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0222 PREMIER—HOUSING STRATEGY FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) An inter-departmental task force was created by you to develop an affordable housing strategy. Is this task force and inter-departmental committee still operating?
 - (a) If so, what developments have been made?
- (2) What is the NSW Government's affordable housing strategy?
- (3)
 - (a) Would the reallocation or imposition of a new developer levy in most new residential developments in high-value areas assist in creating more affordable housing
 - (b) Will your government enact the necessary legislation to require inclusionary zoning, as Ken Livingstone has done in London?
 - (i) If not, why not?

0223 HOUSING—REDFERN-WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING AND RWA BUILT ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1)
 - (a) How is the redevelopment of public housing planned in Stage 2 of the Built Environment Plan to be funded?
 - (b) Are there any plans to sell or lease land currently occupied by public housing to fund the redevelopment?
 - (i) If so, has any land been earmarked, or any proportion of land been earmarked?
- (2) Will those Department of Housing tenants who are moved during any redevelopment of public housing arising from the Built Environment Plan (stage One or Two) retain the same type of tenure, or will they have to sign new fixed-term leases upon relocating?
- (3) Will there be available housing for those Department of Housing tenants who wish to return when the redevelopment is complete?
- (4) Will tenants be offered housing in the Redfern Waterloo area, or close by, during the redevelopment, to ensure community contact and continuity is protected?

0224 FAIR TRADING—RETIRED SECURITY INDUSTRY WORKER—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

Is the Minister aware of allegations made by a retired security industry worker, Mr Duncan Kennedy of Vincentia, that:

- (a) significant number of persons installing security doors in New South Wales are not licensed under the Security Industry Act 1997 as required;
 - (b) the Office of Fair Trading and the New South Wales Police Force have failed to enforce these provisions of the Security Industry Act 1997;
 - (c) the Office of Fair Trading has failed to protect consumers who are being misled when doors are installed as security doors but are in fact heavy-duty flyscreens, and that this is putting consumers' safety and security at risk.
- (1) Will the Minister:
 - (a) order an investigation into Mr Kennedy's allegations;
 - (i) If so when?

- (b) report to Parliament on the findings of an investigation; and
- (i) If so when?
- (c) take any necessary action to ensure that security doors in New South Wales are installed by people licensed under the Security Industry Act 1997?
- (i) If so, how?
- 0225 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—WALLERAWANG POWER STATION—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that residents living near the Delta Electricity Wallerawang Power Station in Lidsdale are concerned about health, amenity and environmental affects of fly-ash dust blowing from Kerosene Vale fly-ash dam?
- (2) Has the Minister received any complaints from residents living near Wallerawang Power Station's Kerosene Vale fly-ash dam about the levels of air pollution from coal ash particles during high winds?
- (a) If so, how many?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the Prime Television News item on 2 October 2007 highlighting the dust pollution facing Lidsdale residents from Kerosene Vale fly-ash dam?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the Lithgow Mercury headlines on 27 September 2007 "EPA Targets Wang Dust Up", and 25 October 2007 "Mt Piper Faces An Ash Disposal Crisis"?
- 0226 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—EXCESSIVE SALINITY LEVELS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that salinity levels readings in the waterways downstream from the discharge point of Delta Electricity's Wallerawang Power Station and Mount Piper power station taken by the Blue Mountains Conservation Society show many instances of excessive salinity levels, including:
- (a) discharge into the Cox's River below Lake Wallace since 31 May 2007 ranging from 1620 micro Siemens per centimetre to levels greater than 1999 micro Siemens per centimetre on 14 occasions?
- (b) readings in Huon Creek between 19/10/06 and 27/9/07 exceeding 1999 micro Siemens per centimetre on nine occasions, and 1500 micro Siemens per centimetre on two occasions.
- (c) readings in the un-named creek adjacent to Huon Creek between 19/10/06 and 27/9/07 exceeding 1500 micro Siemens per centimetre on one occasion?
- (d) and readings in Nuebecks Creek downstream of these sites between 19/10/06 and 27/9/07 exceeded 1500 micro Siemens per centimetre on nine occasions?
- (2)
- (a) Is the Minister aware that Delta Electricity's licence, granted to it under the Protection of Environment Operations (POEO) Act, allows up to 1500 micro Siemens per centimetre for salinity levels in respect of its discharge into the upper Cox's River?
- (b) Has Delta Electricity been complying with its POEO Licence salinity discharge limit into the upper Cox's River catchment of 1500 micro Siemens per centimetre?
- (c) If not, what action is the Environment Protection Authority taking to ensure compliance with POEO licence requirements?
- 0227 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—TURBIDITY READINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that::
- (a) the ANZECC (2000) water quality guideline trigger value for Turbidity in an upland river such as the Upper Cox's River is 25 NTU?
- (b) Turbidity readings taken by Blue Mountains Conservation Society of Wallerawang Power Station's discharge into the Cox's River below Lake Wallace since 31 May 2007 exceeded the

25 NTU trigger value for Turbidity on all 14 occasions tested, ranging from a low of 30 NTU to a high of 50 NTU?

- (c) Turbidity readings in Huon Creek below Mt Piper Power Station also exceeded 25 NTU on 8 occasions, with a high of 60 NTU on 3 occasions?

(2)

- (a) Has Delta Electricity been complying with its POEO Licence discharge limit for Turbidity into the upper Cox's River catchment?
 (b) If not, what action is the EPA taking to ensure compliance with POEO licence requirements?

0228 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—COX'S RIVER—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1) Is the Minister aware that:

- (a) the ANZECC (2000) guideline trigger value for Available Phosphate in an upland river such as the upper Cox's River is 0.14 mg/L.
 (b) available Phosphate readings taken by Blue Mountains Conservation Society of Wallerawang Power Station's discharge into the Cox's River below Lake Wallace since 31 May 2007 exceeded the 0.14 mg/L trigger value on all occasions tested, ranging from a low of 0.16 mg/L to a high of 0.65 mg/L.
 (c) available Phosphate levels in Lake Wallace also exceeded the 0.14 mg/L trigger value on all occasions tested, ranging from 0.29 to 0.55 mg/L?

(2)

- (a) Has Delta Electricity been complying with its POEO Licence discharge limit for Available Phosphate into the upper Cox's River catchment?
 (b) If not, what action is the EPA taking to ensure compliance with POEO licence requirements?

(3)

- (a) Are the high Available Phosphate levels recorded by Blue Mountains Conservation Society in Lake Wallace and in Wallerawang Power Station's discharge into the Cox's River below Lake Wallace likely to be contributing to the massive algal growth recorded downstream in Lake Lyell on all ten monitoring occasions since 24 October 2006?
 (b) Are these high Available Phosphate levels likely to have been contributing to the massive algal growth dominating a large proportion of Warragamba Dam at the present time?
 (c) What action is the EPA taking to reduce Delta Electricity's contribution to these algae levels?

0229 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—UPPER COX'S RIVER—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1) Is the Minister aware that:

- (a) the ANZECC (2000) water quality guideline trigger value for pH for an Upland River in an ecosystem type such as the Upper Cox's River is within the range of 6.5 - 8.0 pH units?
 (b) readings undertaken by Blue Mountains Conservation Society of Wallerawang Power Station's discharge into the Cox's River below Lake Wallace since 31 May 2007 exceeded pH 8.0 on all occasions tested; readings in Lake Wallace were pH 9.0 on all occasions tested; and readings in Lake Lyell exceeded pH 9.0 on 5 occasions tested?
 (c) has Delta Electricity been complying with its POEO Licence discharge limit for pH into the upper Cox's River catchment?
 (d) if not, what action is the EPA taking to ensure Delta complies with its licence requirements?

0230 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—DISCHARGE CONCENTRATION LIMITS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Given the apparent water quality breaches over an extended period, why are there no "Non Compliances" listed on the EPA Protection of Environment Operations Licence Register for Delta Electricity (POEO Licence No. 766) for exceeding discharge concentration limits for Electrical Conductivity, Turbidity, Available Phosphate, and pH from Wallerawang and Mount Piper Power Station into the upper Cox's River Catchment?

- 0231 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—DRY DISPOSAL OF FLY ASH—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) What research was relied upon to support the switch from "wet disposal" of fly-ash to "dry disposal" of fly-ash at Wallerawang Power Station in 2003, given that atmospheric dust pollution from Kerosene Vale fly-ash dam was already unacceptably high for human health and the environment of the residents of Lidsdale at that time?
 - (2) What action will be taken to reduce the dust plumes continually blowing off Kerosene vale fly-ash dam to minimise the adverse human health, environmental and visibility impacts on Lidsdale residents and travellers along the Castlereagh Highway?
- 0232 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—WATER QUALITY READINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) Has the Minister received summary data from the Blue Mountains Conservation Society in respect of water quality readings in respect of discharges from Delta Electricity's generating plants into the upper Cox's River Catchment?
 - (2)
 - (a) Have these data been forwarded to the Sydney Catchment Management Authority for assessment?
 - (b) If so, can the Minister please provide a report of the Sydney Catchment Authority assessment of summary data of Blue Mountains Conservation Society's water quality readings?
- 0233 ROADS—ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOAD LIMITS—Mr Gay to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1)
 - (a) Is the Roads and Traffic Authority considering raising load limits on any roads in New South Wales?
 - (b) If so, which roads are being considered for an increase in load limits?
- 0234 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—FLY ASH REPOSITORY IN BLACKMANS FLAT—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that residents living downwind of Delta Electricity's Mount Piper Power Station fly-ash repository in Blackmans Flat are concerned about the adverse human health, environmental and visibility impacts of the dust pollution constantly blowing from this ash-repository?
 - (2) Is the Minister for Climate Change, the Environment and Water aware that the residents of Blackmans Flat have been raising concerns about the health effects of the dust blowing from Mt Piper Power Station's fly-ash repository with the former Minister for Planning, the current Minister for Planning Mr Sartor, the former Minister for the Environment Mr Debus, the former Minister for Energy and Utilities, and Lithgow City Council, since at least 2005?
- 0235 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—HUON CREEK BRIDGE—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Following the Minister's advice that damage at the waterline to concrete piers supporting Huon creek bridge was not caused by salinity induced 'spalling' or concrete-cancer due to highly saline water discharges from Mount Piper Power Station, can the Minister please advise what further investigations were undertaken to determine the cause of the damage to this bridge?

0236 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—POWER STATION FLY-ASH DAMS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Why are power station fly-ash dams not a separately licensed activity to the main power generation plant, as toxic industrial waste facilities under the Protection of Environmental Operations (PEEO) Act, with their own set of air and water quality licence conditions?

0237 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—UPPER COX'S RIVER CATCHMENT—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Following the Minister's advice that appropriate action was being taken to identify the potential cause of damage to heathlands and swamplands in the upper Cox's River catchment, based on the photographic evidence and map references can the Minister please provide a full report on these investigations once they are finalised?

0238 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—MOUNT PIPER FLY-ASH REPOSITORY—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1) Is the Minister aware that since it commenced operation in 1994 the Mount Piper fly-ash repository has been a constant source of erosion and sedimentation into local waterways such as Netback's Creek, the Cox's River, and Sydney's drinking water supply, and has a significant scenic and visual amenity impact on the local area for residents and travellers along the Castlereagh Highway?

(2) Why has Delta Electricity not undertaken staged capping of the entire Mount Piper fly-ash repository and revegetation of the raw and eroding embankments of this fly-ash repository?

0239 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—MOUNT PIPER POWER STATION'S FLY ASH REPOSITORY—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

1. What action will be taken to reduce the dust plumes continually blowing from Mount Piper Power Station's fly-ash repository to minimise the adverse human health, amenity, environmental and visibility impacts on the residents of Blackmans Flat and for travellers along the Castlereagh Highway?

0240 CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER—HIGH SALINITY LEVELS IN THE UPPER COX'S RIVER—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1)

(a) Is the Minister aware that high salinity levels in the upper Cox's River were not identified as an issue of concern, or addressed in the "Audit of the Sydney Catchment 2005", the "2006 Metropolitan Water Plan", or the "Sydney Catchment Authority Environmental Plan 2006-2010"?

(b) Why were the high salinity levels in the upper Cox's River not identified as an issue of concern in the above documents?

0241 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—MACQUARIE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- On 19 June 2007, did the Minister respond to a Question without Notice asked 5 May 2007 by saying that, inter alia, "The Department of Education and Training has no plan to close Macquarie Boys Technology High School."?
 - At what date between June and August did the Minister or the Department of Education:
 - receive advice about the possible closure of Macquarie Boys High School ?
 - begin making plans for the closure of the school? and
 - c.decide that the school would close?
- 0242 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—ENROLMENTS AT MACQUAIRE BOYS HIGH—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Did the Minister or the Department receive suggestions for ways to enhance enrolments at Macquarie Boys High School from the NSW Teachers or from teachers at the school? If so,
- (a) when did that occur
 - (b) what response was provided to the teachers or the Teachers Federation, and
 - (c) what steps were taken to implement those suggestions?
- 0244 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—CLOSURE OF MACQUARIE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- In relation to the decision to close Macquarie Boys High School:
- (1) Why did the Minister decide to close the school?
 - (2) What advice was this decision based on and from whom?
 - (3) When was this advice received?
 - (4) Did this advice include more than one option to deal with the falling enrolments at Macquarie Boys High School?
 - (a) In particular, were there other options than closing the school?
 - (b) What other options were there?
 - (5) Why was the closure of the school the preferred option?
- 0245 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RE MACQUARIE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- In relation to community consultation in respect of the decision to close Macquarie Boys High School by the Minister, his staff, and the Department of Education
- (1) What consultation was undertaken with parents of current Macquarie Boys High School students in order to inform plans for the future of the school?
 - (2) What consultation was taken with parents of year 6 students planning to enrol their students at the school in 2008?
 - (3) What consultation was undertaken with parents of prospective students and the wider community about the future needs of the community and its school age children?
 - (4) What consultation was undertaken with teachers and other staff at Macquarie Boys High School?
- 0246 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—MACQUARIE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SITE—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Will the site or part of the site currently occupied by Macquarie Boys High School be handed over, leased, sold or otherwise made available to any other institutions or organisations, including the University of Western Sydney?

- (2) What studies or other analysis has been undertaken to assess the projected educational needs of the area from which Macquarie Boys High School recruits to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within public education to meet those needs?
- (3) Will the Minister provide a guarantee that Macquarie Boys High School will remain open until the end of 2009?
- (a) If so, why have parents of current students at the school who have been contacted by the Department representatives not been told that it is an option to keep their children in the school until the end of 2009?
- 0247 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—TAFE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) In the last financial year, how much has been paid by each TAFE Institute in New South Wales to the TAFE Directors Association?
- (2) Which of the objectives of the TAFE Commission, specified under section 6 of the Technical and Further Education Commission Act 1990, does the expenditure of this money promote and how?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the TDA website (<http://www.tda.edu.au/>) advocates for greater autonomy for TAFE Institute directors at the expense of the ability of the Department to ensure its policies are implemented?
- (4) Is the Minister satisfied that affiliation fees to the TDA are an appropriate and worthwhile expenditure of public funds?
- (5) Given that fees paid to the TAFE Directors Association are sourced from money under the control of the TAFE Institute and not from personal funds of the TAFE Directors, what steps has the Minister taken to ensure that the policies being advanced by the TAFE Directors Association are not contradictory to the policies of the Government?
- (6) Does the payment of TDA fees out of the "revenue surpluses generated by Institutes from commercial activities" mean that there is less money for access and equity programs?
- 0248 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—RIVERINA INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Is it true that the Metal Fabrication facility at Riverina Institute of TAFE, Albury Campus, is to be reorganised into a much smaller space within the existing purpose-built building?
- (a) If so:
- (i) What benefits accrue to the students of metal fabrication, other students at Albury Campus and the Albury community?
- (ii) What were the determining factors behind this decision, given that it was built at a cost of over \$4 million only three years ago?
- (2) Why is this facility being reduced in capacity when there is a known need for these skills in the region served by the TAFE?
- (3) Is it true that Plumbing is being moved into the vacated space within the Metal Fabrication workshop?
- (a) If so, is the space considered to be adequate?
- (b) Is the planned sandpit space considered to be adequate for the needs of such a large faculty?
- 0249 DISABILITY SERVICES—SITE ADJACENT TO MACQUARIE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Are there any plans to sell or make any significant changes to the use of the site owned by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care which is adjacent to Macquarie Boys High School?

- (2) Does the Minister have any intention to sell or make any significant changes to the use of the site owned by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care which is adjacent to Macquarie Boys High School?
- 0250 ENERGY—ACCREDITATION TO INSTALL ROOF-TOP SOLAR PANELS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What are the barriers to providing accreditation to fully qualified electronics technicians to install roof-top solar panels?
 - (2) What steps has the Department taken to determine if electronics technicians should be given accreditation so that their customers can access rebates?
- 0251 WATER UTILITIES—WATER CARRIERS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) Are some Sydney households that are already connected to the mains water supply topping up their water tanks using water carriers?
 - (2) Is water thus supplied subject to the same water restrictions as water delivered by Sydney, Illawarra and Blue Mountain reticulation system?
 - (3) How many licensed water carriers are there operating in the Sydney franchise area?
 - (4) How many of these are purchasing water from Sydney Water standpipes?
 - (5) For how many years have water carriers been allowed to top up the tanks of residents connected to the mains water supply?
 - (6) In 2006, how much water was supplied to water carriers using Sydney Water standpipes?
 - (7) What percentage of this water is going to households already connected to Sydney's reticulation system?
 - (8) Does the ability of wealthy residents to buy additional water, which is exempt from restrictions, undermine the integrity of the water restriction regime and the willingness of other residents to abide by it?
 - (9) What steps are being taken to ensure that exemption of level 3 restrictions of water sold by carriers does not undermine the intent of the current water restrictions?
- 0252 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What customer feedback surveys have been conducted by agencies within your portfolio to gauge customer satisfaction?
 - (2) What was the cost of each of these surveys?
 - (3) Are copies of the reports from the surveys available?
 - (a) If so, how can copies be obtained?
- 0253 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—SHORT TERM RENTALS IN STRATA TITLE BUILDINGS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) How many complaints has the Office of Fair Trading received concerning illegal short term rentals in strata title buildings?
 - (2) How many properties are estimated as being used for short term rentals in the Sydney CBD and Inner City Area?
 - (3) What are the penalties for illegal short term rentals?

- (4) Are the are the penalties for illegal short term rentals sufficient?
- (5) What investigations have been made by Office of Fair Trading into the penalties for illegal short term rentals?
- (6) What action is being considered to close legislative loopholes that make are the penalties for illegal short term rentals difficult to police?
- 0254 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS MEETING—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) When and where is the Ministerial Council next scheduled to meet?
- (2) What actions has New South Wales been tasked to do?
- (a) When were NSW tasked to do these actions?
- (b) What actions are still outstanding?
- (3) Who from New South Wales attended the 2007 Ministerial Council of Consumer Affairs Meeting (including officials, advisers and administrative support) and what was their role?
- (4) What was the total cost of New South Wales' participation in the 2007 Meeting?
- (a) What was the cost of airfares for New South Wales' participation in the 2007 Meeting?
- (b) What was the cost of hotel accommodation for New South Wales' participation in the 2007 Meeting?
- (c) What was share in costs of the Conference for New South Wales' participation in the 2007 Meeting?
- (d) What was the cost of meals for New South Wales' participation in the 2007 Meeting?
- (e) What were the other associated costs for New South Wales' participation in the 2007 Meeting?
- 0255 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—REGULATION OF MORTGAGE BROKERS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) When will a draft Bill to regulate Mortgage Brokers be available for release?
- (2) Why has the release of a draft Bill to regulate Mortgage Brokers been delayed?
- (3) When do you anticipate legislation will be ready for New South Wales?
- (4) Do you support a single regulator for the Mortgage Broking and Financial Services sectors?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 0256 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—RENTAL BOND BOARD - RETAIL TENANCIES—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) How many bonds were being held in trust for how many retail tenancies as of 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2007?
- (2) How much interest was earned for these bonds in 2006/07 and how was it allocated?
- (3) What was the administrative fee charged for management of retail tenancy bonds and was this charged to the Department of State and Regional Development or deducted from interest payments held in trust?
- (4) Does the Rental Bond Board and/or the Office of Fair Trading make a profit managing retail tenancy bonds?
- (a) If yes, what was that profit in 2006-2007?
- (b) How were these funds utilised?
- (5) How is the remainder of the interest paid on retail tenancy bonds being spent by Government?

- 0257 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—PETROL SUBSTITUTION—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of petrol substitutions undertaken over a three year period by Dojoo Pty Ltd trading as Ballina Petroleum Distributors, and its managing director, Mr Santo Pennisi, involving the substitution of nearly two million litres of unleaded petrol in the tanks of ultimate, premium and lead replacement petrol?
 - (a) Why is the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, not the Office of Fair Trading, prosecuting the owner?
 - (b) What role does the Office of Fair Trading have in this matter?
 - (2) Is this practice of petrol substitutions legal under NSW laws?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (3) What investigations have been made into petrol substitutions?
 - (4) What has been the result of those investigations?
 - (5) What testing does the Office of Fair Trading conduct to ensure petrol station customers are receiving the fuel they are paying for?
 - (6) How widespread is the practice of petrol substitution?
 - (7) What other instances of petrol substitution are you aware of?
 - (8) What action is being taken to guarantee the integrity of petrol sold at NSW service stations?
- 0258 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—ABORIGINAL FUNERALS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Have you ordered an investigation into the Gold Coast based Aboriginal Community Benefit Fund which is targeting Aboriginal Communities using direct debit authority forms with Centrelink?
 - (2) Is this inquiry being conducted in accordance with section 56 of the Funeral Funds Act 1979?
 - (3) Is it the Director General of Commerce the best person to conduct such an inquiry or is this an anacronism in the legislation that needs tyding up?
 - (4) What budget has been allocated for the educational campaign to teach Aboriginal people their rights in relation to funeral funds?
 - (a) How will this be conducted and how will you ensure ongoing awareness beyond this specific campaign?
- 0259 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—RENTAL BOND BOARD STAFFING—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) How many staff are employed by the Office of Fair Trading to service the Rental Bond Board?
 - (2) What are the classifications of the staff are employed by the Office of Fair Trading to service the Rental Bond Board?
- 0260 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—CREMATORIUM AND BURIALS FEES—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What is your view of fee hikes in the funeral industry, such as Wollongong Councils decision in June to increase charges for its Berkely crematorium by 10%?
 - (2) Has the Department of Fair Trading received complaints concerning fee hikes this year of between 64% and 73% for burials at Rookwood, Liverpool, Field of Mars and North Rocks Cemeteries?

- (a) If so, what has been the Department's reponse?
- (3) Have you investigated these complaints?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 0261 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—RENTAL BOND BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What was the administrative charge imposed by the Office of Fair Trading for servicing the NSW Rental Bond Board in 2006-2007?
- (2) What is the charge estimated to be for 2007-2008?
- (a) How much is the component for salaries?
- (b) How much is the component for salary related?
- (c) How much is the component for rent?
- (d) How much is the component for postage?
- (e) How much is the component for IT?
- (f) How much is the component for motor vehicles?
- (g) How much is the component for travel?
- (h) How much is the component for consultancies?
- (i) How much is the component for other items?
- (3) What are the components of the 2006-07 charge?
- (a) How much is the component for salaries?
- (b) How much is the component for salary related?
- (c) How much is the component for rent?
- (d) How much is the component for postage?
- (e) How much is the component for IT?
- (f) How much is the component for motor vehicles?
- (g) How much is the component for travel?
- (h) How much is the component for consultancies?
- (i) How much is the component for other items?
- 0262 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—FRINGE CREDIT—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Do you believe state Governments should be allowed to set the interest rates on loans?
- (a) If so, why?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 0263 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—REGISTER OF ENCUMBERED VEHICLES SCHEME—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What is your position on Repairable Write-offs and inclusion of information on a database accessible by consumers?
- (2) Were there ever plans for REV's to be able to access write-off data from the RTA?
- (a) If so, what happened to that proposal?

- 0264 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—RENTAL BOND BOARD - AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What was the value and purpose of the grant made for affordable housing?
 - (2) Who were the recipients of the grant?
 - (3) What accountability measures are in place for recipient's expenditure of the grant?
 - (4) What have been the outcomes for \$10 million of past grants for forty units of affordable Housing?
 - (5) Why is tenants money being used to fund home ownership initiatives?
 - (6) What benefit do the 615,000 people whose rental bonds are held in trust receive from forty housing units purchased with interest earned on their money?
 - (7) Where were the affordable housing initiatives undertaken?
 - (a) If none were undertaken in rural or regional NSW, how is using tenants money from those regions to subsidise housing for a small number of Sydney residents justified?
 - (8) Are copies of any correspondence or reports, including audited reports provided to the NSW Rental Bond Board or the Office of Fair Trading, concerning affordable housing grants available?
 - (a) If so, where can these be obtained?
 - (9) Why are officers from the Affordable Housing Office of the Department of Housing represented on the Rental Bond Board, given the Board deals exclusively with tenants funds and the Board is applying those funds for tenancy (and not ownership) purposes?
- 0265 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Please give details of new services funded by the current triennial programme (including organisation; location; purpose of grants and amount of grant)
 - (2) What funding increases have been given to services funded under the recently expired triennial funding programme?
- 0266 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) Please list the names and qualifications and status of all Members of the CTTT
 - (2) What payments and allowances are made to individual CTTT Members?
 - (3) What was expenditure for 2006-07?
 - (4) What was the budget for 2007-08?
- 0267 BUDGET ESTIMATES— VOLUNTEERING—2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What is the cost of the 2007 Volunteer of the year award? (please give details including staff; advertising and event costs)
 - (2) What have you achieved in your first 6 months as Minister for Volunteering?

- 0268 BUDGET ESTIMATES— FAIR TRADING—RENTAL BOND BOARD - FINITY CONSULTING ANALYSIS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- (1) What was the cost of the Finity Consulting analysis of rental bond statistics in 2005-06?
 - (2) Is a copy of the Finity Consulting analysis of rental bond statistics in 2005-06 report available?
 - (a) If so, how can a copy be obtained?
 - (3) What was the purpose and outcome of the Finity Consulting analysis of rental bond statistics in 2005-06?
 - (4) How has the Finity Consulting analysis of rental bond statistics in 2005-06 benefited tenants?
- 0269 BUDGET ESTIMATES— CITIZENSHIP—COMMUNITY RELATIONS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1)
 - (a) How long have the roles of CEO and Chair of the Community Relations Commissioner and President of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board been held by the same person for?
 - (b) If so, how long does the NSW Government envisage that this will continue to be the case?
 - (2)
 - (a) Has direct funding to the Ethnic Communities Council (NSW) decreased in real terms from \$286,000 in 1995?
 - (b) If so, what is your response to community concern over this decrease?
 - (3)
 - (a) How much money has the State Government dedicated, in total, to the Waterless Wok Stoves in Asian Restaurants Program?
 - (b) What have been the measureable outcomes of this program?
 - (4)
 - (a) What has this Government done to ensure that NSW has a presence in Asia via Trade Offices in key cities, such as Guang-Zhou and Shang-Hai?
 - (b) What more could be done to achieve similar gains to that of other states, such as Queensland?
- 0270 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—STATE INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) How many voluntary planning agreements were effected between 2003-2007?
 - (a) How many voluntary planning agreements were settled between 2003-2007?
 - (b) How many voluntary planning agreements were concluded between 2003-2007?
 - (c) How many of these agreements involved payment of infrastructure levies to the State Government?
 - (d) As an example of a calculation of levies, it is noted that in regard to the Spring Farm and Elderslie LEPs in Camden LGA, a regional transport levy of \$15,000 per lot (index) is required of developers. In subsequent rezonings, contributions have been expanded to include a range of so-called "infrastructure items" such as ecological works, public works and bus services and these contributions have been required through planning agreements which have been exhibited. Can you explain why the calculations behind the contributions levy are not required to be exhibited?
 - (2) How much money has been expended on infrastructure in each year since 2002? Has the amount raised been fully expended and what projects have been the subject of what funds?
 - (3) How much money has been pledged to the Government for future state infrastructure levies through planning agreements with developers?

- (4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown by development of these levies and agreements to pay levies?
- (5) Prior to the announcement of the new levies (Friday 12th October) on brownfield or existing development sites what consultation with the industry did the Government undertake?
 - (a) Who was the consultation with and when?
- (6) As the Metropolitan Strategy states that there will be 435,000 new dwellings built within existing urban areas in Sydney and the Central Coast over the life of the Metropolitan Strategy, do you agree that your Government will raise \$10.2billion through imposing \$23,000 levies on each of those new dwellings?
 - (a) What planning requirements does your Government have that justify the \$10.2billion raised from proposed land sales?
 - (b) How is it fair that purchasers should have to pay \$23,000 extra in dwelling purchase costs on top of an estimated \$15,000 - \$25,000 BASIX costs on top of stamp duty that ranges from \$10,000 - \$30,000 for an average home in Sydney, on top of council levies which range from \$3000 - \$30,000?
 - (c) As your Government has announced the likely sale of the retail electricity sector and possibly other parts of the electricity sector, what is the estimate of the sale proceeds and what part, if any, will be used to fund infrastructure needed to secure land release?
- (7) Can you explain the basis for your Government determining that a \$23,000 infrastructure levy will bring "more housing onto the market" as per the Premier's press release of last Friday, given a Sydney Morning Herald report claiming it is uneconomic to buy land in South Western Sydney. How can you guarantee that the land development will be viable with a \$23,000 levy?
- (8) An AV Jennings May report to shareholders said the company intends to work, "in less aggressively taxed states such as Victoria and Queensland". The report also said sale performance in all states had been satisfactory, except in NSW where there is a major issue due to, "State and local government charges" on Greenfield residential developments. Will you now admit your levies and taxes are forcing developers to move interstate?

0271 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SECTION 94 FUNDS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Are you satisfied Section 94 funds are being expended in a timely way by Councils and are you aware of any councils holding onto levies well after the development has been completed?
- (2) What investigations or audits of Local Government Section 94 plans have been undertaken by your Department? A
 - (a) re reports and plans expected to meet a minimum standard, and what happens if they fail to meet such a standard?
- (3) In 2006-2007 how many Local Councils failed to comply with Section 94 planning requirements?
 - (a) What action can and have you taken to ensure compliance?
- (4) Please give details, broken down by Council of unexpended Section 94 funds accumulated, but not spent by the end of 2006-2007 and rolled forward to the 2007-2008 financial year?
- (5) Please advise by local Council how much interest accumulated on Section 94 funds during the 2005, 2006 and 2007 financial years?
- (6) What conditions are placed on expenditure of interest earned on Section 94 funds invested by the Council?
- (7) Are there any circumstances in which interest earned on Section 94 funds can be transferred into Council General Funds?
- (8) Do you track the accumulation and expenditure of interest accruing to Section 94 funds, and can you certify such monies are being spent appropriately?
- (9) Are local Councils required to have car parking plans, specifying actual projects (ie: with locations and details of number of additional parking spaces to be created) as part of their budget for expenditure of Section 94 levies collected for car parking?
- (10) What are the guidelines (if any) governing how levies collected for car parking are to be spent?

- (a) Is it acceptable to use funds redevelop an existing car park which will not yield additional car parking spaces?
- (b) What standards are these car parking plans expected to meet?
- 0272 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—PRIVATE CERTIFIERS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What measures are being undertaken to align local council certifiers with the private sector?
- (a) Are they being brought under the authority of the Building Professionals Board in respect of accreditation, auditing and compliance?
- (2) What measures are being taken to ensure councils are not abusing their exclusive authority in the processing of Development Applications?
- (a) Are anti-competitive practices in competing with the private certification sector being applied?
- (b) Is faster DA processing being implemented?
- (3) The Sydney Morning Herald article dated 21st June 2007, entitled "Building certifier at work despite fines" reports that you, as Lord Mayor, were against private certifiers as the system presented "an inherent conflict of interest". Has your position on the private certifying system changed?
- (a) Do you have any plans to widen the current system?
- 0273 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—GROWTH CENTRES COMMISSION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) When land was identified for inclusion in the north-west and south-west growth centres your Government indicated that levy contributions would be developed to obtain 75% of the total cost back from developers. (\$487,000 per net developable hectare) Your Government said it would pay 25% of the infrastructure cost.
- (a) Can you explain how you justify expanding infrastructure costs to include hospitals, courts, emergency services, railway lines, high schools and Government administration and even planning activities?
- (b) Can you also explain why it is that land that was not identified for "release" when the growth centres were created in June 2006, but have since been identified as land for "release", is subject to developers now having to pay 100% of the State infrastructure and services, which translates into \$647,000 per net developable hectare. (An increase of \$160,000 per net developable hectare.)
- (c) Why is it that such contributions are not calculated in a transparent way and seem to be not based on a planning purpose and hence there is no external accountability?
- (2) What is the total estimated cost of infrastructure for the north-west and south-west growth centres?
- (3) How many lots have been rezoned in the growth centres?
- (4) What is the average time of the rezoning process?
- (5) How does the State Government justify charging the future residents of the Western Sydney growth centres (through infrastructure contributions) \$398 million to buy up and protect 1,700 hectares of native vegetation outside Sydney's growth centres?
- (a) How does the protection of vegetation outside a growth centre provide environmental amenity for those living within the growth centres?
- (6) Can the Minister explain why the budget for the Growth Centres Commission has increased by 146% from \$6m in 2006-07 to \$14.7m in 2007-08?
- (7) Since the establishment of the Growth Centres Commission, what has been the total recurrent funding expended by the Commission and how many blocks of land have been brought to the market and sold in that time?
- (8) Can the Minister outline the current annual salaries of the executive team of the Growth Centres Commission including, Angus Dawson, Ian Reynolds and Robert Hurst and detail how many staff are employed in each section of the Commission.

- (9) What trips interstate and/or overseas have been taken by staff at the Commission? Detail the costs and destinations and purpose.
- (10) Can the Minister outline what has been achieved by the Growth Centres Commission since its inception in May 2005?
- (11) Can the Minister please state how many homes have been built in each of the following first release precincts: Edmondson Park (7500 lots), Oran Park (7000 lots), Turner Road (4000 lots), North Kellyville (4500 lots), Riverstone (8000 lots), Alex Avenue (7000 lots) Area 20 (1500 lots), Colebee (1000 lots) and Riverstone West (500 lots).
 - (a) How much money has been expended by the State Government in providing infrastructure in any of these areas since the Commission was established?

0274 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—MAJOR PROJECTS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many projects are currently been brought in to you under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
- (2) I refer to MP07-0099 - Mixed Use Development at Potts Hill Reservoir:
 - (a) Given the proponent of this development is Landcom a NSW Government agency it raises the issue of a potential conflict of interest in your capacity as a State Government Minister. Can you explain how you believe it is acceptable for you to call in developments under Part 3A where the NSW Government is seeking an outcome through Landcom, and you are part of the NSW Executive Government?
 - (b) Do you have any protocols or guidelines that allows the potential conflict of interest to be addressed?
 - (i) If so, what are they?
- (3) I refer to MP 07-0062 - Rural residential subdivision, Wonboyn. Why is a rural subdivision of 16 lots considered to be an appropriate development for you to call in under Part 3A?
 - (a) What criteria did you apply in calling in the subdivision?
- (4) I refer to MP 07-0015 Rural residential subdivision, Milton. Why is a rural subdivision of 3 lots considered to be an appropriate development for you to call in under Part 3A?
 - (a) What criteria did you apply in calling in the subdivision?
 - (b) How many projects currently being considered under Part 3A are considered "coastal"? Please provide the locations of the projects, the extent of each project and how many of the projects do not fall within the coastal policy of the State Government?
- (5) I refer to MP 05-0019 - Rural subdivision, Millingandi. Why is a rural subdivision of 6 lots considered to be an appropriate development for you to call in under Part 3A?
 - (a) What criteria did you apply in calling in the subdivision?
- (6) I refer to MP 06-0195 - Rural subdivision, Jellat Jellat. Why is a rural subdivision of 8 lots considered to be an appropriate development for you to call in under Part 3A?
 - (a) What criteria did you apply in calling in the subdivision?
- (7) How many developments have you pulled in under Part 3A in each of the past 3 years?
 - (a) Which developments were they?
- (8) The Sydney Morning Herald article dated 30th June 2007 entitled, "Councils' fates rest in Sartor's hands" quotes a spokeswoman for Mr Sartor, "Mums and dads are entitled to expect councils to deal with their development applications in a timely way." If this is true, can you explain why some projects called in by you under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act have been sitting on your desk for over a year?

0275 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES AND PLANS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) When will the subregional plans for Sydney City, East, South, Inner West, North, West Central, North West and South West be released?
 - (2) Action G6.1.1 of the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney stated a Working Group would be established to comprise 'local government representatives, state agencies and community, industry, environment and other stakeholders'. Its aim is to 'provide advice to the Minister on progress, coordination and cross-boundary issues arising from the subregional planning process.' Given that three of the Sub-Regional Strategies have now been released for comment, has this Group been established?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (3) The Lower Hunter Regional Strategy was finalised and released in October 2006. It commits to the establishment of an Urban Development Program to monitor housing and employment lands in the region. Has the working group to comprise executive level members of state agencies and councils been formed?
 - (a) Has the staging and forecasting program been prepared?
 - (b) When does the Department estimate that this will be released?
- 0276 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—PLANNING LAWS REVIEW—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) The Sydney Morning Herald article dated 2nd October, entitled "Deadline call in applications" said Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal had directed the RTA to review their role in the assessment process. Was this review requested by you?
 - (2) Have you directed other departments to conduct similar reviews?
 - (3) Will you acknowledge that a major hurdle in planning approval in NSW is the lack of co-operation and co-ordination from Government agencies?
 - (4) When a review into the planning laws was heralded by former Minister Craig Knowles he promised in a 2004 press release to protect, " people's rights to participate and be consulted on things happening in their local area". How can you justify charging people \$250 to 'participate' in the 'New Ideas for Planning' forum held in August?
 - (5) When a review into the planning laws was heralded by former Minister Craig Knowles, DIPNR (Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources) claimed Labor would, " consult with the community to ensure they are all fully informed of the reforms". Can you outline what communication you and your department have had with the community in relation to these reforms?
- 0277 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What measures are being taken to address the serious shortage of qualified planning staff in NSW?
 - (2) Are you monitoring the exodus of qualified planning staff away from councils and into the private sector and interstate?
 - (a) If so, can you advise what is the situation in regard to planning staff required in the various planning positions within your department, within councils, and within the private sector.
- 0278 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—EMPLOYMENT LANDS—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Has the Employment Lands Development Program (action 1) backed by \$1 million in funding and designed to provide a transparent dataset on employment land supply been established?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) When will it be?
 - (2) Has the Employment Lands SEPP been developed (action 4)?
 - (a) If not, when will it be?

- (b) What council, industry and stakeholder input will there be?
- (3) Has the Employment Lands Ministerial Advisory Committee (action 5) been established?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) When will it be?
- (c) How can an Employment Lands SEPP be developed without review by this Advisory Committee?
- 0279 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—HONEYSUCKLE CORPORATION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Can you explain why the Honeysuckle Corporation is running at a deficit of \$4,013,000?
- 0280 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SOUTH WEST AND NORTH WEST CORRIDOR—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) The budget outlines a \$14.8m increase in the south-west rail corridor. Can you explain why there was this blow out in cost?
- (2) Can you explain why you are receiving a \$21m grant from the Government for the acquisition of the south-west rail corridor, even though this is listed in earlier pages as an activity costing \$14.8m?
- (3) Can you explain what monies have been spent on the north-west rail corridor land?
- 0281 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—CURRAWONG WORKERS' RETREAT - PITTWATER—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) The Sydney Morning Herald article dated 20th September 2007, entitled "Workers' haven back in Sartor's hands" said an independent panel would conduct public hearings and advise on development plans of the Currawong workers' retreat on Pittwater. Has this independent panel been established?
- (a) If so, who is on the panel?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 0282 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BASIX SYSTEM—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) The Sydney Morning Herald article dated 17th September 2007, entitled "Chances to save energy blown: report" refers to a leaked Department of Planning Report by the Demand Management and Planning Project, which claims basic energy saving rules have not been applied to major projects. Why have these rules not been applied to major projects?
- (a) Why don't major projects have to adhere to the BASIX system?
- 0283 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—THE HOUSING MARKET—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) The BIS Shrapnel Residential Land Market 2007-2011 report released in September states the number of lots released to the market is at a low not seen since the 1950's. It claims the number of lots available dropped from 3,100 in 2004-05 to 2,800 in 2005-06. Is this drop accurate?
- (a) How can you justify this drop?
- (2) Is your Government are to blame for the housing crisis?
- (a) If not, why not?

- (3) The Housing Industry Association (HIA) September Land Monitors Report said land prices in Sydney have risen at an average annual rate of 17.9% over the past ten years. Can you explain this increase?
- (4) Are your Government's taxes are killing the housing market?
(a) If not, why not?
- (5) The Housing Industry Association (HIA) September Land Monitors Report said of the 33,000 available lots identified in the Metropolitan Development Program, less than 10% will actually be delivered to the market this year. Is this correct?
- (6) How many of the 33,000 lots have been delivered to the market?
- 0284 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—HERITAGE LEGISLATION—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What steps have you taken to conduct a review of the Heritage legislation?
- (2) What public consultation processes have occurred?
- (3) Does the inherent conflict of interest of you as Planning Minister exercising decision making regarding heritage issues form part of the Heritage legislation review?
- (4) In relation to Currawong how do you justify calling in the development under Part 3A at the same time it is being considered for placement on the Heritage register?
- (5) Do you see any difficulties with the original process adopted by councils across the state to place heritage protection orders on properties in their local Government areas?
(a) If so what were they?
- 0285 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SYDNEY OLYMPIC AUTHORITY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Over the last year what is the total funds raised by the Sydney Olympic Authority?
(a) From what sources have these funds been drawn?
- (2) What has been the total expenditure of the Sydney Olympic Authority in the last year?
(a) Please provide a breakdown of the total expenditure
- (3) What staff are employed by the Sydney Olympic Authority and what are the salaries of the top 5 executives?
- (4) What trips have been taken by the staff of the Sydney Olympic Authority in the last year, including destination, cost and purpose?
- 0286 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—LAW REFORM COMPLAINTS—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 the Arts—
- (1) How many written complaints have been received in the last 12 months by either the Minister's Office or the Department of Planning about decisions by the Minister to "call in" developments under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)?
- (2) How many written complaints have been received in the last 12 months by either the Minister's Office or the Department of Planning about decisions made by the Minister to approve developments under Part 3A of the Act?
- (3) How many written complaints have been received in the last twelve months by either the Minister's Office or the Department about private certifiers or their work?
- 0287 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE EP&A 1979 ACT—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 the Arts—

- (1) When will the discussion paper on proposed reforms to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 be released to the public?
- (2) What process of community consultation will take place around that discussion paper?
- 0288 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—DEMAND FOR QUALIFIED PLANNING STAFF—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 the Arts—
- (1) Does the Department of Planning monitor the level of unmet demand for qualified planning staff there are in the local government sector?
- (a) If so, what is the current level of unmet demand?
- (2) Does the Department of Planning have unmet demand for qualified planning staff?
- (3) What steps are being taken to address the problem of the under-supply of suitably qualified planning staff in local government and in the Department of Planning?
- (4) Is the Minister considering any proposal to sponsor programmes with the universities to provide two year postgraduate courses in planning for architects, engineers or landscape architects with a requirement for them to work in local government or the Department of Planning for a minimum period on completion?
- (a) If so, when will the proposal be implemented?
- 0289 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT OR CONCEPT PLANS—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 the Arts—
- (1) Is the Department of Planning referring back to councils consideration and/or approval of some developments or concept plans that have been called in under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?
- (a) If so, why is this happening?
- (b) If so, how will Councils be compensated for the cost of this activity?
- 0290 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—CORRUPTION RISKS IN NSW DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESSES - ICAC POSITION PAPER—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 the Arts—
- (1) How will the government implement any or all of the recommendations contained in the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Position Paper of September 2007?
- (2) Will the recommendations of the position paper be addressed in the discussion paper on proposed reform of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ?
- (a) If so, how?
- (3) When will the government provide a formal response to the position paper?
- (a) If so, how will the formal response set out its reasons for declining to adopt any of the recommendations it does not proceed with?
- 0291 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BURWOOD TOWN CENTRE - STATUS OF RESOLUTIONS—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 the Arts—
- What is the status of resolutions made by Council about the Burwood Town Centre?
- 0292 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BURWOOD TOWN CENTRE - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—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 the Arts—
- (1) How will the Inner West Subregional Strategy affect Burwood's Local Environmental Plan (LEP)?

- (2) Is the LEP for Burwood in line with the Metro Strategy's guidelines on Major Centres?
 (a) If so how?
- 0293 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BURWOOD TOWN CENTRE - CONSULTANT—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 the Arts—
- (1) What is the role of Council's 'consultant'?
 (2) What is the cost of the Consultant and Panel?
- 0294 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BURWOOD TOWN CENTRE - 1-17 ELSIE ST BURWOOD—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 the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister called in the development at 1-17 Elsie St Burwood?
 (a) If so, on what basis was it called in?
 (b) If so, why is the Burwood Town Centre Planning Panel not the consent authority for this development?
- (2) Has this site had a number of approvals and three successful Section 96 modifications in the last two years?
 (a) If so, how many?
- (3) Does the current Development Application (DA) deviate significantly in height from the previously approved DA for the site?
 (a) If so, how does it deviate?
- (4) Will an approval of this DA using the draft Local Environmental Plans (LEP) create a precedent?
 (a) If not, why won't subsequent developments be able to cite an approval using the draft LEP in its current form despite the fact that the Panel is still considering the LEP?
- 0295 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—CALLAN PARK - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION & REFERENCE GROUP—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 the Arts—
- (1) What community consultation was undertaken prior to the government entering into a memorandum of understanding with the University of Sydney in relation to the site?
 (2) Does the brief for the Callan Park community reference group restrict it to a discussion only of how to implement the memorandum of understanding with the University of Sydney?
 (a) If so, how?
- (3) How did the government determine which people it would appoint as community representatives?
 (4) Is the government aware of any concerns from the community that local residents and council members are excluded from the community reference group?
 (a) If so, what are those concerns?
 (b) If so, how will the government address those concerns?
- (5) Are changes to the make up of the community reference group being considered?
 (a) If so, what will those changes be?
- 0296 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—CALLAN PARK - LEASE—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 the Arts—
- (1) At what stage are the lease negotiations with the University of Sydney?
 (2) Is the lease under discussion in substance the same or very similar to the one in the non-binding Memorandum Of Understanding signed with the University of Sydney?
 (a) If so, how is it similar?

- 0297 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—CALLAN PARK - UPGRADES & RESTORATION TO BUILDINGS—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 the Arts—
- (1) Has any estimate been made of the special funding or grants the University would need to convert and restore buildings and upgrade the oval for elite sports?
 - (a) If so, how much is the estimate?
- 0298 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—CALLAN PARK - STUDENT RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION—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 the Arts—
- (1) Residential accommodation for students has been floated as one of the uses the University of Sydney would put on the site. Do you or your department or agencies have a legal opinion on whether this breaches or complies with the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002?
 - (a) If so, what is that advice?
- 0299 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BIODIESEL PLANT AT PORT BOTANY - SOURCE MATERIAL—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 the Arts—
- (1) Has the Department of Planning investigated the source material for the proposed biodiesel plant at Port Botany?
 - (a) If so, is it from palm oil imported from south-east Asia?
- 0300 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BIODIESEL PLANT AT PORT BOTANY - NEW PALM OIL PLANTATIONS—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 the Arts—
- (1) Is the Department of Planning aware that earlier this year the UN reported that the drive for new palm oil plantations was one of the greatest threats to the rainforests and the endangered orang-utans in the region and in its report stated "In Indonesia and Malaysia it is now the primary cause of permanent rainforest loss"?
 - (a) If so, has the Department of Planning investigated the potential adverse environmental impacts of sourcing the product from palm oil plantations in cleared former rainforest areas of Malaysia and Indonesia?
- 0301 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SANDON POINT - WREXHAM ROAD BRIDGE—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 the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister of Planning or the Department of Planning party to any Agreement(s) with Stockland at Sandon Point, for any reason, including adjacent demolition/rebuilding of Wrexham Road Bridge at Thomas Gibson Park?
 - (a) If so, does the Minister consider the demolition of a 100 year old bridge, public right of way, without independent heritage assessment, to be justified and ecologically sustainable
 - (b) If so, on what grounds?
- 0302 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SANDON POINT - RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS—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 the Arts—
- (1) Will the Minister publicly release all Deed(s) or Agreement(s) with Stockland at Sandon Point?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (2) Will the Minister publicly release Planning Documents used for Approval of MP06_0094 at Sandon Point including:
 - (a) If so, when?

0303 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SANDON POINT - MONEY SPENT ON PROCESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS—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 the Arts—

How much has been spent to process Environmental Assessment requirements for Stockland MP07-0032 Subdivision at Sandon Point, for which Concept Approval is currently before the court? (MP06_0094)

0304 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—OWNERSHIP OF COAL AND ALLIED LAND IN GWANDALAN, CATHERINE HILL BAY AND NORDS WHARF AREAS—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 the Arts—

- (1) How did Coal and Allied become owners of the land in the Gwandalan, Catherine Hill Bay and Nords Wharf areas?
- (2) Was the ownership part of the mining lease?
- (3) Were there any caveats or special conditions to say the land should be returned to public ownership after mining ceased?
 - (a) If so, what are the caveats or special conditions?

0305 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—SYDNEY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS STRATEGY—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 the Arts—

- (1) The Department of Planning is continuing to examine sand resource development alternatives for Sydney. How much has the Department spent anything on the development of a Sydney Construction Materials Strategy?
- (2) How much was spent on expert advice regarding the Sydney Construction Materials Strategy?
- (3) Will the Sydney Construction Materials Strategy be funded to completion or has development of the Strategy been terminated?
 - (a) If so, what will be the total cost of completing the Sydney Construction Materials Strategy?

0306 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD AND BOND FOR PRIVATE CERTIFIERS—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 the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister considered the introduction of a performance security bond for private certifiers?
 - (a) If so, when will a performance security bond for private certifiers be implemented?

0307 BUDGET ESTIMATES— REDFERN WATERLOO—REDFERN WATERLOO AUTHORITY—Miss Gardiner to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Why has capital expenditure for the Redfern-Waterloo Authority dropped by 60.2% this year?
- (2) Can the Minister outline what "new and improved public infrastructure" has been established by the Redfern-Waterloo Authority?
- (3) How much was spent on that infrastructure?
- (4) What are the future plans for public infrastructure in this area?
- (5) Can you describe the "evaluation process" implemented to monitor the success of the employment and enterprise strategies of the Redfern-Waterloo Employment and Enterprise plan of 19th May 2006?
 - (a) What has been the total expenditure to date in preparing the evaluation process and what funding is committed to the ongoing evaluation process in the next financial year?
 - (b) When will the evaluation process be published?
- (6) How much has been applied to the Redfern-Waterloo "Local Heroes" program?

- (a) Please advise total funds applied and details of the Local Heroes events thus far.
- (b) What evaluation has been undertaken of this program and at what cost?
- (7) What are the salaries of the 3 most senior executives in the Redfern-Waterloo Authority?
- (a) What overseas or interstate travel has been undertaken by them since the establishment of the Redfern-Waterloo Authority?
- (8) What is the cost of rental for the premises occupied by the Redfern-Waterloo Authority?
- (a) What is the length of the lease?
- (b) And to whom is the rental paid?
- 0308 BUDGET ESTIMATES— WATER UTILITIES—CROWN STREET RESEVOIR—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) The tender for the purchase of the Crown Street Reservoir site closed on 28 July. Has Sydney Water sold the site?
- (a) If so, who was the purchaser?
- (b) Have contracts been exchanged?
- (c) What price was paid?
- 0309 BUDGET ESTIMATES— WATER UTILITIES—ALGAE TOXINS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) What is the actual risk to public health from algal toxins located in Sydney's water supplies?
- (2) Who is at most risk from algal toxins in Sydney's water supplies?
- (3) At what risk to serious health concerns due to algal toxins are the following sections of the community:
- (a) Elderly?
- (b) Infants?
- (c) Individuals that have HIV and/or Hepatitis?
- (4) What is the Government intending to do to reduce the impact of algal toxins at:
- (a) The dams?
- (b) The treatment plants?
- (5) What events will need to occur to remove the risk by natural processes of algal toxins and return the lake to normal?
- 0310 BUDGET ESTIMATES— WATER UTILITIES—TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNION—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for:
- (a) How many members of the Transport Workers Union does each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for employ?
- (b) Do any of the awards under which members of the Transport Workers Union are employed provide for payments by any Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for to the Transport Workers Unions?
- (c) If so, what was the value of these payments for each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for in:
- (i) FY 2003/04
- (ii) FY 2004/05
- (iii) FY 2005/06
- (iv) FY 2006/07

0311 BUDGET ESTIMATES— WATER UTILITIES—UNION DAYS OFF WORK—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for:
 - (a) How many days have members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/04
 - (ii) FY 2004/05
 - (iii) FY 2005/06
 - (iv) FY 2006/07
 - (b) What is the cost of members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/04
 - (ii) FY 2004/05
 - (iii) FY 2005/06
 - (iv) FY 2006/07
 - (c) How many days of paid leave have members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/04
 - (ii) FY 2004/05
 - (iii) FY 2005/06
 - (iv) FY 2006/07
 - (d) How many days of unpaid leave have members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/04
 - (ii) FY 2004/05
 - (iii) FY 2005/06
 - (iv) FY 2006/07

0312 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES, WATER UTILITIES—CLIMATE CHANGE AND PEAK OIL—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) Does your dept have a greenhouse gas reduction program in place? If so, what are the details?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What modelling has your dept done on climate change and what is being implemented in your portfolio to:
 - (a) reduce greenhouse gasses
 - (b) adapt to impacts of climate change
- (3) What modelling has your dept done on peak oil and what recommendations / plans are being implemented in your department and portfolio area to prepare for peak oil?

0313 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES, WATER UTILITIES—GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) What did your department spend in government advertising in 06/07?
- (2) What did it spend in the preceding 2 years?

- 0314 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES, WATER UTILITIES—VISA 457—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) Are you aware of any workers employed by your department, or employed by companies undertaking contract work with your department, who are on 457 visas?
 - (2) What procedures does your dept undertake to check whether workers on 457 visas?
- 0315 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—NSW FIRE BRIGADE—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) Is the allocation of funding for more than 40 fire engines for the NSW Fire Brigade in this Budget part of last year's announcement which allocated funding for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 (over two years) to purchase 82 fire appliances?
 - (a) Three previous Minister made a commitment to fund 82 fire appliances over the financial years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008. Is this commitment on target?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) How many fire appliances have been funded to date?
 - (2) Has the funding to upgrade fire stations around the state been decreased from \$7.1 million in last year's Budget to \$5 million in this year's budget?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (3) Has funding for firefighter safety and counter terrorism equipment been reduced from \$6.2 million last year to \$5.4 million this year?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (4) The Budget Announcement media release stated that the NSW Fire Brigade's 2007/2008 budget of \$544.5 million is an increase of \$21.3 million on the year before, yet in three key areas (fire appliances, stateion upgrades and firefighter safety) funding has been decreased. Has overall Capitial Expenditure decreased by 8.9% compared to the previous year?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) Please detail where the increases have been applied?
- 0316 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) In your Budget announcement media release, under the heading of State Emergency Services, you state a total budget allocation of \$51.5 million, an increase of \$9.9 million on last year. However the key expenditures for the Emergency portfolio, expenditure on upgrading communication and paging systems, is the same as last year (\$2.4 million); expenditure on rescue equipment remains at \$1.7 million and the expenditure on assistance for purchasing emergency response vehicles also remains the same. Has funding for vital equipment not increased, despite a nearly \$10 million increase to the Budget?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) An SES submission refers to a recent survey which identified that at least 60 SES units occupy sub-standard premises, with some exhibiting OH&S hazards. Has the Government allocated any funds for the maintenace and upgrading of SES units that are currently sub-standard?
 - (a) If so, how much funding has been allocated?
 - (3) What formal training do SES Operational Controllers receive in relation to:
 - (a) OH&S
 - (b) people management
 - (c) record keeping

- (d) documentation
- (e) disaster management training?

0317 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—NSW FIRE BRIGADES- OPERATING STATEMENT—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) What was the reason for the increase of over \$12 million after revising the Budget allocated funds for Operating Expenses - Employee Related 2006/2007?
 - (a) What was the reason for the \$21 million increase for Operation Expenses - Employment Related between the Budget allocation in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008?
- (2) Why was a budgeted \$91,000 under Retained Revenue - Other Revenue revised to \$5.11 million in the 2006/2007 Budget?
- (3) Why was a budgeted \$3 million under Retained Revenue - Retained Taxes, Fees and Fines revised to \$9.699 million in the 2006/2007 Budget?

0318 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—NSW FIRE BRIGADES - FUNDING—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) Was a budgeted \$41.777 million Closing Cash and Cash Equivalent revised to \$83.480 million in the 2006/2007 Budget?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Does the purchase of Emergency services major equipment (such as fire trucks) appear as a financial figure on the balance Sheet - Non Current Assets - Plant and Equipment?
 - (a) If not, where does it appear?
- (3) Was a budgeted \$106.184 million under Operating Expenses - Grants and Subsidies revised to \$173.184 million in the 2006/2007 Budget?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) How was the allocation revised?

0319 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIRE SERVICES EQUIPMENT—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

- (1) Has the following equipment, promised by the previous Minister at the 2006/2007 Estimates hearing, been delivered to the NSW Fire Brigade:
 - (a) 50 new fire engines
 - (b) New gas monitors and enhanced other fire fighter safety and counter terrorism equipment?
- (2) Has the following equipment, promised by the previous Minister at the 2006/2007 Estimates hearing, been delivered to the Rural Fire Fighting Fund?
 - (a) 260 Fire Tankers?
- (3) Has the following equipment, promised by the previous Minister at the 2006/2007 Estimates hearing, been delivered to the SES?
 - (a) \$2.4 million upgrade to the communication paging system?
 - (b) \$1.8 million for rescue equipment?
 - (c) \$800,000 for the purchase of emergency response vehicles?
- (4) Was the \$800,00 for the purchase of emergency response vehicles full expended during the financial year?
 - (a) If not, why not?

- 0320 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—SES VEHICLES GRANTS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) How many of the fleet vehicles operated by NSW SES are over ten years old?
 - (2) How many are older than 20 years old?
 - (3) Did the Government receive a submission from the SES Volunteers for a commitment to funding in February 2007?
 - (a) If so, has their request been considered?
 - (b) What funding will be provided?
 - (4) Does the Government continue to provide grants of \$35,000 for replacement of vehicles?
 - (5) What is the cost of a replacement rescue truck?
 - (6) Given that smaller communities may struggle to meet the balance, does the Government have plans to address the funding challenge faced by these communities?
- 0321 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—GPS SYSTEMS IN RURAL FIRE SERVICE VEHICLES—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) How many Rural Fire Service vehicles are fitted with Global Positioning Systems?
 - (a) Do these systems have full satellite navigation capabilities?
 - (2) Please provide the specifications of the Global Positioning Systems fitted to Rural Fire Service vehicles?
- 0322 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) What is the reason for the cost variations relating to the following projects:
 - (a) Replacement of Aerial Fire Appliances program.
 - (i) Can you explain the reduction in estimates costs from \$34.752 million in 2005/2006 Budget papers to \$32.189 million in the 2006/2007, taking into account that the program was extended by 12 months?
 - (ii) Can you explain the subsequent increase in estimated costs to \$35.190 million in 2007/2008?
 - (b) Replacement of Fire Pumper Appliances.
 - (i) In 2005/2006 the estimated cost was \$135.804 million in 2006/2007 the cost increased to \$157.594 million and in 2007/2008 the cost decreased to \$146.097 million. What is the reason for the fluctuations in estimate costs?
 - (c) Replacement of Special Appliances.
 - (i) In 2005/2006 the estimated cost was \$29.829 million, in 2006/2007, the estimated cost was reduced to \$27.108 million and in 2007/2008 there was an increase in estimated costs to \$41.014 million. What is the reason for the reduction in estimated costs in 2006/2007?
- 0323 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—BUSH FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN AUDIT—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) In the NSW Rural Fire Service Annual Report 2005/2006, in a selected number of areas, the average implementation gap on strategies for the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan Audit was 45.6%. Has this gap been addressed?
 - (a) If so, how?

- (2) Was the Tweed implementation gap at 79% at that time?
- (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If not, what was it?
- (3) Was Cobar and Tenterfield's implementation gap both at 62.1%?
- (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If not, what was it?
- (4) As the NSW rural Fire Service Annual Report 2006/2007 is unavailable, what is the State Average All Audits Implementation gap?
- 0324 BUDGET ESTIMATES— EMERGENCY SERVICES—VOLUNTEER RESCUE ASSOCIATION—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—
- (1) Have references to accreditation of the Volunteer Rescue Association's specialist rescue units have been deleted from the State Rescue Board's documentation?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) What impact has this had on the volunteer units?
- 0325 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—CLIMATE CHANGE—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) Does your dept have a greenhouse gas reduction program in place? If so, what are the details?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) What modelling has your dept done on climate change and what is being implemented in your portfolio to:
 - (a) reduce greenhouse gasses
 - (b) adapt to impacts of climate change
 - (3) What modelling has your dept done on peak oil and what recommendations / plans are being implemented in your department and portfolio area to prepare for peak oil?
- 0326 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) What did your department spend in government advertising in 06/07?
 - (2) What did it spend in the preceding 2 years?
- 0327 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—VISA 457—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) Are you aware of any workers employed by your department, or employed by companies undertaking contract work with your department, who are on 457 visas?
 - (2) What procedures does your dept undertake to check whether workers on 457 visas?
- 0328 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—TRANSPORT COMMUTER CHARTER—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What plans are there to consult with the community as part of the charter's process?

- 0329 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—RURAL AND REGIONAL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How much was spent on upgrading the CountyLink fleet in 2006 - 2007, including the XPT?
 - (2) How much was allocated for upgrading the CountyLink fleet in 2007 - 2008, including the XPT?
- 0330 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—626 AIR-CONDITIONED CARRIAGES—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the projected date for the last of the 626 air-conditioned carriages to be rolled out?
- 0331 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—OUTER SUBURBAN CARRIAGES—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When will the last of the 41 tranche 1 of the Outer Suburban Carriages (OSCars) be in operation?
 - (2) What is the total projected cost of tranche 1 of the Outer Suburban Carriages (OSCars) ?
 - (3) When will all of the 122 Outer Suburban Carriages (OSCars) be in operation?
- 0332 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—HUNTER RAIL CARS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When is the last of the new Hunter Rail Cars expected to be in operation?
 - (2) What is the projected cost of the Hunter Rail Car project?
- 0333 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many stations across the CityRail network are now Easy Access accessible?
 - (2) How many stations across the CityRail network are not Easy Access accessible?
 - (3) When will the Easy Access Program be completed?
 - (4) How many complaints did RailCorp receive in the financial year 2006 - 2007 regarding the cleanliness of train stations?
- 0334 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—TRAIN STATIONS WERRINGTON—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When will the new University of Sydney train station at Werrington be finalised?
 - (2) How much has been spent to date on the new University of Sydney train station at Werrington?
- 0335 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT RAIL LINK—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When is the new rail line from Rouse Hill through the Central Business District (CBD) to Leppington, including the underground city line and tunnel under Sydney Harbour, due to be completed?
 - (2) When will construction of the CBD line commence?
 - (3) How much has been spent on the CBD Line, including reports into:
 - (a) Planning
 - (b) Viability and

(c) Environment

- (4) How much has been budgeted in 2007 - 2008 for the CBD Line?
- (5) What is the projected total cost of the CBD Line?
- 0336 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—ANZAC METRO LINE—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How much more funding has been allocated for the proposed line from Malabar to West Ryde?
- 0337 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—CLEARWAYS PROGRAM—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How much will the Clearways program cost in total?
- (2) When will the Clearways program be finalised?
- (3) When will each of the individual projects within Clearways program be finalised?
- 0338 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When will the rail line between Epping and Castle Hill be completed?
- (2) How much will the rail link between Epping and Castle Hill cost?
- (3) When construction of the rail line between Epping and Castle Hill commence?
- (4) How much has been set aside for the North West Rail Link this year?
- 0339 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When will construction of the rail line between Glenfield and Leppington commence?
- (2) When will the rail line between Glenfield and Leppington be completed?
- (3) How much has been spent to date on the rail line between Glenfield and Leppington?
- (4) What will be the total cost of the rail line between Glenfield and Leppington?
- 0340 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY RURAL AND REGIONAL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How much has been allocated in the 2007 - 2008 budget in bus reform program in the bush?
- (2) What is the specific breakdown of the 2007 - 2008 budget allocation within the bus reform program in the bush?
- 0341 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS DRIVERS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What is the average wage of a bus driver employed by the State Transit Authority?
- 0342 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS PRIORITY PROGRAM—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Who are the members of the implementation working group for the Sydney Central Business District bus strategy?

- (2) How much has been allocated in the 2007 -2008 budget for the implementation working group for the Sydney Central Business District bus strategy?
- (3) How long will the implementation working group for the Sydney Central Business District bus strategy be in existence?
- 0343 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) How many drug tests did Sydney Ferries conduct in each month of the 2006 - 2007 financial year?
- (2) How many positive test results for illicit drugs were detected in the drug tests conducted by Sydney Ferries in each month of the 2006 - 2007 financial year?
- (3) How many alcohol tests did Sydney Ferries conduct in each month of the 2006 - 2007 financial year?
- (4) How many positive test results for alcohol were detected in the drug tests conducted by Sydney Ferries in each month of the 2006 - 2007 financial year?
- 0344 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—INLAND RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Earlier this year you are reported calling for money earmarked for an inland rail corridor from Brisbane to Melbourne, to be spent in Sydney. Given that all freight must currently go through Sydney to be moved elsewhere, does your call to spend this money in Sydney mean the Government is no longer interested in investing the Western Corridor (and the benefits it could bring to the people that live there)?
- (a) If so, why is this the case
- 0345 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) What are the Department's plans by way of improving transport infrastructure to accommodate plans calling for the creation of 28,000 jobs and 25,000 houses along the road corridor between Sydney and the ACT (given that people from Bowral and areas south of Sydney who commute to the city are having problems now with the M5)?
- (a) How does the Government intend to avoid exacerbating the bottleneck that currently exists along this corridor?
- (b) What transport plans are there for this expansion?
- 0346 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—SINGLE TICKET PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) When does the Government intend to implement a Smart Card system, like that the Minister saw operating in Hong Kong in the year 2000?
- (a) Why has such a system not been implemented already?
- (2) Why can't Cabinet and Treasury work out how to have commuters pay for the varied trips they take on Sydney transport?
- 0347 BUDGET ESTIMATES— TRANSPORT—TUNNEL THROUGH LIVERPOOL RANGES—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) Government planning decisions are being blamed for transport logjams affecting coalmines in the Gunnedah and Narrabri districts. Does the Government plan to build a tunnel through the Liverpool Ranges to overcome this railway bottleneck?

- (a) If so, when will building commence?
- 0348 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PLANNING—NORTH WEST AND SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK CORRIDORS—Mr Smith to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Of \$173 million allocated in the 2006-2007 Budget that was supposed to buy land for the North West and South West rail link corridors, has only \$77 million been spent?
 - (a) Was this due to a lower than expected acceptance of offers by landowners?
 - (2) Given this less than expected take up by landowners in the North West and South West Rail link corridors, has there been a negative impact on costs?
 - (a) When can people in both areas expect some tangible results in planning and land acquisition for this project?
 - (3) Did the Government underestimate its costs in relation to these land acquisitions?
 - (4) Given that both links are expected to be in operation by 2013, how far behind schedule are the projects?
- 0349 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—GOVERNOR MACQUARIE TOWER RENT—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) What legal costs has the Government incurred in the dispute over rent at Governor Macquarie Tower?
 - (2) When will you look at leaving GMT and sub-letting to save taxpayers millions of dollars?
 - (3) Do you think it is appropriate to pay \$800 per square metre when top corporates are paying half this?
 - (4) Surely you are aware that the CBD rental market is the tightest it has been for a decade. With three open market rent reviews signed by your Government in the next seven years, will you confirm that rents will significantly increase in the next seven years of Morris' lease?
 - (a) What will you do to reduce this?
 - (5) What is the rent level for each of the individual floors in GMT?
 - (6) Can you breakdown the total rent cost for GMT last year including any non-rent or incentive costs?
 - (7) Can you put a timeline on when the 2007 GMT rent review will be completed and what rent you will pay whilst in dispute?
 - (8) In terms of car spaces leased by the State Government in the CBD are they paid for by employees or by the Government?
- 0350 PREMIER—OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Ms Parker to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
 - (a) What was the total cost of overseas travel undertaken by Premier and each Minister and Government employee in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/04
 - (ii) FY 2004/05
 - (iii) FY 2005/06
 - (iv) FY 2006/07
 - (v) FY 2007/08
 - (b) For the 2005-06 financial year, please provide details of the cost, locations visited and Minister/Premier undertaking overseas travel this period.
 - (c) For the 2006-07 financial year, please provide details of the cost, locations visited and Minister/Premier undertaking overseas travel this period.
 - (d) For the 2007-08 financial year to date, please provide details of the cost, locations visited and

Minister/Premier undertaking overseas travel this period.

0351 PREMIER—TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION MEMBERSHIP—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for:
 - (a) How many members of the Transport Workers Union does each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for employ?
 - (b) Do any of the awards under which members of the Transport Workers Union are employed provide for payments by any Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for to the Transport Workers Unions?
 - (a) If so, what was the value of these payments for each Department, Agency and Entity that the Minister is responsible for in:
 - (i) FY 2003/04
 - (ii) FY 2004/05
 - (iii) FY 2005/06
 - (iv) FY 2006/07

0352 BUDGET ESTIMATES—PREMIER—UNION DAYS OFF WORK—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for:
 - (a) How many days have members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/2004?
 - (ii) FY 2004/2005?
 - (iii) FY 2005/2006?
 - (iv) FY 2006/2007?
 - (b) What is the cost of members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/2004?
 - (ii) FY 2004/2005?
 - (iii) FY 2005/2006?
 - (iv) FY 2006/2007?
 - (c) How many days of paid leave have members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/2004?
 - (ii) FY 2004/2005?
 - (iii) FY 2005/2006?
 - (iv) FY 2006/2007?
 - (d) How many days of unpaid leave have members, of each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for, been away for work for union training, union business, etc. for the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/2004?
 - (ii) FY 2004/2005?
 - (iii) FY 2005/2006?
 - (iv) FY 2006/2007?

0353 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—PLASTIC PLANTS—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for:
- (a) What was the cost for each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for of purchasing plastic plants in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/2004?
 - (ii) FY 2004/2005?
 - (iii) FY 2005/2006?
 - (iv) FY 2005/2006?
 - (v) FY 2006/2007?
 - (b) What was the cost for each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier is responsible for of hiring/leasing plastic plants in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/2004?
 - (ii) FY 2004/2005?
 - (iii) FY 2005/2006?
 - (iv) FY 2005/2006?
 - (v) FY 2006/2007?

0354 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—AIR FLIGHTS OF FORMER MINISTERS AND OFFICE HOLDERS—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
- (a) What was the total number of airflights taken by each former Minister and Office Holder in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 1995/1996?
 - (ii) FY1996/1997?
 - (iii) FY1997/1998?
 - (iv) FY1998/1999?
 - (v) FY 1999/2000?
 - (vi) FY 2000/2001?
 - (vii) FY 2001/2002?
 - (viii) FY 2002/2003?
 - (ix) FY 2003/2004?
 - (x) FY 2004/2005?
 - (xi) FY 2005/2006?
 - (xii) FY 2006/2007?
 - (xiii) FY 2007/2008?
 - (b) What was the cost for airflights undertaken by former Office Holders and Ministers in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 1995/1996?
 - (ii) FY1996/1997?
 - (iii) FY1997/1998?
 - (iv) FY1998/1999?
 - (v) FY 1999/2000?
 - (vi) FY 2000/2001?
 - (vii) FY 2001/2002?
 - (viii) FY 2002/2003?
 - (ix) FY 2003/2004?
 - (x) FY 2004/2005?
 - (xi) FY 2005/2006?
 - (xii) FY 2006/2007?
 - (xiii) FY 2007/2008?

- (c) Which former Ministers and Office Holders had the entitlement for airflights to be paid for by the NSW Government in the following periods:
- (i) FY 1995/1996?
 - (ii) FY1996/1997?
 - (iii) FY1997/1998?
 - (iv) FY1998/1999?
 - (v) FY 1999/2000?
 - (vi) FY 2000/2001?
 - (vii) FY 2001/2002?
 - (viii) FY 2002/2003?
 - (ix) FY 2003/2004?
 - (x) FY 2004/2005?
 - (xi) FY 2005/2006?
 - (xii) FY 2006/2007?
 - (xiii) FY 2007/2008?

0355 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—SUPPORT TO FORMER MINISTERS—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
- (a) What was the total value of costs incurred on behalf of former Ministers and Office Holders with the exception of former Premiers in the following periods:
- (i) FY 1995/1996?
 - (ii) FY1996/1997?
 - (iii) FY1997/1998?
 - (iv) FY1998/1999?
 - (v) FY 1999/2000?
 - (vi) FY 2000/2001?
 - (vii) FY 2001/2002?
 - (viii) FY 2002/2003?
 - (ix) FY 2003/2004?
 - (x) FY 2004/2005?
 - (xi) FY 2005/2006?
 - (xii) FY 2006/2007?
 - (xiii) FY 2007/2008?
- (b) Which former Ministers and Office Holders, who ceased be a Member of Parliament, were provided with secretarial/ administrative support after leaving Office since 1995?
- (c) What was the cost for former Ministers and Office Holders, who ceased be a Member of Parliament, of providing secretarial/ administrative support after leaving Office since 1995?
- (d) For how long did was secretarial/ administrative support provided to former Ministers and Office Holders, who ceased be a Member of Parliament, since 1995?

0356 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—AIR CHARTER—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
- (a) What was the total cost of air charters undertaken by each Premier and Minister in the following periods:
- (i) FY 2003/04?
 - (ii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iii) FY 2005/06?
 - (iv) FY 2006/07?
 - (v) FY 2007/08?

- (b) For the 2006-07 financial year, please provide details of the cost, departure point, destination, locations visited and Minister/Premier undertaking each air charter in this period.
- (c) For the 2007-08 financial year to date, please provide details of the cost, departure point, destination, locations visited and Minister/Premier undertaking each air charter in this period.

0357 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—ALCOHOL PURCHASES—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:

(a) What was the total cost of alcohol purchases in the following periods:

- (i) FY 2003/04?
- (ii) FY 2004/05?
- (iii) FY 2005/06?
- (iv) FY 2006/07?
- (v) FY 2007/08?

0358 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—DISPLACED LIST—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many employees are displaced employees as at 19 October 2007?

(2) What is the total wages bill for employees who are displaced employees as at 19 October 2007?

(3) How many employees are registered as displaced employees as at 19 October 2007?

(4) What is the total wages bill for employees who are registered displaced employees as at 19 October 2007?

(5) How many employees are displaced employees but not registered as displaced employees as at 19 October 2007?

(6) What is the total wages bill for employees who are displaced employees but not registered as displaced employees as at 19 October 2007?

(7) When will mandatory registration of all displaced employees be implemented?

(8) What is the total cost of job placement for displaced employees in the following periods:

- (a) FY 2003/04?
- (b) FY 2004/05?
- (c) FY 2005/06?
- (d) FY 2006/07?
- (e) FY 2007/08?

(9) What is the total cost of managing displaced employees in the following periods:

- (a) FY 2003/04?
- (b) FY 2004/05?
- (c) FY 2005/06?
- (d) FY 2006/07?
- (e) FY 2007/08?

0359 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—REVIEWS—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:

(a) How many "reviews" were implemented/initiated by the Premier and each of his Ministers in each of the following periods:

- (i) FY 2005/06?
- (ii) FY 2006/07?

- (iii) FY 2007/08?
 - (b) What was the total cost of "reviews" that were implemented/initiated by the Premier and each Minister in each of the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2005/06?
 - (ii) FY 2006/07?
 - (iii) FY 2007/08?
 - (c) What was the name of each "review" implemented/initiated by the Premier and each Minister in each of the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2005/06?
 - (ii) FY 2006/07?
 - (iii) FY 2007/08?
- 0360 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—CHIEF OF STAFF—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
 - (a) What was the total value of remuneration paid to the Premier's Chief of Staff in each of the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2003/04?
 - (ii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iii) FY 2005/06?
 - (iv) FY 2006/07?
 - (v) FY 2007/08?
- 0361 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—MEDIA MONITORING—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
 - (a) What was the total cost of media monitoring undertaken in each of the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2002/03
 - (ii) FY 2003/04
 - (iii) FY 2004/05
 - (iv) FY 2005/06
 - (v) FY 2006/07
 - (vi) FY 2007/08
- 0362 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—MINISTERIAL STAFF—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
 - (a) How many Ministerial Staff have a remuneration package that exceeds \$300,000?
 - (b) How many Ministerial Staff have a remuneration package that exceeds \$250,000?
 - (c) How many Ministerial Staff have a remuneration package that exceeds \$200,000?
 - (d) How many Ministerial Staff have a remuneration package that exceeds \$150,000?
 - (e) How many Ministerial Staff have a remuneration package that exceeds \$100,000?
 - (f) How many Ministerial Staff have a remuneration package that is below \$100,000?
- 0363 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—LEGAL ADVICE—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:

- (a) What was the total value of legal advice provided to the Premier and each Minister from non-Government entities in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2002/03?
 - (ii) FY 2003/04?
 - (iii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iv) FY 2005/06?
 - (v) FY 2006/07?
 - (vi) FY 2007/08?
- (b) What was the total value of legal advice provided to Ministerial Staff from non-Government entities in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2002/03?
 - (ii) FY 2003/04?
 - (iii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iv) FY 2005/06?
 - (v) FY 2006/07?
 - (vi) FY 2007/08?
- (c) Which Ministerial Staff received legal advice from non-Government entities in the following periods:
 - (i) FY2002/03?
 - (ii) FY2003/04?
 - (iii) FY2004/05?
 - (iv) FY2005/06?
 - (v) FY2006/07?
 - (vi) FY2007/08?

0364 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—ACCESS TO GOVERNOR MACQUARIE TOWER—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
 - (a) How many individuals who are not Ministers and/or Government employees have security passes that allow them access to Governor Macquarie Tower as at 19 October 2007?
 - (b) What is the name of each individual that has a security pass, which allows them access to Governor Macquarie Tower as at 19 October 2007, who is not Ministers and/or Government employees?
 - (c) Why does this individual have a security pass?

0365 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—HOTEL ACCOMMODATION—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
 - (a) What was the total cost of hotel accommodation for each Minister in the following periods
 - (i) FY 2002/03?
 - (ii) FY 2003/04?
 - (iii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iv) FY 2005/06?
 - (v) FY 2006/07?
 - (vi) FY 2007/08?
 - (b) What was the total cost of hotel accommodation for each Ministerial Office in the following periods
 - (i) FY 2002/03?
 - (ii) FY 2003/04?
 - (iii) FY 2004/05?

- (iv) FY 2005/06?
 - (v) FY 2006/07?
 - (vi) FY 2007/08?
- (c) What was the total cost of hotel accommodation for departmental employees in the following periods
- (i) FY 2002/03?
 - (ii) FY 2003/04?
 - (iii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iv) FY 2005/06?
 - (v) FY 2006/07?
 - (vi) FY 2007/08?
- 0366 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
- (a) What was the total cost of redundancy payments for the Premiers Office and each Ministerial Office in the following periods:
 - (i) FY 2002/03?
 - (ii) FY 2003/04?
 - (iii) FY 2004/05?
 - (iv) FY 2005/06?
 - (v) FY 2006/07?
 - (vi) FY 2007/08?
- 0367 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—MINISTERIAL STAFF REDUNDANCY PACKAGES—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
- (a) How many Ministerial Staff have received redundancy packages in excess of \$200,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (b) How many Ministerial Staff have received redundancy packages in excess of \$150,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (c) How many Ministerial Staff have received redundancy packages in excess of \$100,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (d) Which Ministerial Staff have received redundancy packages in excess of \$200,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (e) Which Ministerial Staff have received redundancy packages in excess of \$150,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (f) Which Ministerial Staff have received redundancy packages in excess of \$100,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
- 0368 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT REDUNDANCY PACKAGES—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:
- (a) How many departmental employees have received redundancy packages in excess of \$200,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (b) How many departmental employees have received redundancy packages in excess of \$150,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
 - (c) How many departmental employees have received redundancy packages in excess of \$100,00 in

each financial year since 1 July 2002?

- (d) Which departmental employees have received redundancy packages in excess of \$200,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
- (e) Which departmental employees have received redundancy packages in excess of \$150,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?
- (f) Which departmental employees have received redundancy packages in excess of \$100,00 in each financial year since 1 July 2002?

0369 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PREMIER—UNION PAYMENTS—Mr Pearce to ask the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity that the Premier responsible for:

(a) What was the total value of payments to trade unions in the following periods:

- (i) FY 2002/03?
- (ii) FY 2003/04?
- (iii) FY 2004/05?
- (iv) FY 2005/06?
- (v) FY 2006/07?

(b) How much did each trade union receive in payments in the following periods:

- (i) FY 2002/03?
- (ii) FY 2003/04?
- (iii) FY 2004/05?
- (iv) FY 2005/06?
- (v) FY 2006/07?

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