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- 0379 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—WORKCOVER SCHEME SURPLUS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Did the WorkCover scheme run a \$2 billion plus surplus in the last year?
 - (2) What was the change in scheme revenues and expenditure on injured workers between last year and the previous year?
 - (3)
 - (a) Will the Government apply the WorkCover scheme surplus to injured workers?
 - (b) If not, what will the surplus be spent on?
- 0380 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—STUDY CONDUCTED BY FSANZ—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—
- (1) Is a study into the consumption of trans fats in the Australian diet currently being conducted for or by Food Standards Authority Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ)?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so,
 - (i) who is involved in the study?
 - (ii) is it being conducted by FSANZ?
 - (iii) is all or part of it being conducted by outside bodies on behalf of FSANZ?
 - (2)
 - (a) Are any organisations, consultancies, institutions or individuals other than FSANZ or its employees involved in the study?
 - (b) If so, which ones?
- 0381 HOUSING—SALE OF PROPERTIES IN WELLINGTON STREET, WATERLOO—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Were 51, 53, 55, 61, and 63 Wellington Street, Waterloo occupied by Department of Housing tenants prior to their sale?
 - (2) When did these tenants receive a notice of termination?
 - (3) Were these tenants offered transfers in the area of their choice?
 - (4) What is the reason for the department's decision to sell 51, 53, 55, 61 and 63 Wellington Street?
 - (5) Did 51 Wellington Street sell for \$405,000?
 - (6) Did 53 Wellington Street sell for \$425,000?
 - (7) Did 55 Wellington Street sell for \$440,000?
 - (8) What was the total return from the sale of 51, 53 and 55 Wellington Street to the Government minus fees paid to the agent and other costs?
 - (9)
 - (a) Has 61 Wellington Street been sold?
 - (b) If so, for how much?
 - (10)
 - (a) Has 63 Wellington Street been sold?
 - (b) If so, for how much?
 - (11) What was the total return from the sale of 61 and 63 Wellington Street to the Government minus fees paid to the agent and other costs?

- (12) Is the money from the sale of these properties to be retained by the Department of Housing with consideration for section 65 of the NSW Housing Act 2001 which enables monies received from sale of property to be paid into consolidated revenue?
- (13)
- (a) Will the money from the sale of these properties be allocated to the supply of social housing for the Department of Housing tenancy applicants?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (14) Is the Department of Housing going to replace the housing stock represented by these properties?
- (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, in the Waterloo area?
 - (c) If not, where?
- (15)
- (a) Was a moratorium placed on the Department of Housing property sales in the area covered by the Redfern Waterloo Authority until the RWA Built Environment Plan, phases one and two, had been signed off by the NSW Cabinet?
 - (b) If so, why was that moratorium lifted?
- 0382 HOUSING—MONEY SPENT ON DIRECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND DRIVER—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) How much was spent on refurbishing (including the purchase of any new fittings, furniture, artworks) the office occupied by Mr Terry Barnes, when he was appointed as Director General of the Department of Housing?
 - (2)
 - (a) Was a personal driver employed for Mr Barnes?
 - (b) If so, what was the cost of the employment of the driver for each year that Mr Barnes was Director General? - (3)
 - (a) Is the current Director General now occupying the same offices?
 - (b) If not, why not? - (4)
 - (a) Have any additional funds been spent on refurbishing the offices or replacing fittings, furniture, artworks, since the new Director General was appointed?
 - (b) If so, how much? - (5)
 - (a) Does the current Director General have a driver?
 - (b) If so, what are the total costs of the employment of that driver?
- 0383 HOUSING—COMPLEX ON PETERSHAM ROAD, MARRICKVILLE—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Are there any plans to sell all or part of the Department of Housing complex at 50 Petersham Road, Marrickville?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If so, when?
- 0384 HEALTH—BEDS AVAILABLE IN PSYCHIATRIC WARDS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1)

- (a) What are the current numbers, types and locations of psychiatric beds in New South Wales?
 (b) What are the numbers, types, locations, and estimated delivery dates of proposed new beds?
- (2)
- (a) What are the numbers, types and locations of beds proposed to be closed in the next three months?
 (b) What are the numbers, types and locations of any beds that are currently not operating because of staff shortages or other reasons?
- (3) What is the number of psychiatric beds in New South Wales per 100,000 population as of October 2006, and projected per 100,000 population at 30 July 2008?
- (4) Will the documents entitled "NSW Mental Health Planning Framework 2005-2010," and "NSW Community Mental Health Strategy, From Prevention and Early Intervention to Recovery" be released?
 (a) If so, when?
 (b) If not, why not?
- (5) Will information not included in the document released earlier this year entitled "NSW: A new direction for Mental Health", be released detailing who would be conducting monitoring of mental illness among homeless populations and how?
- (6) If so,
 (a) where, when, how will it be published?
 (b) will the data be released directly to Parliament?
 (c) will it be released on an annual basis?
 (i) if not, why not?
 (ii) if not, how often will it be released?
- (7) What are the Minister for Health's and department's plans for the future maintenance and protection of the heritage gardens and buildings at Callan Park?
- 0385 PLANNING—REHABILITATION SERVICE AT CALLAN PARK—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1)
- (a) Have the leasing and other arrangements for the drug and alcohol rehabilitation service We Help Ourselves (WHOS) at Callan Park been terminated or will they be terminated in the near future?
 (b) If so, why?
- (2)
- (a) Are there plans for the sale or development of the WHOS site?
 (b) If so, why?
- (3) Are there any agreements as to who will be given the use of the WHOS buildings at Callan Park, and the newly-renovated neurophysiology building?
- (4) What are the Minister for Planning and department's plans for the future maintenance and protection of the heritage gardens and buildings at Callan Park?
- 0386 PLANNING—WHITE BAY BULK CEMENT TERMINAL AND ROZELLE DRY DOCK STORAGE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1)
- (a) What is the current timeline for the assessment of the proposals for White Bay Bulk Cement Terminal and Rozelle Dry Dock Storage?
 (b) When will the community and Leichhardt Council be informed of the Minister's decision?

- (2) What consultation has been undertaken by the Minister and the Department of Planning with Leichhardt Council staff and with Leichhardt Council's elected representatives on the issues of White Bay and Rozelle Bay?
- (3) What consultation is the Minister or the Department of Planning intending to undertake with Leichhardt Council staff and Leichhardt Council's elected representatives on the issue of White Bay and Rozelle Bay?
- (4) How much money in total has been paid to the Department of Planning by developers for the assessment of applications under Part 3A and under Major Projects 2005?
- (5) How much does this differ from the amount that would have been paid to Leichhardt Council if they had been the consent authority for these proposals?
- (6) How much money is the Department of Planning paying to Leichhardt Council to compensate for the costs of the Council preparing detailed submissions on these proposals?
- (7) Is a masterplan being developed for the White Bay/Rozelle Bay area?

0387 PLANNING—DRAFT STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Will the draft State Environmental Planning policy allow lands zoned for special uses to adopt the planning provisions of adjoining lands and without consideration of the impacts on the strategic direction of a particular locality or broader precinct?
 - (a) If so, does this mean that at least some of the special uses zoned land such as Yasmar Juvenile Detention Centre in Haberfield could be subdivided and rezoned as residential if this policy is adopted by the Government?
 - (b) If so, does this mean that special uses land such as Rozelle Psychiatric hospital could be rezoned and subdivided as residential if this policy is adopted by the Government?
- (2) What implication does this draft policy have on the future uses and undertakings at Callan Park and the relationship between the Draft Policy and Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002?
- (3) Would there be a reduced need for consultation, local planning assessment, environmental impacts and detailed understanding of localised land use dynamic for major road projects, such as M4 East, under this policy?
- (4) Would a "compatibility statement", as detailed in the draft policy, allow rezoning of educational or hospital land to residential without the need for a rezoning application, an environmental impact statement or a detailed strategic assessment?
- (5) What steps is the Department of Planning taking to ensure that the wider public and all present and future stakeholders that could be impacted on by this policy are informed and have sufficient time to prepare detailed submissions?
- (6) How is the Department of Planning financially compensating local councils for the costs of preparing submissions on this draft policy?

0388 PLANNING—MULTIPLEX ROZELLE SITE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Has a Department of Planning planner been assigned to deal with the Multiplex Masterplan development and liaise with Leichhardt Council about the project?
- (2) If so,
 - (a) what is the brief of this planner?
 - (b) what authority will this person have?
 - (c) who will bear the costs for this planner?
- (3) Does the the Minister intend to call in the application?
- (4) Under what criteria would such a decision be made?

0389 PLANNING—TAYLOR OVAL MOREE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Has there been an ongoing debate in Moree about the future of Taylor Oval which is Crown land and owned by the Department of Lands?
- (2) What involvement has the department had on this issue?
- (3)
 - (a) Will the Government be allowing the sale or lease of that land or part thereof to Big W?
 - (b) If so, why?

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