purpose, that is to take care of and preserve animals for the enjoyment of future generations?
- 3241 POLICE—EASTERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Harwin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- (1) What is the reason for increasing the Authorised Strength of the Eastern Beaches Local Area Command in January 2009?
- 3242 POLICE—BURWOOD LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Harwin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- (1) What is the justification for reducing the Authorised Strength of the Burwood Local Area Command from February 2007 level of 155 to the current level of 143, set in December 2008?
- 3243 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL - INPATIENT BEDS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many additional inpatient beds have been created at Nepean Hospital since the 2007 election?
- 3244 HOUSING—HOUSING NSW PREMISES ON PRIVATE MARKET—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Leasing of Housing NSW Premises on the Private Rental Market
- (1) In answer to my question asked on 7 May 2009 concerning the procedure whereby Run Property was chosen as the agent to rent Unit 8 /7-41 Cowper Wharf Road, the Minister stated that when Housing NSW engages an organisation on a commercial basis it follows government guidelines.
 - (a) If not, will the Minister provide specific details of the criteria that governed the selection of Run Property as the agent?
 - (2) In answer to a question asked on 7 May 2009, the Minister responded that Unit 8 /7-41 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo was offered for rental through the private sector at market rent because an assessment was being made about the future use of the property?
 - (a) What was the result of the assessment?
 - (b) If no assessment has been concluded, when will such an assessment be completed?
 - (3) Given that Unit 8 /7-41 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo is located in an area zoned as residential, in its assessment of "the future of the property" was Housing NSW considering a non-residential use for the property?
 - (a) If so, what non-residential uses were contemplated?
 - (b) Would these uses have required a change of zoning?
 - (c) If not, and there was no intention to seek a non-residential use of the site, what contemplated use made it necessary or desirable to lease the property on the private rental market?
- (4)
- (a) To which branch office of Housing NSW is the officer who authorised the advertising of the Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo unit for private rental attached?
 - (b) What is that officer's position title?

- (5)
- (a) Did the Unit 8/7-41 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo advertisement comply with Housing NSW Code of Conduct and Business Ethics?
 - (b) Was the advertisement for this housing a market testing exercise with no intention on the part of Housing NSW to enter into a residential tenancy agreement?
 - (c) Did the advertisement state that the housing was usually used as social housing for people unable to access or afford private rental?
- (6) What was the intended length of the residential tenancy agreement for the Cowper Wharf Road unit, had one been entered into?
- (7) Which real estate agencies are currently managing Housing NSW residential properties?
- (8) How many Housing NSW residential properties in total are currently being privately rented in NSW? What is the breakdown of this total figure per postcode area?
- (9) How many Housing NSW properties is Run Property currently managing? What is the breakdown of this total figure per postcode area?
- (10) Is income received from private market rentals detailed in Housing NSW's audited accounts?
- (11) For the 2008-2009 financial year, from properties rented on the private rental market:
- (a) What was the total gross income received by Housing NSW for those properties?
 - (b) What was the net income?
 - (c) What was the annual average percentage commission paid to real estate agents handling these properties?
- 3245 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL - OPERATING THEATRES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many additional operating theatres have been created since the 2007 election?
- 3246 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL - CRITICAL CARE SERVICES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Has there been an extension of critical care services at Nepean Hospital since the 2007 election?
- 3247 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL - NUCLEAR MEDICINE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Has there been an extension of nuclear medicine services at Nepean Hospital since the 2007 election?
- 3248 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL-CARDIAC INVESTIGATION SERVICES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Has there been an extension of Cardiac Investigation services at Nepean Hospital since the 2007 election?
- 3249 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL - OUTPATIENT SERVICES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- Nepean Hospital – Outpatient Services
- (1)
- (a) Have outpatient services at Nepean Hospital been expanded since the 2007 election?
 - (b) If so, what particular services have been expanded?
- 3250 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN PENRITH AND MULGOA—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Demountable Classrooms in the electorates of Penrith and Mulgoa

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are in Public Schools within the Penrith electorate?
- (2) How many demountable classrooms are in Public Schools within the Mulgoa electorate?
- (3) How much money is allocated in the 2009/10 Budget to remove demountable classrooms and build permanent class rooms in schools in the Penrith electorate?
- (4) How much money is allocated in the 2009/10 Budget to remove demountable classrooms and build permanent class rooms in schools in the Mulgoa Electorate?
- (5) Which Schools in the Penrith electorate will have demountable classrooms removed and permanent classrooms built?
- (6) Which Schools in the Mulgoa electorate will have demountable classrooms removed and permanent classrooms built?

3251 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SECURITY FENCES IN PENRITH AND MULGOA SCHOOLS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

High Security Fences around Public Schools in Penrith and Mulgoa Electorates

- (1) How many Public Schools within the Penrith electorate do not have high security fences around them and what are these Schools?
- (2) How many Public Schools within the Mulgoa electorate do not have high security fences around them and what are these Schools?
- (3) How much money is allocated in the Budget to erect high security fences around schools in the Penrith electorate?
- (4) How much money is allocated in the Budget to erect high security fences around schools in the Mulgoa Electorate?
- (5) Which Schools in the Penrith electorate will have high security fences erected around them?
- (6) Which Schools in the Mulgoa electorate will have high security fences erected around them?

3252 ROADS—FLASHING LIGHTS NEAR PENRITH AND MULGOA SCHOOLS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—

Flashing Lights for pedestrian safety around Schools in the Penrith and Mulgoa Electorates

- (1) How many Public Schools within the Penrith electorate do not have "Flashing Lights" for Pedestrian safety around them?
- (2) How many Public Schools within the Mulgoa electorate do not have "Flashing Lights" for Pedestrian safety around them?
- (3) How much money is allocated in the 2009/2010 Budget to for "Flashing Lights" for Pedestrian safety around schools in the Penrith electorate?
- (4) How much money is allocated in the 2009/2010 Budget to for "Flashing Lights" for Pedestrian safety around schools in the Mulgoa electorate?
- (5) Which Schools in the Penrith electorate will have "Flashing Lights" for Pedestrian safety installed around them?
- (6) Which Schools in the Mulgoa electorate will have "Flashing Lights" for Pedestrian safety installed around them?

3253 INFRASTRUCTURE—FUNDING FOR WESTERN SYDNEY INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

Funding for Western Sydney Infrastructure

- (1) What is the total amount of funds delivered by the Government for infrastructure in Western Sydney for the following periods:
 - (a) 2007/2008?

- (b) 2008 to present?
- (2) What infrastructure projects have commenced in Western Sydney for the following periods:
 (a) 2007/2008?
 (b) 2008 to present?
- (3) What infrastructure projects have been completed in Western Sydney for the following periods:
 (a) 2007/2008?
 (b) 2008 to present?
- 3254 PREMIER—PENRITH GOVERNMENT OFFICE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- Penrith Government Office
- (1) What is the total amount of money spent on building the Penrith Government Office?
- (2) How much vacant space is in the Penrith Government Office Building?
- (3) How many public servants work in the Sydney Catchment Authority in the Penrith Government Office?
- (4) How many Executive and staff positions will be abolished/made redundant from the Sydney Catchment Authority as a result of the new Super Departments/and State Budget cuts?
- (5) How many public servants work in the regional office of the Department of Community Services in the Penrith Government Office?
- (6) How many Executive and staff positions will be abolished or made redundant at the Penrith regional offices of the Department of Community Services as a result of the new Super Departments/and State Budget cuts?
- (7) How many public servants work in the Office of Fair Trading in the Penrith Government Office?
- (8) How many Executive and staff positions will be abolished and made redundant at the Penrith regional offices of the Office of Fair Trading as a result of the new Super Departments/and State Budget cuts?
- (9) Are there any other Government Departments or Agencies housed in the Penrith Government Office?
 (a) if so, please name the respective Department or Agency and the number of public servants by respective Department or Agency?
 (b) Please list the number of public servants by each of these Department or Agencies that will lose their jobs due to the introduction of Super Departments/staff cuts?
- 3255 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY STAFF IN PENRITH—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- Sydney Catchment Authority Staff housed at Penrith Government Office
- (1) How many public servants work in the Sydney Catchment Authority in the Penrith Government Office?
- (2) How many Executive and staff positions will be abolished/made redundant from the Sydney Catchment Authority as a result of the new Super Departments/and State Budget cuts?
- 3256 COMMUNITY SERVICES—PENRITH GOVERNMENT OFFICE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Community Services—
- DOCS Regional Office – Penrith Government Office
- (1) How many public servants work in the regional office of the Department of Community Services in the Penrith Government Office?

- (2) How many Executive and staff positions will be abolished/made redundant at the Penrith regional offices of the Department of Community Services as a result of the new Super Departments/State Budget cuts?
- 3257 FAIR TRADING—FAIR TRADING REGIONAL OFFICE IN PENRITH—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- Office of Fair Trading Regional Office – Penrith Government Office
- (1) How many public servants work in the Office of Fair Trading in the Penrith Government Office?
- (2) How many Executive and staff positions will be abolished and made redundant at the Penrith regional offices of the Office of Fair Trading as a result of the new Super Departments/Budget cuts?
- 3258 WESTERN SYDNEY—PREFERRED BUSINESS LOCATION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Western Sydney – A preferred location for business
- (1) What has the Government done during the following periods to finalise the vision for Penrith as a regional city in Western Sydney and to make Western Sydney a preferred location for business:
- (a) 2007/2008?
- (b) 2008 to present ?
- (2) How much money has the Government spent of the following periods in order to finalise the vision for Penrith as a regional city in Western Sydney and to make Western Sydney a preferred location for business:
- (a) 2007/2008?
- (b) 2008 to present?
- 3259 ENERGY—ELECTRICITY SYSTEMS UPGRADES IN PENRITH AND EMU PLAINS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- Electricity systems upgrades – Penrith and Emu Plains
- (1) What has the Government done since March 2007 to upgrade electricity systems at Penrith and Emu Plains?
- (2) How much money was spent by the Government to upgrade electricity systems at Penrith and Emu Plains during the following periods:
- (a) March 2007 to March 2008?
- (b) March 2008 to March 2009?
- (c) March 2009 to present?
- 3260 FINANCE—WORKCOVER SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE-WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Ficarra to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- WorkCover Small Business Committee – Western Sydney
- (1) When was the WorkCover Small Business Committee established?
- (2) Who are the members of this Committee?
- (3) What has the Committee's activities been since March 2007?
- 3261 ARTS—FUNDING FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

Funding for art and cultural facilities - Penrith and Mulgoa

- (1) How much money has the Government allocated for art and cultural facilities in Penrith and Mulgoa electorates during the following periods:
 - (a) 2007/2008?
 - (b) 2008 to present?
- (2) What art and cultural facilities have received funding from the Government in the Penrith and Mulgoa electorates during the following periods:
 - (a) 2007/2008?
 - (b) 2008 to present?

- 3262 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—FUNDING TO JAMIESON HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Funding to Jamieson High School

- (1) How much money has the Government allocated to Jamieson High School over the following periods:
 - (a) 2007-2008?
 - (b) 2008-2009?
 - (c) 2009-2010?

- 3263 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—UPGRADE OF TOILET BLOCKS AND FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Upgrade of Toilet blocks and facilities in Schools How much money, if any, has the Government spent in upgrading toilet blocks and facilities respectively, at the following Schools since March 2007:
 - (a) Castlereagh Public School?
 - (b) Lethbridge Park High School?
 - (c) Bennett Road Public School?
 - (d) Nepean High School?
 - (e) Emu Heights Public School?
 - (f) St Marys South Public School?
 - (g) Regentville Public School?

- 3264 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—UPGRADE OF SCIENCE LABORATORIES IN SCHOOLS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Upgrade of Science Laboratories in Schools

- (1) How much money, if any, has the Government spent in upgrading science laboratories respectively at the following Schools since March 2007:
 - (a) Colo High School?
 - (b) Richmond High School?
 - (c) Colyton High School?
 - (d) St Clair High School?
 - (e) St Marys Senior High School?
 - (f) Blaxland High School?
 - (g) Jamison High School?
 - (h) Kingswood High School?
 - (i) Nepean High School?

3265 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SECURITY FENCE UPGRADES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Security Fence Upgrades How much money, if any, has the Government spent in upgrading Security Fences at the following respective Schools since March 2007:
 - (a) Hawkesbury High School/Freemans Reach Public School?
 - (b) Bennett Road Public School?
 - (c) St Clair Public School?
 - (d) Blaxland East Public School?
 - (e) Kingswood South Public School?
 - (f) Penrith South Public School?

3266 PREMIER—PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

Premier's Sporting Challenge

- (1) How much money, if any, has the Government allocated to Schools in the Penrith and Mulgoa electorates since March 2007 through the Premier's Sporting Challenge?
- (2) What Schools, if any, in the Penrith and Mulgoa electorates received funds through the Premier's Sporting Challenge?

3267 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—READING RECOVERY TEACHERS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Reading Recovery Teachers

- (1) How many Reading Recovery teachers have been recruited by the Government since March 2007 to present?
- (2) How many Primary Schools in the Penrith and Mulgoa electorates have Reading Recovery teaches and please list the respective School and the number of Reading Recovery teachers in the respective School?
- (3) How many High Schools in the Penrith and Mulgoa electorates have Reading Recovery teaches and please list the respective School and the number of Reading Recovery teachers in the respective School?

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