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(Paper No. 49)

*2281 COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Could the Minister provide a breakdown of the total numbers of individuals who have lodged submissions with the relevant delegates as part of the boundaries review process for the following local government areas:
 - (a) Wollongong City Council;
 - (b) Shellharbour City Council;
 - (c) Kiama Municipal Council;
 - (d) Shoalhaven City Council?
- (2) Could the Minister provide a breakdown of the total numbers of organisations who have lodged submissions with the relevant delegates as part of the boundaries review process for the following local government areas:
 - (a) Wollongong City Council;
 - (b) Shellharbour City Council;
 - (c) Kiama Municipal Council;
 - (d) Shoalhaven City Council?
- (3) How many individuals who have lodged submissions with the relevant delegates as part of the boundaries review process have indicated that they support the amalgamation of the following councils proposed by the Government on 18 December 2015:
 - (a) Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils;
 - (b) Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils?
- (4) How many individuals who have lodged submissions with the relevant delegates as part of the boundaries review process have indicated that they oppose the amalgamation of the following councils proposed by the Government on 18 December 2015:
 - (a) Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils;
 - (b) Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils?
- (5) How many organisations who have lodged submissions with the relevant delegates as part of the boundaries review process have indicated that they support the amalgamation of the following councils proposed by the Government on 18 December 2015:
 - (a) Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils;
 - (b) Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils?
- (6) How many organisations who have lodged submissions with the relevant delegates as part of the boundaries review process have indicated that they oppose the amalgamation of the following councils proposed by the Government on 18 December 2015:
 - (a) Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils;
 - (b) Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils?

Answer-

Delegates of the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government are independently examining and reporting on the merger proposals.

18 FEBRUARY 2016

(Paper No. 50)

*2287 SALE OF A PORTION OF THE OLD GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many expressions of interest were received from interested parties in the sale of a portion of the old Gosford Public School site in Gosford?

Answer-

Five.

*2288 OLD GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What expression of interest process was undertaken in the proposed sale of the old Gosford Public School site in Gosford?

Answer-

The expression of interest (EOI) process was a public process undertaken by Government Property NSW on behalf of the landowner, the Department of Education. The EOI was published on the NSW government's e-tendering website.

- *2289 OPAL RETAIL MACHINES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) How many OPAL Retail Machines are in operation across New South Wales?
 - (2) What is the current backlog of OPAL Retail Machines across New South Wales?
 - (3) What steps have the Government taken to increase the supply of OPAL Retail Machines to meet the demand from businesses applying to be retailers?

Answer-

Details for all Opal retailers are available at www.retailers.opal.com.au.

- *2290 OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) How many applications from businesses wanting to be OPAL Card retailers have been received from business in the electorate of Port Stephens?
 - (2) How many applications from New South Wales businesses wanting to be OPAL Card retailers have been received from businesses that are deemed to be outside of the OPAL network, and thus denied?
 - (3) Have any applications from New South Wales businesses wanting to be OPAL Card retailers, but who are outside the OPAL Network, been successful?

Answer-

Details for all Opal retailers are available at www.retailers.opal.com.au.

- *2292 OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB GRANTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many applications were received for the initial round of Out of School Club Grants?
 - (a) How many of these applications were successful?
 - (b) What was the average total funds allocated to successful grants?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not operate an Out of School Club Grants program.

- *2293 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
 - (1) What action is the Government taking to minimize and mitigate against flooding in suburban areas such as Granville?
 - (2) What funding will be made available to local government, or non-government organisations to minimise or mitigate against flooding in Granville?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for the Environment.

- *2294 SYDNEY WATER CAPITAL WORKS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
 - (1) What investment is planned by Sydney Water for works in the Granville electorate for the following projects:
 - (a) Water asset maintenance and renewal;
 - (b) Water pressure management;
 - (c) Water pressure monitoring;
 - (d) Leak detection;
 - (e) Wastewater avoid fail program;
 - (f) Wastewater dig and repair program;
 - (g) Sewer and Stormwater Rehabilitation Program;
 - (h) Internal Surcharge Improvement Program;
 - (i) Stormwater naturalisation;

- (j) Silt and debris management?
- (2) What volume of wastewater was discharged by sewer overflows into waterways in the Granville electorate over the past 12 months?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water expects to invest around \$40-50 million in networks augmentation within the Granville electorate over the next five years. This program of works includes water, sewer, wastewater treatment and stormwater projects.
- (2) The volume discharged by wastewater overflows into waterways in the Granville electorate for the 2014-15 financial year is estimated to be 585 mega litres. The wastewater going into Sydney Water's wastewater system is made up of about 99.8 per cent water. Wet weather overflows are a mix of stormwater (about 80%) and wastewater (about 20%) discharged through the emergency relief structures into stormwater channels and local waterways. The quality of this heavily diluted wastewater can be similar to urban stormwater runoff.
- *2295 SENIORS CARD—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) What is the average monthly number of new applications for seniors cards from residents of the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?
 - (2) Over the last 12 months, what proportion of applications for seniors cards were made online by residents of the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?
 - (3) Over the last 12 months, what proportion of applications for seniors cards were made by telephone to Service NSW by residents of the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?
 - (4) Over the last 12 months, what proportion of applications for seniors cards were made by in person at a Service NSW centre by residents of the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that on average, approximately 135 applications for seniors' cards per month are made from customers in the postcodes listed.
- (2) Approximately 79%.
- (3) Approximately 20%.
- (4) In 2015, more than 7,000 seniors' card enquiries were made in the Service Centre network.
- *2296 TRAIN FARES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering that the December 2015 Independent and Regulatory Tribunal draft report reveals that ticket costs for many longer journeys, such as a train ride from Cardiff to Central, will rise, how will the Minister compensate passengers in the Hunter for the fare rise?

Answer-

The Government has yet to finalise changes to fares.

- *2298 PROVISION OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
 - (1) What Government funding is provided to services operating in the Auburn electorate regarding respite care for children and school students with disabilities?
 - (2) What Government funding is provided to services operating in the Auburn electorate regarding respite care for post school young adults with disabilities?

Answer-

The NSW Government provides respite funding in a number of ways. They can be block funded where non-government service providers receive funding directly from FACS to provide respite support for families, and more recently individualised funding for families where families can choose the services they need from the provider of their choice.

Under Stronger Together 2 and Ready Together, there is a focus on individualised funding for people with disability, their carers and families giving them greater flexibility, choice and control and a greater range of flexible support options.

Families can use their flexible respite to include a variety of respite options, such as leisure and recreation activities of their choice, to participate in the community or an overnight respite stay.

- *2299 OLDER PEOPLE IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
 - (1) What assessments have the Government conducted to identify the specific needs of culturally and linguistically diverse older people in the Auburn electorate?
 - (2) What consultation has the Government carried out with community based and State and Federal Government organisations representing culturally and linguistically diverse older people from the following backgrounds:
 - (a) Chinese speaking backgrounds;
 - (b) Arabic speaking backgrounds;
 - (c) Turkish speaking backgrounds;
 - (d) Vietnamese speaking backgrounds;
 - (e) Korean speaking backgrounds;
 - (f) Indian speaking backgrounds?
 - (3) What strategies has the Government developed to prevent discrimination against these groups in:
 - (a) Aged care, particularly residential services;
 - (b) Health and welfare services?
 - (4) What strategies has the Government developed to promote positive ageing for these groups of people in the Auburn electorate?
 - (5) What specific strategies have been developed to meet the needs of ageing people from the following backgrounds in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Chinese speaking backgrounds;
 - (b) Arabic speaking backgrounds;
 - (c) Turkish speaking backgrounds;
 - (d) Vietnamese speaking backgrounds;
 - (e) Korean speaking backgrounds;
 - (f) Indian speaking backgrounds?

Answer-

The key principles of the NSW government's strategic plan Harmony in Action 2014 17 identify a determination to:

- engage with all sections of society and reduce barriers to participation
- enable equitable access to services and programs
- enrich social and economic capacity through cultural diversity as an asset of NSW.

Multicultural NSW's community engagement is based on international best practice and seeks to engage the diverse communities of New South Wales. It is premised on the NSW government's capacity to draw relevant community information and perspectives from a range of standing and issues-based forums. It also recognises the importance of localised responses complementary to state-wide action.

The Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) state-wide Multicultural Advisory Group and Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC) Cultural Diversity Expert Advisory Group also regularly consult with multicultural communities and organisations in relation to FACS services and the delivery of disability services and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Consultation also occurs at a District level.

Funding is also provided to peak organisations to advocate on behalf of older people in NSW to remove barriers to their participation and support their voices to be heard.

The Elder Abuse Helpline was established in March 2013 and is funded by the NSW Government. It works with telephonic interpreter services where required, and provides written information in a range of community languages.

The Living Active Lives District Pilot Program provides grants to encourage local initiatives to increase the participation of vulnerable older people. Two of the five grants were provided in Western Sydney, with one focusing on older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The Liveable Communities grants will provide a range of programs across NSW which aim to ensure that older people from all cultural backgrounds are able to continue to participate in, contribute to and be included in their communities.

Other programs accessible to older people in the Auburn electorate include Active Ageing, Real Men Move and the Creative Ageing Funding Program.

Initiatives delivered under the Ageing Strategy are available to people from all backgrounds, including those within the Auburn electorate. These include:

- Tech Savvy Seniors training is offered by the Auburn City Library Service in Chinese both Cantonese and Mandarin, and in Vietnamese.
- The NSW Seniors Card provides government concessions to over 19,000 registered cardholders in the Auburn electorate.
- The NSW Seniors Festival provides opportunities for seniors to remain healthy, active, engaged and to
 participate in community life. Auburn City Council is a recipient of a 2016 Seniors Festival grants to
 deliver a 10-day program of events to be delivered in partnership with the Arab Council, Auburn
 Diversity Services, The Sierra Leone Women's Wan Word, Auburn Tamil Society and Western Sydney
 Community Centre.

The NSW Ageing Strategy is available on the Family and Community Services website at http://www.ageing.nsw.gov.au/publications.

- *2302 OPAL CARD TOP-UP MACHINES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - Does the Government currently have plans to locate an Opal card top-up machine at Croydon, Homebush, Flemington and North Strathfield stations, considering that as at 17 February 2016 the Transport for NSW website shows that Opal card top-up machines are not located at these stations?
 (a) If so, when will the top-up machines be installed at these stations?

Answer-

The roll-out of Opal top-up machines at stations is now underway. More than 350 machines will be available across train stations, ferry wharves, and bus and light rail stops by the end of the roll-out, providing coverage for the vast majority of customers.

Details of Opal retailers and top-up machines are available on the Opal website.

15% of people use top ups.

- *2303 STATION STAFF—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) station staff were located at the following stations as at 31 January 2014:
 - (a) Croydon;
 - (b) Burwood;
 - (c) Strathfield;
 - (d) Homebush;
 - (e) Flemington;
 - (f) North Strathfield;
 - (g) Concord West?

- (2) How many FTE station staff were located at the following stations as at 31 January 2016:
 - (a) Croydon;
 - (b) Burwood;
 - (c) Strathfield;
 - (d) Homebush;
 - (e) Flemington;
 - (f) North Strathfield;
 - (g) Concord West?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to alter the FTE station staff at each station over the next twelve months?
 - (a) If so, what are the Government's plans?

Answer-

Opal Ticketing has provided Sydney Trains an opportunity to improve its approach to customer service. While there will be a change to total numbers of staff, customers will notice more staff out on stations helping them with their journeys.

This approach has been trialled extensively across the network and resulted in a more than 20 per cent increase in compliments from customers regarding the service they received.

- *2304 UNREGISTERED VEHICLES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) How many fines were issued for driving unregistered vehicles in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2014?
 - (2) How many fines were issued to residents of the Strathfield electorate for driving unregistered vehicles in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

- (1) The number of fines issued to drivers of unregistered vehicles (all vehicle classes) in each of the 2011 to 2015 calendar years is as follows:
 - (a) 2011 43,105;
 - (b) 2012 48,793;
 - (c) 2013 59,918;
 - (d) 2014 64,124;
 - (e) 2015 58,707.
- (2) The number of fines issued to drivers of unregistered vehicles (all vehicle classes) in suburbs in the Strathfield electorate, based on offence location, in each of the 2011 to 2015 calendar years is as follows:
 - (a) 2011 516;
 - (b) 2012 613;
 - (c) 2013 801;
 - (d) 2014 909;
 - (e) 2015 677.
- *2306 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) Can the Minister please list the \$6.8 billion of improvements to the WestConnex project since it was initially proposed?
 - (2) What scope changes have resulted in an increase in the cost of WestConnex by \$6.8 billion?

Answer-

This information is publically available in the Updated Strategic Business Case released in November 2015.

- *2307 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) How many homes have been compulsorily acquired for the WestConnex project as of 16 February 2016?
 - (2) How many residents are currently paying rent to live in a home that has been compulsory acquired as

of 16 February 2016?

(3) How many homes that have been compulsorily acquired for WestConnex have had a tenant in them since they were acquired?

Answer_

Thirteen properties have been compulsorily acquired for WestConnex.

As at 16 February 2016, residents of seven properties are paying rent to RMS in accordance with legislative requirements under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

*2308 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Government have any plans to institute a permanent funding agreement with local councils to continue the Local Government Road Safety Program, specifically providing funding for councils to continue employing a Road Safety Officer position, on a three year rolling programme basis, commencing when the current three year funding agreement expires on 30 June 2017?

Answer-

The Local Government Road Safety Program is a critical part of the NSW Government's actions under the NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012-21. Because of the Program's unique capacity to deliver road safety projects at the local community level, the NSW Government is committed to continuing the Program into the future, and expanding it to include councils not currently participating, where possible.

- *2309 OPAL CARD—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Can the process for applying for a Gold Opal card be made more pensioner-friendly, considering that pensioners who do not have internet access or a debit card, currently find the process difficult, as do those who live in rural areas with few Opal retailers?
 - (a) If not, why?
 - (2) When will the Maitland area have more top up stations become available, considering the area currently has three Opal retailers?

Answer-

- (1) Seniors and pensioners can easily apply for a Gold Opal card anytime at opal.com.au or without needing the internet or a credit card or debit by calling 13 67 25 (13OPAL) or by visiting any of the many Service NSW centres, including the Maitland Service NSW centre, and get assistance to apply for a Gold Opal card using the centre's computer or telephone facilities.
- (2) There are presently 12 Opal retailers in the Maitland area, four in East Maitland (including the Maitland Service NSW centre), three in Maitland, three in Telarah and Rutherford, two in Thornton.
- *2310 REDUCTION IN TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Due to reduction in train services in Newcastle have there been any statistics indicating a decrease in use of public transport in the Hunter region?
 - (2) What is the ultimate financial cost of these decreases?

Answer-

Information about rail patronage is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics' website.

*2312 TESTERS HOLLOW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Considering that the Testers Hollow has been cut by flood waters twice in nine months, and that there is a large community living at Gillieston Heights:

- (1) Will the Minister provide urgent funding for planning or upgrading of Cessnock Road at Testers Hollow?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer-

A 2013 study identified providing a flood free route through Testers Hollow as an issue requiring significant planning, flood mitigation and road considerations.

Roads and Maritime Services is working with other government departments and stakeholders on a whole of government approach to address this issue for the local community.

- *2315 MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Does Maitland Hospital have access to psychologists and/or medical personnel that are trained to deal with patients with addictions to violence inducing drugs such as methamphetamines?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, will people with this training be appointed to Maitland Hospital?
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer-

Maitland Hospital has staff specialists who have specialised training in toxicology. The medical and nursing teams from Maitland Hospital Emergency Department are very experienced in toxicology presentations.

Maitland Hospital has access to a drug and alcohol nurse to assess and give advice on programs for people with addictions. There is also a drug and alcohol service and a psychologist available for inpatients.

The Mental Health Unit at Maitland Hospital is well-equipped and experienced in managing drug-induced psychosis caused by methamphetamines.

- *2318 COST TO DEMOLISH THE PELICAN MARINA—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
 - (1) Can the Minister please advise how much the demolition of the Pelican Marina cost New South Wales taxpayers?
 - (a) Where did those funds come from?

Answer-

As demolition and clean-up of the site is still progressing, it is too early to detail the total cost of the demolition.

*2319 COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF THE PELICAN MARINA COLLAPSE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Is the Minister preparing for compensation for those adversely affected by the collapse of the Pelican Marina?

Answer—

The Department of Primary Industries Lands offered support and assistance to the occupants of the building immediately following the incident, and will continue to offer assistance as appropriate.

*2320 INDEPENDENT STRUCTURAL REPORT—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Can the Minister please advise if he will release the Independent Structural Report into the condition of the Pelican Marina that was undertaken in December 2015?

Answer—

The release of this report is currently being considered.

*2321 WORKCOVER REPORT ABOUT THE PELICAN MARINA—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Can the Minister please advise if he will release the WorkCover report conducted in September 2015 regarding the condition of the Pelican Marina?

Answer-

The Notices were issued to the former operator of the Pelican Marina by SafeWork NSW.

*2322 DEMOLISHED PELICAN MARINA—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Can the Minister please advise if the demolished Pelican Marina will be replaced with a new marina?

Answer-

It is too early to determine the future use of this site.

*2323 FUTURE OF THE PELICAN MARINA SITE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Can the Minister please advise if there is a plan of management for the future use of the Pelican Marina site?

Answer-

It is too early to determine the future use of this site.

- *2327 OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) How many Opal card retailers are there in the Newcastle electorate?
 - (a) What are the exact locations of these retailers?

Answer-

Opal retailer locations may be found at www.retailers.opal.com.au.

*2328 REVENUE COLLECTION OFFICERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many revenue collection officers are employed by the State Transit Authority in Newcastle?

Answer-

Information on Transport Officers is available in the Transport for NSW 2014-15 Annual Report.

*2329 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Government deliver not just a light rail 'spine', but also a 'line extension' (Hansard 17 December 2015) for Newcastle in the same way it is now proposing these line extensions in light rail for Parramatta?

Answer—

Investigations are currently underway to determine the best options for expanding Newcastle's light rail network in the future.

This includes reviewing bus and potential light rail links to key destinations such as Hunter Stadium, John Hunter Hospital, University of Newcastle, and major retail and renewal areas.

The first stage of light rail will be designed and built so as not to preclude future construction options.

*2331 TRAM TRAINS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Did the Government consider 'Tram Trains' when it was developing its plans for the future public transport needs of Newcastle?

Answer-

'Tram Trains' were investigated as part of the Newcastle Light Rail feasibility stage in February 2014 and considered unsuitable for the project.

*2332 INNER NEWCASTLE TRAFFIC STUDY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When will the Inner Newcastle Traffic Study (reference LA Q0029) be completed?

Answer-

This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*2333 KING EDWARD PARK HEADLAND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Why has the temporary fence not been removed from around the King Edward Park Headland?

Answer—

Following demolition of the former Newcastle Bowling Club buildings, the site is considered unsafe for public access.

- *2346 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE APPLICATION REVIEW—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) Is the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) complying with Section 4.10 of the Attorney General's Internal Review Guidelines under the Fines Act 1966 which requires the SDRO to determine an application for review with reference to submissions made in a written application?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) Is the SDRO taking Section 4.7 of the Attorney General's Caution Guidelines under the Fines Act 1966 into consideration when determining an application for review?
 - (a) If not, what is the Minister's response to SDRO's non-compliance?
 - (3) Is the SDRO using the provision for an offender to request a penalty review on the grounds of having a clear driving record for the past 10 years as a mandatory requirement when any submission covered under Section 4.7 of the Attorney General's Caution Guidelines is made?
 - (a) If so, what is the Minister's response to this concern?

Answer-

I am advised the Attorney General's Internal Review and Caution Guidelines do not apply to agencies that have issued their own internal review guidelines.

The Office of State Revenue (OSR) has its own Review Guidelines, which detail the situations where a review may be considered, based on the most common scenarios, and the evidence required to support the request. OSR will consider the Attorney General's Guidelines for scenarios that fall outside its own guidelines. All three sets of guidelines can be viewed via OSRs fines website, www.sdro.nsw.gov.au.

When conducting a review, OSR considers all available evidence and issues raised by the applicant along with the relevant law and notes made by the issuing officer before making a final decision. The outcome may be that the penalty is affirmed, cancelled or replaced with a caution.

OSR does not require a 10 year clear driving record before it will consider a request to review a penalty notice. However, a person can seek leniency based on a 10 year clear driving record for traffic offences that incur demerit points.

OSR will not consider a driving record for serious offences that involve a major safety risk, including school zones offences, speeding more than 30 km/h over the limit or driving while using a mobile phone.

- *2347 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR WESTCONNEX CONTRACTORS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) Does the requirement of the NSW Procurement Board 'Construction Procurement Direction C2013-01: Financial Assessments' regarding obligations on agencies to undertake financial assessments prior to and throughout the life of a government procured construction project apply to the Sydney Motorway Corporation and the WestConnex project?
 - (2) Considering that the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation's 'Central Repository: Financial Assessment Services Reports 13/01/2016' do not contain financial assessments of many of the companies that have been awarded millions of dollars in contracts for WestConnex such as major companies Leighton Holdings and Samsung C & T, can the Minister outline what assessments have been done on companies that are contracted for WestConnex work?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

- *2348 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) Can you confirm whether the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program is offered in any New South Wales public schools?
 - (a) If not, has there been any consideration of whether the IB diploma program would be an appropriate course to offer in the New South Wales public school system?

- (2) Is the IB diploma program offered in the public school system in other Australian states?
- (1) The International Baccalaureate diploma program is not offered in New South Wales public schools.

 (a) No.
- (2) This information is publicly available.
- *2349 PLANS FOR BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) When will the Bankstown train line be closed to allow construction of the Sydney Metro?
 - (2) What is the estimate for how long the train line will remain closed?
 - (3) What alternative transport options will be available to travellers who use the Bankstown line?
 - (4) What are the future plans for Erskineville and St Peters stations, which are now part of the Bankstown line, but will not be on the Sydney Metro line?

Answer-

- (1) and (2) This detail will be made available during public consultation in mid 2016 in the environmental impact statement.
- (3) An interim replacement bus service will be available during the temporary suspension of rail services.
- (4) Erskineville and St Peters stations will continue to be served by Sydney Trains services when Sydney Metro City & Southwest opens in 2024.
- *2351 WESTCONNEX IMPACTS ON SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
 - (1) Is the Minister aware of the close proximity of a number of child care centres, primary schools and playing fields to the proposed WestConnex routes on the M4 East and new M5?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that numerous significant omissions have been identified in the WestConnex new M5 EIS including at least 10 local schools and day care centres and three sports fields, all of which are in the project zone or immediate perimeter and will be significantly impacted by the project?
 - (3) Did the Minister or any relevant departments have any input into the EIS's or Updated Business Case for WestConnex given the proximity of schools, childcare facilities and sports fields to unfiltered ventilation stacks and highly congested local roads due to the forecast congestion predictions in these documents as a result of WestConnex?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Department of Planning and Environment is the responsible development approval (DA) authority for the WestConnex projects. As part of the DA approval process, the proponent is required to prepare an Environment Impact Statement taking into account local land uses such as schools. Stage 1 of the project, the M4 East, has been approved; and the M5 project is currently under consideration by the Department of Planning and Environment.
- *2356 CYCLING RULE CHANGES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With respect to the 21 December 2015 announcement about road rule changes that affect bike riders:

- (1) Did the Government's Cycling Roundtable unanimously support all changes in the package announced?
 - (a) If not, which changes did not have unanimous support?
- (2) What evidence did the Government use to assess the claimed safety improvements from increased fines?
- (3) How will the Government evaluate the claimed safety improvements including pre and post data?
- (4) What does the planned community education program include?
 - (a) How does the Government intend to reach bike riders and motorists?
- (5) What behaviour change programs will be carried out with bike riders and what programs with motorists?
- (6) What evidence did the Government use to assess the claimed safety improvements from the requirement to carry photographic identification?

- (7) What other jurisdictions require bike riders to always carry photographic identification?
- (8) What evidence did the Government use to assess impacts on cyclist numbers and behaviour of new identification requirements?
- (9) What assessment has the Government made of impacts on cyclist numbers and behaviour of new identification requirements?
- (10) What further action will the Government take to improve cycling safety?
- (11) How did the Government assess how the new cycling penalties could impact on the uptake of cycling including for commuters, casual riders and visitors to Sydney and what evidence was used to do so?
- (12) How did the Government assess how the identification requirements could impact on the uptake of cycling including for commuters, casual riders and visitors to Sydney and what evidence was used to do so?

Answer-

The NSW Government is committed to safe growth in bicycle riding. One of the main factors preventing the take up of cycling is safety concerns, and the cycling safety package announced on 21 December 2015 will help create a safer environment for all road users.

The reforms were developed in close consultation with key stakeholders via a series of roundtables. Members of the roundtable included the Amy Gillett Foundation, Bicycle NSW, Cycling NSW, Bicycle Network, Pedestrian Council of Australia, NRMA, Australian Medical Association and Government agencies such as the NSW Police and NSW Centre for Road Safety. Unfortunately, every stakeholder could not get 100 percent of what they wanted. Good government is about making decisions that balance the needs of everyone.

As with all road rules, the new penalties will only apply when bicycle riders do not observe the NSW Road Rules. The new penalties increase deterrence for riders who break the law and place themselves and others at risk. We do not want cyclists' money; that is not why we increased fines for high risk behaviour. These changes are about improving safety.

The review of penalty levels considered a range of evidence including NSW crash data, the risks to all road users caused by dangerous behaviours, NSW offence data and penalty levels in other Australian jurisdictions. The package will be evaluated, including the evaluation of the two year trial of a minimum passing distance. The Centre for Road Safety has commissioned the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety Queensland to undertake an independent evaluation of the minimum passing distance trial. The evaluation will provide a comprehensive evidence base to inform decisions about the continuation of the minimum passing distance laws beyond the two year trial period, and how they might be modified to maximise the safety outcomes. It will also add to the evidence base around the effectiveness of the minimum passing distance laws.

The evaluation methodology involves several data sources: pre and post-trial surveys with cyclists and motorists, pre and post-trial observational data collection, stakeholder consultation, analysis of crash and infringement data and document review. Pre-data collection of surveys and observations has already taken place. Post-data will be collected at a comparable time in 2017.

The requirement for an adult bicycle rider to provide a NSW Police officer with photo ID when suspected of committing a road transport offence will not come into effect until 1 March 2017. Primarily, this change was intended to ensure family members can be notified if there is a crash and to help emergency services staff do their job properly and provide the best support they can. If we are serious about safety we need to improve the efficiency of police enforcement by making it easier for Police officers to correctly establish the identity a cyclist in the event of an offence. The Centre for Road Safety and cycling stakeholder groups already encourage bicycle riders to carry ID, as this assists emergency services attending to a bicycle rider in the event of a crash.

A campaign was launched to inform the community of these changes. The Go Together campaign consists of newspaper, radio, digital, outdoor and social media. Included in the campaign is the introduction of a minimum passing distance, a major part of the safety package. An online animation outlines the minimum passing distance rule to drivers. Detailed information for drivers and bicycle riders has been provided on the Centre for Road Safety Website at http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/go-together/index.html.

Further to this, Transport for NSW funds the Local Government Road Safety Program. Road Safety Officers employed by the program promote cycling safety activities in the community. Road Rules Awareness Week in February provides an opportunity to engage the community on rules that protect road users, including bicycle riders.

*2358 CONCESSIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRAVELLERS' PRIVACY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Regarding the August 2015 NSW Privacy Commissioner statement which expressed disappointment that removal of the Pensioner Excursion and TravelTen tickets prevent concession holders travelling anonymously:

- (1) What concerns have been raised with the Government that concessional card holders do not have an Opal card or concession benefit option that does not require them to register their personal information?
- (2) What assessment has been made on Queensland and New Zealand transport ticket models which provide alternative options to senior concessional travellers so they can travel with anonymity?
- (3) What other models and options did the Government consider?
- (4) To what extent is the Government committed to developing a ticket option beyond single and return tickets for concessional travellers that allows them to receive concession benefits while travelling anonymously?

Answer-

The Privacy Commissioner has stated that Transport for NSW is operating in full compliance with current NSW privacy laws in regards to Opal and concession cards. All personal information is handled securely in accordance with the Opal Privacy Policy, which has been developed in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, and in consultation with the NSW Office of the Privacy Commissioner. More information is available from www.opal.com.au.

- *2359 CLEVELAND STREET INTENSIVE ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) What is the long term budget the Government committed to for the new inner city public high school planned for the site of the Cleveland Street Intensive English High School?
 - (2) What amount of this budget will be used to relocate the existing Cleveland Street Intensive English High School to another site?

Answer—

On 16 February 2015 the Government committed more than \$60 million for the Inner City High School project as part of the Rebuilding NSW plan.

*2361 WETHERILL PARK SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How much does the Government pay in rent for the Service NSW site in Wetherill Park?

Answer-

The current annual rent paid is \$308,489.64 including outgoings (excluding GST).

*2364 DRONE VEHICLES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Have any Government representatives met with members of the Commonwealth Government regarding the implementation of regulations to control the use of drone vehicles around prisons in New South Wales?

Answer-

Written representations to the Commonwealth Attorney-General requesting legislative changes on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles near prisons have been made by the Hon. Wade Noonan MP, Minister for Corrections, Victoria on behalf of the Corrective Services Ministers' Conference.

- *2365 MOBILE PHONE SCANNERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) As of 1 January 2016, how many mobile phone scanners have been procured for New South Wales correctional centres?
 - (a) How many of these mobile phone scanners have been installed in New South Wales correctional centres?

Answer—

22 additional detectors were ordered. They were delivered by 15 March 2016 and will be rolled out in

maximum security and minimum security centres as staff are trained how to use them.

- *2366 FULL CHAIR BODY SCANNERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) As of 1 January 2016, how many full chair body scanners have been procured for New South Wales correctional centres?
 - (a) How many of these full chair body scanners have been installed in New South Wales correctional centres?

Answer-

The BOSS chair is being used at Goulburn Correctional Centre. Given its portability, the BOSS chair is also able to be used at the adjacent High Risk Management Correctional Centre.

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- *2371 FUNDING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many students in government schools in the Maitland electorate receive funding support for a physical or intellectual disability?
 - (2) How many students in non-government schools in the Maitland electorate receive funding support for a physical or intellectual disability?

Answer-

- (1) and (2) All eligible students in the Maitland electorate with a physical or intellectual disability receive funding support in line with policy.
- *2373 LYME DISEASE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Has the Minister written to the Commonwealth Government seeking recognition of Lyme disease in Australia?
 - (a) If not, does the Minister have any plans to write to the Commonwealth Government seeking recognition of Lyme disease in Australia?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer-

NSW Health has a webpage and fact sheets dedicated to informing the public and clinicians about the symptoms of Lyme disease, how to obtain accredited testing for Lyme disease, and links to information about evidence-based treatment of Lyme disease. The information is available at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/lyme-disease.aspx.

- *2374 WAIT TIME FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—
 - (1) What is the average wait time for an appointment with an occupational therapist to complete a home assessment through Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (2) Will the Minister be providing extra funding to reduce these waiting times?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Information at this level is not collected centrally.

Occupational Therapists work in local services across the Hunter New England Local Health District and manage requests on an individual service basis.

- *2375 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) Considering that at the New England Highway at Whittingham there have been 12 deaths in just 11 years, will there be an investigation into decreasing the speed limit along this stretch of road?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer-

In 2013, the northbound speed zone on the New England Highway was reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h surrounding the intersection with Golden Highway. In 2015, a 80 km/h southbound speed zone was installed at this location.

In light of ongoing concerns, Roads and Maritime Services will conduct a further review of the speed zone near Whittington. Roads and Maritime expects to complete this review by mid-2016.

- *2376 HOUSING NSW IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) What is the Government doing to provide additional support to Housing NSW in Maitland to overcome the growing problem of hoarding and squalor in Housing NSW properties?
 - (a) What is the Government doing to support affected residents?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) works closely with several non-government organisations to address hoarding and squalor problems across the FACS Hunter district.

- *2377 REPORTING OF REPAIRS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) What is the average waiting time on the phone for social housing tenants calling the 1300 HOUSING phone number when repairs are required to their social housing property?
 - (2) Would an additional supplementary internet-based reporting scheme reduce phone waiting times?
 - (a) If so, has the Government undertaken any study into the feasibility of such a scheme?

Answer-

In 2015 the Housing Contact Centre responded to over 803,000 calls. Factors which can influence the number of calls to the Centre, include increased storm activity and other localised situations.

FACS has implemented strategies to minimise the impact on clients.

FACS encourages clients to use its online maintenance reporting service, eRepair, for non-urgent repair requests.

- *2378 EAST MAITLAND COURT HOUSE SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) Has the Government taken any steps to sell off any of the East Maitland Court House site?
 - (2) Are there any future plans from the Government to sell off any or all of the East Maitland Court House site?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Attorney General.

*2379 GONSKI—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

How will the Government provide adequate resources to New South Wales schools, considering that the Commonwealth Government is not funding the final two years of Gonski?

Answer—

The Government remains committed to providing the additional \$1.76 billion it promised under the Gonski agreement, including for years 5 and 6. The Government will also continue to advocate for the Commonwealth Government to honour its commitment to fully fund the National Education Reform Agreement.

- *2380 STAMP DUTY REVENUE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) How much revenue did the Government raise in stamp duty in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2166;
 - (b) 2176;
 - (c) 2177;
 - (d) 2170?

Answer—

The table below shows the amount of stamp duty paid on transfers of land in each of the specified postcodes for the requested financial years.

Postcode	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
2166	\$13.32 million	\$14.70 million	\$19.76 million
2176	\$10.89 million	\$12.34 million	\$14.30 million
2177	\$2.50 million	\$8.14 million	\$4.44 million
2170	\$34.91 million	\$51.54 million	\$68.43 million

- *2381 SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of Stage 4 of the Newleaf development?
 - (2) Under the Government's social housing policy, how many affordable dwellings will be built in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

- (1) UrbanGrowth NSW is progressing the delivery of Stage 4.
- (2) Information on the Government's social housing policy is available on the Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.
- *2383 OFFICIAL VISITS TO CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) Has the Premier visited the Cabramatta electorate in his official capacity since becoming Premier in 2014?
 - (a) If so, how many times has the Premier visited?
 - (b) If so, on what dates did the visits occur?

Answer-

I am always happy to visit local electorates at the invitation of local members if timing permits.

*2384 LIGHT RAIL TRAVEL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

In relation to the proposal to allow school students to use their Opal card to travel to and from school on light rail:

- (1) Can you advise the estimated cost of this proposal?
- (2) Can you advise the estimated number of students who would use light rail services to travel to and from school?

Answer-

Transport for NSW is considering how light rail could be incorporated into the current SSTS policy guidelines.

*2385 CBD LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

In relation to the CBD light rail project:

- (1) How many trams per hour will run each way during peak periods in 2019?
- (2) By how much can this be increased to in later years?

Answer-

- (1) Up to 13,500 passengers can be moved across both directions during the peak.
- (2) The opening capacity of the CBD and South East Light Rail will provide the level of service to meet future demand.
- *2386 ADDITIONAL CARRIAGES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Why did the South Coast Line not receive additional carriages that were announced in January 2016?
 - (2) How many complaints has the 131500 line received regarding a lack of carriages and overcrowding on the South Coast Line over the past two years (to 17 February 2016)?
 - (3) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of carriages from four to eight on the South Coast Line, considering that commuters are often forced to stand for over an hour and a half on this line?

(a) When will this increase be implemented?

Answer-

- (1) and (3) Last year additional carriages were added on South Coast Line services which were experiencing crowding issues. The majority of South Coast services running during peak periods are 8 carriages long.
- (2) Complaints regarding crowding on the South Coast Line made up less than 1% of complaints over the two year period.
- *2387 TRAIN STATIONS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) What is the monthly revenue from ticket sales at the following railway stations from July 2012 to July 2015 (inclusive):
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Auburn Station;
 - (c) Regents Park Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Olympic Park Station?
 - (2) Are there any other sources of revenue from these stations?
 - (a) If so, what amounts were received from these other sources from July 2012 to July 2015?
 - (3) What minor and major capital works have been carried out at the following stations between July 2012 and July 2015:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Auburn Station;
 - (c) Regents Park Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Olympic Park Station?
 - (4) What was the total cost of all major and minor capital works carried out at the following stations between July 2012 and July 2015:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Auburn Station;
 - (c) Regents Park Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Olympic Park Station?

Answer—

- (1) (2) and (4) Annual revenue figures are available in the annual report.
- (3) Major capital works were undertaken at Lidcombe and Auburn as part of the Station Refresh Program. This program includes a deep clean and overhaul of facilities, such as upgraded toilets, energy-efficient lighting, and repainting.
- *2388 STOLEN BICYCLES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) How many bicycles were reported stolen to NSW Police at the Flemington Local Area Command in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (2) How many bicycles were recovered by NSW Police at the Flemington Local Area Command in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (3) How many incidents reported to NSW Police at the Flemington Local Area Command involved assault and the theft of a bicycle or intimidation and the theft of a bicycle in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

Answer-

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences and may be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

- *2389 HOUSE BREAK AND ENTER INCIDENTS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) How many house break and enter incidents were reported to NSW Police at the Flemington Local Area Command in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

- (2) How many house break and enter incidents reported to NSW Police at the Flemington Local Area Command involved the use of a prohibited weapon in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (3) How many house break and enter incidents reported to NSW Police at the Flemington Local Area Command involved assault or intimidation of the occupants in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

Answer-

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences and may be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

- *2390 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) What are the total enrolments for the following public schools in the Auburn electorate in 2016 (to 23 February 2016):
 - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (b) Auburn North Public School;
 - (c) Auburn Public School;
 - (d) Auburn West Public School;
 - (e) Berala Public School;
 - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School:
 - (g) Granville East Public School;
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (i) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (i) Newington Public School;
 - (k) Regents Park Public School?
 - (2) What were the total enrolments for the following public schools in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015:
 - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (b) Auburn North Public School;
 - (c) Auburn Public School;
 - (d) Auburn West Public School;
 - (e) Berala Public School;
 - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (g) Granville East Public School;
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (i) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (i) Newington Public School;
 - (k) Regents Park Public School?

Answer-

- (1) and (2) This information is available on the Department of Education's website.
- *2391 DENTAL SERVICES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
 - (1) What was the total budget allocated to dental services at Westmead Hospital in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
 - (2) What volume of dental procedures was agreed at Westmead Hospital in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
 - (3) What volume of dental procedures was completed at Westmead Hospital in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer-

The NSW Ministry of Health regularly reports public dental service activity and waiting list data via its website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth.

- *2392 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
 - (1) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made by residents of the:
 - (a) Holroyd Local Government Area (LGA);

- (b) Parramatta LGA?
- (2) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made concerning properties in the:
 - (a) Holroyd LGA;
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
- (3) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Holroyd LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
- (4) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Parramatta LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
- (5) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, which were the top ten government agencies or authorities to which the NSW Graffiti Hotline referred the most reports of graffiti clean-up and removal?
- (6) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what was the average time taken between reporting of graffiti and clean-up/removal?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance. Services and Property.

*2394 LETTER REGARDING CHILD AT RISK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What is your reply to the email of Sun-Jae An of Charislaw sent to you on 16 February 2016 concerning a child at risk case?

Answer-

I have been advised that the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has written to Ms An in response to her complaint. FACS has conducted a review of the child's case. Ms An has been advised of the outcome of her complaint and FACS's review of the case.

- *2395 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) Which divisions within Family and Community Services have moved to Liverpool since 1 March 2014?
 - (a) On what dates did this occur?
 - (b) How many staff were involved during these moves?

Answer_

Over 100 staff have moved to Liverpool from Strategic Information and Learning and Development.

*2396 VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by former and/or current employees of NSW Businesslink since 25 March 2014?

Answer-

Information on staffing is available in the FACS Annual Report which is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2397 CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Does the critical incident investigation surrounding the shooting of Senior Constable Warburton and a security guard at Nepean Hospital on 12 January 2016 include investigating how and why Michael De Guzman was admitted to bail prior to that incident?

Answer-

The NSW Police Force has advised me that all the circumstances of this incident is the subject of investigation by the critical incident investigation team.

*2398 LOCAL COURT AND REGISTRY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is your response to the letter sent to you dated 23 November 2015 and accompanying petition from Balranald Shire Council concerning the Local Court and Registry closure in Balranald?

Answer-

I forwarded a response to the General Manager Balranald Shire Council on 31 December 2015.

*2399 SECURITY INCIDENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many security incidents have occurred in the following courts between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014?
 - (a) The Supreme Court;
 - (b) The District Court;
 - (c) The Local Court?
- (2) How many security incidents have occurred in the following courts between 1 July 2014 and 20 June 2015?
 - (a) The Supreme Court;
 - (b) The District Court;
 - (c) The Local Court?
- (3) How many security incidents have occurred in the following courts between 1 July 2015 and 23 February 2016?
 - (a) The Supreme Court:
 - (b) The District Court;
 - (c) The Local Court?

Answer-

I am advised by the Office of the Sherriff of NSW that incidents are recorded by location, not by jurisdiction, and as multiple jurisdictions can sit n single courthouse, figures cannot be provided in relation to the separate levels of courts.

*2400 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

Which are the three Government schools in the Liverpool electorate with eight or more demountable buildings on their grounds?

Answer-

Greenway Park Public School, Liverpool Girls High School and Miller High School.

*2401 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

What action will you take to prohibit the practice of workers compensation insurers obtaining a report of a medical examination of a worker but then refusing to disclose the report to the worker and their representative?

Answer-

There are a number of detailed legislative provisions in place that prevent an insurer from obtaining medical reports and then refusing to disclose the medical reports to the worker and their legal representative. These provisions are contained in sections 73 and 126 of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 and clause 46 of the Workers Compensation Regulation 2010.

If an insurer fails to provide a copy of a medical report to an injured worker in accordance with legislative requirements then the insurer cannot use the report to dispute liability or in proceedings before the Commission.

The Government is currently reviewing the Workers Compensation Regulation 2010 as part of the remaking of that Regulation which is due for staged repeal on 1 September 2016.

Once a draft of the remade regulation is produced it will be exhibited for public comment. Any concerns or comments on the disclosure of medical reports can be made during this consultation period.

*2402 NEW AMBULANCE STATION AT LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

When will the construction of the new ambulance station facility at 1 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool (the site of the old Liverpool Council Chambers) be complete?

Answer-

The Government is investing \$150 million in purpose-built paramedic response centres across metropolitan Sydney under the Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy.

Five new centres will be built at Bankstown, Blacktown, Kogarah, Liverpool and Penrith, and further sites will be announced as the program develops.

*2403 MRI MACHINE FOR MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to the MRI machine for Mount Druitt Hospital included in the Stage 2 redevelopment (reference LA Q0752), can a date now be provided for the installation of this MRI machine?

Answer-

The Government announced \$400 million towards Stage 2 of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals expansion. This follows the \$312 million Stage 1 redevelopment. The Stage 2 redevelopment includes a new MRI machine for Mount Druitt Hospital.

- *2404 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by the Department of Family and Community Services to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2405 HOUSING MAINTENANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With regard to the Family and Community Services Housing Maintenance Telephone service:

- (1) What is the expected call wait time for a person telephoning the maintenance line?
- (2) What is the current call wait time for tenants telephoning a maintenance line?
- (3) What is the current call wait time for tenants telephoning the Mount Druitt Maintenance line?

Answer—

In 2015 the Housing Contact Centre responded to over 803,000 calls. Factors which can influence the number of calls to the Centre, include increased storm activity and other localised situations.

*2406 MOUNT DRUITT SERVICE NSW BUILDING—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Will the Roads and Maritime Services building on Luxford Road, Mount Druitt, be the new location of the Mount Druitt Service NSW building?

Answer-

The new Service Centre at Mount Druitt is scheduled to open in mid 2016. Location details are currently being finalised.

- *2407 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE OFFICE OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by the Office of Corrective Services to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Office of Corrective Services applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer-

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within the existing administrative budget of Corrective Services NSW.

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- *2408 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by the NSW Department of Education to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

- *2410 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by the State Emergency Services in New South Wales to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within existing agency budgets.

*2411 INCREASE IN FARES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering that as of 1 July 2016, a commuter travelling from Maitland to Hamilton five days a week will pay \$18.44 more per week, and \$958.88 a year, a 48 percent increase, and by 1 July 2018, this will increase to \$25.74 more per week, and \$1,338.48 a year, for a total 66.7 percent increase, what impact will these price rises have on commuters travelling from Tarro and Beresfield to Hamilton?

Answer-

The premise of your question is wrong.

- *2412 HIGH-SPEED RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Will the Minister be meeting with his Commonwealth counterpart to discuss the planning of a high-speed rail line between Brisbane and Melbourne via Newcastle, Sydney and Canberra?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer-

The NSW Government will continue working with and supporting the Federal Government's plan to establish a future high-speed rail (HSR) link.

*2413 PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will public transport users in the Wallsend electorate who make frequent weekly trips pay more under changes to the smartcard payment system recommended by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal?
 - (a) If so, how much more will they pay weekly?

Answer—

The Government is yet to finalise changes to fares.

- *2414 NSW POLICE FORCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) What information was the decision to increase the NSW Police Force's authorized strength to 16,795 by 2018 based upon?
 - (a) Where will these extra constables be allocated?
 - (b) How are the decisions to allocate them being made?
 - (i) If based upon statistics for per capita officer requirements, where are these statistics available?
 - (2) Between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015, what were the response times of Newcastle police in comparison to those in:
 - (a) Sydney metropolitan and suburban areas;
 - (b) Regional New South Wales?

Answer-

The Government made an election commitment to increase authorised strength by 310 officers to build on its track record to target crime and keep the community safe. The increased police numbers will go towards strengthening specialist police capability as well as specialist civilian staff. Allocation of police officer positions is determined by the Commissioner and based on a number of factors, including crime rates.

Probationary constables are deployed in May, August and December each year to replace and add to existing police numbers.

Response times are reported annually in the NSW Police Force Annual Report and Budget Papers.

*2415 CALL-OUTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What was the average waiting time for call-outs in the Central Hunter, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Local Area Commands of the NSW Police Force in each of the years from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (to 31 December 2015)?

Answer-

Response times vary depending on the priority given.

A range of factors including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel influences response times.

*2418 MEASURES TO IMPROVE ELECTRICITY SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

What measures are in place to ensure that the multinational consortium, which now holds a lease for 49 percent of New South Wales electricity infrastructure, is motivated to improve services to households without raising the electricity bills of the average consumer?

Answer-

The Government is imposing the same licence conditions regime that applies to State Owned Corporations on any current or future lease arrangements.

Licence conditions provide a mechanism for the Government to set targets for various services provided by a network operator.

Licence conditions also provide a mechanism to impose penalties for failure to meet targets.

The Government has also legislated guarantees in the leasing arrangements to ensure that:

• a network operator's total network charges at June 2019 will be lower than June 2014

- a network operator will promote efficient investment and operation of electricity services for the long term interests of consumers of electricity (with respect to price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of electricity), and
- a network operator will comply with any Efficiency Benefit Sharing Scheme developed by the National Regulator for the sharing of any efficiency gains between network operators and their customers.
- *2419 PROVISIONAL LICENSE DRIVING TESTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many driving instructors are available for P1 Provisional License Driving Tests at the Wallsend Service NSW office?

Answer—

The Wallsend Service Centre has one full-time driver tester and one part-time driver tester. Both testers are available for PI Provisional Licence driving tests, Class C and Aged and Disability driving tests.

The Wallsend Service Centre conducts approximately 40 driver tests per week to meet customer demand.

- *2420 SHORE POWER—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) Is the community near White Bay Cruise Terminal still experiencing considerable health symptoms from the massive volumes of toxic emissions despite the implementation of the low-sulphur fuel regulation for cruise ships in Sydney Harbour in October 2015?
 - (2) What is the Port Authority doing to expedite the implementation of shore power at White Bay Cruise Terminal?
 - (3) Has the Government undertaken a feasibility study into the provision of shore power at the White Bay and Overseas Passenger Cruise terminals?
 - (a) If the feasibility study has been undertaken, when will the report be released?
 - (b) Has the report taken the severe impacts on the community into account, not just the costs of installation of shore power?
 - (4) Regarding the NSW Legislative Council report which found it was 'a serious error' not to locate the cruise terminal at Barangaroo and recommended that shore power be implemented at the White Bay Cruise Terminal, what action is underway to:
 - (a) Mitigate the 'serious error' of locating the cruise terminal at White Bay?
 - (b) Expedite the public release of the feasibility study into the implementation of shore power?

Answer-

- (1) The Regulation is intended to reduce the public's exposure to cruise ship emissions and protect the community from the health impact of these emissions.
- (2) The Port Authority of NSW is undertaking a detailed feasibility and costing study of shore to ship power at the White Bay Cruise Terminal.
- (3) Details of the study will be released following consideration by the NSW Government.
- (4) and (4a) This Government introduced amendments to the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 which require, subject to prescribed defences, exemptions and exclusions, cruise ships to use low sulphur fuel (0.1 per cent or less) while berthed in Sydney Harbour from 1 October 2015 and

while underway in Sydney Harbour from 1 July 2016. This initiative has made a significant improvement to air quality.

- (4b) Please refer to my response to 3.
- *2421 LENIENCY BY THE STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In reference to requests for leniency by the State Debt Recovery Office in the Auburn electorate:

- (1) How many requests for leniency were requested in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 and 2014-15:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Lidcombe;
 - (c) Berala;

- (d) Regents Park;
- (e) South Granville;
- (f) Wentworth Point;
- (g) Newington;
- (h) Sydney Olympic Park;
- (i) Silverwater;
- (j) Rookwood?
- (2) How many requests for leniency were granted in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 and 2014-15:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Lidcombe:
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) South Granville;
 - (f) Wentworth Point;
 - (g) Newington;
 - (h) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) Rookwood?

Answer-

(1) and (2)

Suburb	Requests for Leniency 2013-14	Granted Leniency 2013-14	Requested Leniency 2014-15	Granted leniency 2014-15
Auburn	1,089	334	1,052	317
Lidcombe	613	217	567	169
Berala	212	75	210	55
Regents Park	147	53	141	38
South Granville	80	27	99	17
Wentworth Point	177	39	229	42
Newington	153	51	165	46
Sydney Olympic Park	18	7	18	4
Silverwater	115	38	124	46
Rookwood	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

- *2422 VEHICLES CONFISCATED BY THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) How many vehicles were confiscated by the Flemington Local Area Command in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (a) Of these vehicles, how many were registered in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate:
 - (i) Auburn;
 - (ii) Lidcombe;
 - (iii) Berala;
 - (iv) Regents Park;
 - (v) South Granville;
 - (vi) Wentworth Point;
 - (vii) Newington;
 - (viii) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (ix) Silverwater;
 - (x) Rookwood?
 - (2) How many vehicles were confiscated by the Flemington Local Area Command in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (a) Of these vehicles, how many were registered in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate:
 - (i) Auburn;

- (ii) Lidcombe;
- (iii) Berala;
- (iv) Regents Park;
- (v) South Granville;
- (vi) Wentworth Point;
- (vii) Newington;
- (viii) Sydney Olympic Park;
- (ix) Silverwater;
- (x) Rookwood?

Answer-

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences. They can be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

- *2423 ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
 - (1) How many households in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate had their electricity disconnected in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2014-15:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Lidcombe;
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) South Granville;
 - (f) Wentworth Point;
 - (g) Newington;
 - (h) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) Rookwood?
 - (2) How many businesses in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate had their electricity disconnected in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2014-15:
 - (a) Auburn:
 - (b) Lidcombe;
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) South Granville;
 - (f) Wentworth Point;
 - (g) Newington;
 - (h) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) Rookwood?

Answer_

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) reports on the number of customers disconnected for non-payment in the national electricity and gas markets. These reports are based on data supplied by authorised retailers for each financial year. The figures reported by the AER show the number of disconnections in each state in the national market and by each retailer. There is no data available for individual electorates or postcodes.

- *2424 COMPOSITE CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many public school kindergarten/primary school classes in the Auburn electorate have:
 - (a) More than 30 students;
 - (b) Composite classes with more than 25 students;
 - (c) Composite classes which include kindergarten children?
 - (2) What is the total number of composite classes in public schools in the Auburn electorate in 2016 (to 24 February 2016)?
 - (3) What was the total number of composite classes in public schools in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (4) Which public schools in the Auburn electorate have composite classes in 2016:
 - (a) Auburn North Public School;

- (b) Auburn Public School;
- (c) Auburn West Public School;
- (d) Berala Public School:
- (e) Blaxcell Street Public School:
- (f) Granville East Public School;
- (g) Lidcombe Public School;
- (h) Newington Public School:
- (i) Regents Park Public School?
- (5) Which public schools in the Auburn electorate had composite classes in 2015:
 - (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Regents Park Public School?

Answer-

(1) to (5) Information regarding composite classes is available on the Department of Education's website.

*2425 WHITE BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning—

In planning the multi-billion dollar Bays Precinct development, what immediate arrangements is UrbanGrowth NSW making to minimise the massive volumes of foul smelling and toxic fumes from the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal which are causing a significant health impact on residents in that area and risk the viability of long-term corporate leases at the old Power Station site?

Answer—

The Port Authority of New South Wales is the authority responsible for the White Bay Cruise Terminal. UrbanGrowth NSW continues to liaise with the Port Authority on matters relating to The Bays Precinct Urban Transformation Program.

A regulation amendment requiring the use of low sulfur fuel in cruise ships in Sydney Harbour was published on 4 September 2015. Further information on this regulation should be sought from the Minister for the Environment.

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*2426 TENANCY DISPUTES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many residential tenancy disputes were lodged with the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) (and its predecessor the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT)) in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2014-15:
 - (a) Auburn;
 - (b) Lidcombe;
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) South Granville;
 - (f) Wentworth Point;
 - (g) Newington;
 - (h) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) Rookwood?
- (2) How many residential tenancy disputes were resolved with the NCAT (and its predecessor the CTTT) in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2014-15:
 - (a) Auburn;

- (b) Lidcombe; (c) Berala; (d) Regents Park; (e) South Granville: (f) Wentworth Point; (g) Newington; (h) Sydney Olympic Park; (i) Silverwater: (j) Rookwood? (3) How many residential tenancy disputes were lodged by landlords with the NCAT (and its predecessor the CTTT) in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2014-15: (a) Auburn; (b) Lidcombe; (c) Berala; (d) Regents Park; (e) South Granville; (f) Wentworth Point; (g) Newington; (h) Sydney Olympic Park; (i) Silverwater; (i) Rookwood? (4) How many residential tenancy disputes were lodged by tenants with the NCAT (and its predecessor the CTTT) in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2014-15: (a) Auburn: (b) Lidcombe; (c) Berala; (d) Regents Park; (e) South Granville: (f) Wentworth Point; (g) Newington; (h) Sydney Olympic Park; (i) Silverwater; (j) Rookwood? Answerthat the information http:/ can found at: /www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/aboutus/publicationsandresources/annualreports.aspx. *2427 BICYCLE FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure— (1) How many bicycle lockers are located at the following train stations and ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate: (a) Lidcombe station; (b) Auburn Station; (c) Berala Station; (d) Regents Park station: (e) Olympic Park station; (f) Olympic Park wharf? (2) How many bicycle racks are located at the following train stations and ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate: (a) Lidcombe station; (b) Auburn Station; (c) Berala Station; (d) Regents Park station; (e) Olympic Park station;
 - (3) What is the total parking capacity for bicycles at the following train stations and ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate:

(f) Olympic Park wharf?

- (a) Lidcombe station;
- (b) Auburn Station;
- (c) Berala Station;
- (d) Regents Park station;
- (e) Olympic Park station;
- (f) Olympic Park wharf?

Answer—

In December 2015, I announced bike sheds would be installed at more than 40 train stations and transport interchanges around Sydney and surrounding regions

Bike lockers are provided at a range of interchanges based on existing customer demand and expected growth for secure cycling facilities. Demand is monitored to determine the most appropriate locations for these facilities. Information about bike lockers is available on the Transport for NSW website

- *2428 COMMUTER CAR PARKING FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) How many incidents of motor vehicle theft have been reported to police at the Flemington Local Area Command that occurred at the Auburn Civic Car Park and the Lidcombe Bridge Street Multi Level Car Park in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (2) How many incidents of criminal damage to motor vehicles have been reported to police at the Flemington Local Area Command that occurred at the Auburn Civic Car Park and the Lidcombe Bridge Street Multi Level Car Park in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (3) How many incidents of assault have been reported to police at the Flemington Local Area Command that occurred at the Auburn Civic Car Park and the Lidcombe Bridge Street Multi Level Car Park in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (4) How many incidents of sexual assault have been reported to police at the Flemington Local Area Command that occurred at the Auburn Civic Car Park and the Lidcombe Bridge Street Multi Level Car Park in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
 - (5) How many incidents of theft from motor vehicles have been reported to police at the Flemington Local Area Command that occurred at the Auburn Civic Car Park and the Lidcombe Bridge Street Multi Level Car Park in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

Answer-

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences and may be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

- *2429 SECURITY CAMERAS AT TRAIN STATIONS AND FERRY WHARVES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) How many security cameras are located at the following train stations and ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Auburn station;
 - (b) Lidcombe station;
 - (c) Berala station;
 - (d) Regents Park station;
 - (e) Olympic Park station;
 - (f) Olympic Park wharf?
 - (2) How often are the security cameras serviced at the following train stations and ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Auburn station;
 - (b) Lidcombe station:
 - (c) Berala station;
 - (d) Regents Park station;
 - (e) Olympic Park station;
 - (f) Olympic Park wharf?
 - (3) In the event of a multi camera failure, what processes are implemented to ensure the safety of passengers at these stations?
 - (a) In the event of a multi camera failure, what is the response time for a technician or other appropriately qualified person to be dispatched to fix the problem?
 - (4) How many multi camera or complete camera outages have occurred at the following stations in each

of the years from 2012 to 2015:

- (a) Auburn station;
- (b) Lidcombe station;
- (c) Berala station;
- (d) Regents Park station;
- (e) Olympic Park station;
- (f) Olympic Park wharf?
- (5) How long did it take to resolve each of the multi camera or complete camera outage incidents which occurred at the following stations in each of the years from 2012 to 2015:
 - (a) Auburn station:
 - (b) Lidcombe station;
 - (c) Berala station;
 - (d) Regents Park station;
 - (e) Olympic Park station;
 - (f) Olympic Park wharf?

Answer-

Sydney Trains' stations including Auburn, Lidcombe, Berala, Regents Park and Olympic Park are well covered by multiple CCTV cameras

- *2430 MAINTENANCE OF RAIL LINES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) On what dates in 2015 did the following lines closed for maintenance:
 - (a) Inner West Line;
 - (b) Bankstown Line?

Answer-

In 2015:

- (a) The Inner West Line was closed for 11 weekends, and
- (b) The Bankstown Line was closed for a total of six weekends.
- *2432 CROWN LAND AT THE YASMAR SITE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
 - (1) What is the current status of the CO.AS.IT lease on Crown Land at the Yasmar site at 185 Parramatta Road, Haberfield?
 - (2) Who is the current leaseholder?
 - (3) Who is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds at Yasmar?

Answer-

- (1) Co.As.lt., an Italian Association, currently holds a lease over the eastern part of the Yasmar Reserve site.
- (2) Co.As.lt.
- (3) Co. As. it. is responsible for the grounds it holds under lease.
- *2433 MANDATORY LIFE JACKETS FOR ROCK FISHERS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) Can the Minister please advise when the Government will legislate for mandatory life jackets for rock fishers in dangerous areas in New South Wales?
 - (2) What locations in the Swansea electorate will require rock fishers to wear life jackets when fishing?

Answer-

- (1) The Government has established a working group to determine high-risk locations where rock fishers will be required to wear life jackets. The Government plans to introduce legislation this year, once it has considered the recommendations of the working group.
- (2) The working group is currently developing recommendations for the Government on which locations should be classified as high-risk.
- *2434 DISPOSAL OF FLARES IN SWANSEA—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the allocation of a limited number of Service NSW Centres as disposal points resulting in expired flares being disposed of illegally at the doorsteps of Marine Rescue NSW?
 - (a) Where can residents in the Swansea electorate dispose of their flares?

Answer—

Marine Rescue NSW offices are not recommended flare disposal sites. Roads and Maritime Services has launched a mobile expired flare collection service. Collection sites may be found on the Roads and Maritime website.

*2435 SOUTH COAST TIMETABLE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When is the next review of the South Coast timetable due to take place?

Answer-

Transport for NSW continually monitors rail patronage and capacity. The South Coast timetable will continue to be monitored and improvements made where possible.

- *2436 CONCESSION PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Has the Government looked at providing concession public transport fares to international students?
 - (a) If so, what is the estimated cost?
 - (2) Is the Government prepared to extend the concession public transport fares scheme to international students?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer-

International students who use an adult Opal card are entitled to the same benefits as other Opal card users, including free travel after eight paid journeys in a week, 30 per cent off-peak train travel discounts, a daily travel cap of \$15 Monday to Saturday, a weekly cap of \$60 and a Sunday travel cap of \$2.50.

- *2437 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) When will the Government announce the route of the light rail in Newcastle?
 - (2) When will the REF for the route of the light rail in Newcastle be conducted?
 - (3) When will the Government release the results of the investigation into expanding the light rail network in Newcastle (reference LA Q2005)?

Answer—

- (1) As the Member for Newcastle should be aware, the NSW Government announced the route of the light rail in Newcastle in May 2014.
- (2) The Review of Environmental Factors will be available shortly.
- (3) Transport for NSW will consult with UrbanGrowth NSW, Roads and Maritime Services, Newcastle City Council and the community before determining possible extensions of the light rail route.
- *2438 PARKING AT BROADMEADOW RAILWAY STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Does the Government have any plans for an expansion of parking at Broadmeadow Railway Station? (a) If so, where and when?

Answer-

In 2012, the NSW Government announced the Transport Access Program, which delivers accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks.

More planning and design work will now occur to determine which projects will come next. The provision of additional commuter car parking facilities at Broadmeadow Station will be considered as part of this process.

*2439 CYCLE AND WALKING PATHS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What specific amount of money was provided in the 2015-16 Budget for the Newcastle City Council's

cycle and walking paths project?

Answer-

The total funding allocated within the 2015-2016 Walking and Cycling Programs for walking and cycling projects within Newcastle City Council is over \$1.5 million.

- *2440 STOCKTON SERVICE STATION SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
 - (1) Will the Government consult the community on the future of the Stockton Service Station site?
 - (a) If so, when and what form will that take?

Answer-

Once the land has been remediated, the Department of Primary Industries- Lands will be in a position to consider the future of the site and the best manner of engaging with the local community.

- *2443 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Considering that a number of students in the Port Stephens region have been granted exemptions to the School Student Transport Scheme criteria regarding distance from home to school, on what grounds are these exemptions provided?
 - (2) Are these exemptions continuing under the roll out of Opal cards for school transport?

Answer-

Information about School Student Transport Scheme eligibility and exemptions is available on the Transport for NSW website.

- *2444 SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Are school bus routes in the Port Stephens area included in the 10 year roll out for the introduction of seat belts on school buses?
 - (a) If so, what is the current time frame for their inclusion under this program?
 - (b) If not, on what basis are these bus routes excluded?
 - (2) Are school bus routes travelling from the Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest area included in the 10 year roll out for the introduction of seat belts on school buses?
 - (a) If so, what is the current time frame for their inclusion under this program?
 - (b) If not, on what basis are these bus routes excluded?

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The majority of bus routes in the Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest area are not dedicated school bus services. Two routes are included in the seat belt program, Pindimar Tea Gardens and Tea Gardens Medowie.

- *2445 POLICE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) Considering that NSW Police Force Local Area Commands (LACs) are often based on local government boundaries, what effect will the Government's forced council amalgamations have on these LACs?
 - (a) What is the estimated cost of any change?
 - (b) When will any changes be announced?

Answer—

Proposed mergers are not finalised in New South Wales.

*2446 DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Considering that disaster relief funding is distributed based on local government area, what modelling has been done to examine the cost impact of the Government's proposed council amalgamations on disaster recovery payments?

Answer-

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Local Government.

- *2447 TEA GARDENS AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—
 - (1) How many ambulance officers are based at the Tea Gardens Ambulance Station?
 - (2) What was the average response time for ambulance calls from residents in the following suburbs in each of the years from 2014 to 2015:
 - (a) Tea Gardens;
 - (b) Hawks Nest:
 - (c) Pindimar;
 - (d) Bundabah;
 - (e) North Arm Cove?
 - (3) What is the average response time for ambulance calls from residents in the following suburbs in 2016 (to 25 February 2016):
 - (a) Tea Gardens:
 - (b) Hawks Nest;
 - (c) Pindimar;
 - (d) Bundabah;
 - (e) North Arm Cove?

Answer—

Ambulance response times are published on the NSW Ambulance website at: http:// /www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/our-performance/response-times.html.

- *2448 LONG DAY CARE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many Long Day Care Centres which operate preschool programs currently receive funding under the Department of Education's Preschool Funding Model?
 - (2) How many Long Day Care Centres currently receive funding under the New South Wales Long Day Care Grants program?
 - (a) What is the average amount of funding provided under this scheme?

Answer-

- (1) The Department of Education's Preschool Funding Model is not targeted at long day care services but at community preschools.
- The New South Wales Government provides funding to 2428 long day care services.
 - (a) In 2015-16, the average amount of funding provided to Long Day Care services was \$12,600. A further \$23.6 million will be provided to Long Day Care services during this financial year.
- *2449 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS-Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many community preschools qualified for incentive payments under the Community Preschool 600 Hours Incentive in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (a) How many of these community preschools improved enrolment and attendance by:
 - (i) Five percentage points:
 - (ii) At least 10 percentage points:
 - (iii) At least 15 percentage points?

Answer-

The Community Preschool 600 Hours Incentive had not commenced in the 2014-15 financial year.

- *2450 NSW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REVIEW TEAM—Ms Kate Washington asked the Attorney General—
 - (1) How many times did the NSW Domestic Violence Review Team meet in each of the years 2014 and
 - (2) How many times is the NSW Domestic Violence Review Team scheduled to meet in 2016?

Answer-

Information regarding the NSW Domestic Violence Review Team is available at:http:// /www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/dv annual reports.aspx.

- *2451 NSW SENTENCING COUNCIL REPORT—Ms Kate Washington asked the Attorney General—
 - (1) When will the Government release the report of the NSW Sentencing Council into sentencing of

domestic violence offenders which was received on 18 February 2016?

- (2) Will the Government be adopting any of the recommendations of this report?
 - (a) If so, which recommendations?

Answer—

The Government is considering the Report.

*2452 HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the cost of repairs currently being carried out on pylons of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?

Answer-

This information can be found on the NSW eTendering website.

*2453 SALE PRICE OF THE OLD GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What is the price of the sale to the Canberra developer DOMA Group of the section of the public land known as the 'Old Gosford Public School' site on the Gosford waterfront?

Answer-

Doma Group purchased approximately 27% of the Former Gosford Public School site for \$3,348,999 (including GST).

*2454 OLD GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What is the plan for the sale or use of the public land known as the 'Old Gosford Public School' site on Gosford Waterfront, following a section of the land being sold to a private developer?

Answer—

Government Property NSW is finalising a strategy for the site. The focus of this process remains on revitalisation of the Gosford CBD and job creation and economic growth within the Gosford region.

- *2455 OPAL TOP-UP MACHINES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) Are Opal card top-up machines scheduled to be installed at the following locations:
 - (a) Yennora Train Station;
 - (b) Carramar Train Station;
 - (c) Villawood Train Station;
 - (d) Canley Vale Train Station;
 - (e) Guildford Train Station?
 - (2) When are these machines scheduled to be installed?

Answer-

Details of top-up machines are available on the Opal website.

*2456 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General—

What funding has been provided by the Government for Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services in Fairfield from 2011 to 24 February 2016?

Answer-

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 2200.

*2457 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering that a large volume of elderly and mobility impaired residents throughout New South Wales rely heavily on community transport programs:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to provide assistance to expand community transport programs which are presently operating at maximum capacity and with long waiting lists?
- (2) What alternatives could be recommended to the elderly and mobility impaired residents who are unable to utilise a local community transport bus due to the existing waiting lists for the service?

Answer-

- (1) I refer the Member to my previous answer (LA 2203).
- (2) In December 2015, the First Stop Transport resource was released to the public. First Stop Transport is a Government-funded resource to help people use the accessible transport system and is available free of charge to anyone in the community wanting to learn how to travel independently. The travel training resource addresses both real and perceived barriers to using the public transport system. Another alternative for eligible individuals is the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme.
- *2458 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NEAR GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will the pedestrian bridge that was constructed over a year prior to 24 February 2016 (over the South Line, approximately 100 metres south of Guildford Railway Station) be opened?

Answer-

Please refer to my previous answer, LA 2202.

*2459 LANSDOWNE BRIDGE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

On what date are the restoration and repair works set to commence for the heritage listed Lansdowne Bridge?

Answer—

Initial works are set to start week beginning 18 April 2016.

- *2460 WETHERILL PARK SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) How many transactions are conducted on average per day at the Wetherill Park Service NSW Centre?
 - (a) What is the breakdown for these transactions?

Answer-

The Wetherill Park Service Centre serves approximately 940 customers on average per day. Customers are able to access over 850 transactions including Roads and Maritime, Fair Trading, Housing payments, translation services, Seniors' card applications, birth certificate applications, National Park passes, competency cards and many more.

Between opening in December 2014 up until early March 2016, the Wetherill Park Service Centre had served more than 274,000 customers with customer satisfaction tracking at 97 percent.

*2461 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What action has the Government taken to respond to the long waiting lists to receive mental health treatment in correctional centres and metropolitan special programs centres in New South Wales?

Answer-

Refer to LA Question on Notice 1215.

*2462 COST OF DETAINING OFFENDERS IN COURT HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the individual cost of detaining offenders in court holding cells in the New South Wales justice system?

Answer-

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice No: 2206 which was tabled on 22 March 2016.

- *2463 COURT HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) What is the total number of court holding cells in the New South Wales justice system?
 - (a) What is the design capacity of these cells?

(b) What was the average length of detention of offenders in these cells from 1 January 2015 to 12 November 2015?

Answer-

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice No: 2205 which was tabled on 22 March 2016.

- *2464 MANLY SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) Has a location been secured for the new Service NSW Centre that will replace the Roads and Maritime Services office currently located at 239 Pittwater Road, Manly?
 - (a) If so, what is the location?
 - (b) If not, when will this location be finalised?

Answer—

Service NSW is working with its partner GPNSW to locate a suitable site in the Northern Beaches region for a new Service NSW Centre.

*2465 GREGORY HILLS SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How much money has been spent on advertising in local newspapers regarding directions to the location of the Service NSW centre in Gregory Hills?

Answer-

To inform customers of the location of new service centres, Service NSW utilises multiple channels to deliver customer communications including newspaper advertisements, email alerts, way finding signage and letter box drops. The total amount spent on newspaper advertising for the Macarthur Service Centre is approximately \$36,000.

- *2466 BOARDERS AT NEW SOUTH WALES STATE HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many boarding places will be built at the proposed relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Hawkesbury?
 - (2) How many students were enrolled as boarders at New South Wales state high schools in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?
 - (3) What was the total number of boarders by school year enrolled in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?
 - (4) What was the total number of boarders by their primary place of residence postcode enrolled in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?

Answer-

- (1) Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Hawkesbury will cater for up to 2000 students inclusive of day students and boarders.
- (2), (3) and (4) From 2010 to 2015 numbers of boarders ranged from 799 to 840 spread across years 7 to 12 with students coming from postcodes across New South Wales.
- *2467 INGLEBURN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) How many classrooms/learning spaces are air-conditioned at Ingleburn High School?
 - (2) How many classrooms/learning spaces are not air-conditioned at Ingleburn High School?
 - (3) What plans are in place to air-condition all the classrooms and learning spaces at Ingleburn High School?

Answer—

(1), (2) and (3) Ingleburn High School is recorded as having a mean maximum January temperature of 28 degrees Celsius, and as such it is not entitled to air cooling under the Department's current Air Cooling Policy.

The Department does not hold central records of classrooms that have been provided with air cooling by individual schools.

*2468 GLEDSWOOD HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Department of Education already acquired the land for the new Gledswood Hills Public School?
 - (a) If yes, what date did this land acquisition occur?

Answer-

The Department of Education has secured a site for the new Gledswood Hills Public School.

- *2469 MACQUARIE FIELDS AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) How many hours per week is the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station staffed?
 - (2) How many full-time staff work at the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station?
 - (3) Will the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station remain open indefinitely?

Answer-

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Health.

- *2471 LETTER REGARDING HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—
 - (1) Has my letter to the Premier dated 3 December 2015 concerning Hurlstone Agricultural High School been forwarded to the Minister?
 - (a) If so, what is the Minister's response to the issues raised in the letter?

Answer-

Yes. This Government supports a strong future focussed agricultural education provision in the Sydney region.

*2473 LEASE INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Which agency is responsible for updating other/unregistered lease information in the Government Property Register (reference Budget Estimates Question on Notice no 4)?

Answer-

State Government agencies are required by legislation to provide Government Property NSW details of all land vested in, owned, occupied or controlled by them, for inclusion in the Government Property Register (GPR). Agencies are responsible for updating and maintaining the accuracy and completeness of their data.

- *2474 GOLD OPAL CARDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) How many Gold Opal Cards were issued by 31 December 2015?
 - (2) How many Gold Opal Card outstanding applications were waiting to be processed as at 31 December 2015?
 - (3) How many Gold Opal Card applications were received between 1 January 2016 and 31 January 2016?
 - (4) How many Gold Opal Card outstanding applications were waiting to be processed as at 31 January 2016?

Answer—

As of 7 March 2016, more than 950,000 Gold Opal cards have been issued to eligible seniors and pensioners across NSW.

- *2475 CESSNOCK ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) positions were based at the Cessnock Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office as at 31 January 2016?
 - (2) How many FTE positions were based at the Cessnock RMS office as at 31 January 2011?
 - (3) Is the Cessnock RMS earmarked to become a full Service NSW centre?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeline for that transition?
 - (4) What was the sale price of the RMS building at Cessnock?
 - (5) What is the rental price of the RMS building in Cessnock following its sale?

Answer-

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Property and Services.

- *2476 MAINTENANCE OF STATE AND NATIONAL ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
 - (1) Under what category or budget line does the maintenance, control, eradication and removal of weeds, vegetation and flora along roads, roadside verges, centre lines, road joins and other road infrastructure fall?
 - (a) What amount of funding was allocated to this purpose in the 2015-16 Budget?
 - (b) What funding was allocated to this purpose in each of the financial years 2010-11 and 2013-14?
 - (2) Under what category or budget line does the maintenance, control, eradication and removal of vegetation, trees and flora along roads, that grows up to cover and obscure important road signage fall?
 - (a) What amount of funding is allocated to this purpose in the 2015-16 Budget?
 - (b) What funding was allocated to this purpose in each of the financial years 2010-11 and 2013-14?
 - (3) Under what category or budget line does the maintenance, marking and repair of line markings, surface painted turning arrows, merging lanes, etc fall?
 - (a) What amount of funding is allocated to this purpose in the 2015-16 Budget?
 - (b) What funding was allocated to this purpose in each of the financial years 2010-11 and 2013-14?
 - (4) Under what category or budget line does the collection, clearing and removal of road side rubbish, separated tyre re-tread material, large and small objects, litter, etc fall?
 - (a) What amount of funding is allocated to this purpose in the 2015-16 Budget?
 - (b) What funding was allocated to this purpose in each of the financial years 2010-11 and 2013-14?

Answer-

Total asset maintenance expenditure is reported in the NSW Budget. Expenditure details are not broken down by individual items, such as the removal of weeds, control of trees and flora along roads, line markings, removal of rubbish etc.

- *2477 CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
 - (1) What is the current authorised strength of the Central Hunter Local Area Command as at 1 January 2016?
 - (a) When was this authorised strength figure determined?
 - (2) What factors or conditions lead to a re-assessment or adjustment of the authorised strength number?
 - (3) Is there any measurement tool used to determine the workload per officer?
 - (4) If so, how does the workload of Central Hunter Local Area Command officers compare with state averages?
 - (5) What was the authorised strength of the Central Hunter Local Area Command as at 1 January for each of the years from 2010 to 2015?

Answer_

The Government is committed to providing the NSW Police Force with the resources it needs to keep the community safe across NSW, including the Central Hunter Local Area Command (LAC).

In terms of the allocation of police resources across LACs, I am advised a range of factors are considered to determine police strength. These include crime figures, categories of crime, population and demographics. These are reviewed as changes occur, to ensure policing meets demand.

Authorised, actual and operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2478 PRIVATE PATIENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to a patient being admitted to a public hospital as a private patient utilising their private medical insurance:

- (1) Are the medical funds directed back to the hospital the patient was admitted to for their use?
- (2) Are the medical funds directed to the local area health service to be used within that network?

Answer—

(1) and (2)

When an individual elects to be treated as a private patient in a public hospital, local health districts receive funds from the patient's private health insurer to cover accommodation costs associated with treatment and other associated costs, such as prosthetics, that were provided in hospital.

- *2479 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) How many inmates was the Cessnock Correctional Centre constructed to house when considered to be at 100 percent capacity in both/either maximum or minimum security?
 - (2) How many times was this number exceeded between 1 July 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (3) How many cells were designed to house more than two inmates?
 - (4) How many times between 1 July 2015 and 25 February 2016 was this number exceeded by housing more inmates than allowed for in the original allocation?

Answer-

- (1) At 100 percent capacity, the Centre can currently house a total of 884 inmates.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.
- (4) None.
- *2480 HOME CARE SERVICE NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
 - (1) What role does the Government still play in monitoring the transition from Home Care Service NSW to Australian Unity?
 - (2) How is the Government ensuring that the terms and commitments made during the debate on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Bill 2013 are being fulfilled?
 - (3) Are you aware of any problems or challenges in regional New South Wales with the transition of Home Care to Australian Unity?
 - (4) Are employees now required to log their own working hours and time sheets on a smartphone application?
 - (a) If so, has the company taken steps or responsibility to ensure that each employee has a smartphone and knows how to use it?
 - (5) Considering that the reception in regional areas is not available at all times and slow, are employees from regional areas also required to log their own working hours and time sheets on a smart phone application?

Answer-

- (1) Australian Unity Home Care Services is monitored in the same way as all providers of disability and aged care services funded by the NSW Government, with additional terms and conditions that require a compliance statement on a quarterly basis with appropriate penalties, if these terms and conditions are not met.
- (2) The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013 provides for the following three main terms or objectives:
- to ensure the implementation of the NDIS is managed in a way that provides service continuity for people receiving a service
- to arrange for the transfer of staff so that a skilled workforce is retained
- to maximise the capacity of the disability sector.

The NSW Government is committed to and has delivered these terms in the transfer of the Home Care Services of NSW to Australian Unity.

- (3) to (5) 1 am advised there has been no change to the provision of services in regional areas nor to the process for logging time sheets.
- *2481 WESTON AND ABERMAIN FIRE STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
 - (1) How many retained firefighters and/or volunteers were registered at the following fire stations as at 1 January 2016:
 - (a) Abermain Fire Station;
 - (b) Weston Fire Station?

- (2) How many firefighting vehicles are based at the following fire stations:
 - (a) Abermain Fire Station;
 - (b) Weston Fire Station?
- (3) What is the age of the firefighting vehicles based at the following fire stations:
 - (a) Abermain Fire Station;
 - (b) Weston Fire Station?
- (4) How many calls for assistance did the following fire stations respond to in each of the calendar years from 2010 to 2015:
 - (a) Abermain Fire Station:
 - (b) Weston Fire Station?
- (5) When will construction of the new Abermain FRNSW Station begin and conclude?
 - (a) What is the total budget for this project?
 - (b) How much of this budget will be spent on planning and design?
- (6) Will the Weston Fire Station cease to operate and be permanently closed down after the new Abermain Fire Station is constructed?
- (7) Is there any plan to increase the presence and coverage period of full-time firefighters at any of the nearby stations?

Answer-

- (1) As at 1 January 2016, there were ten retained firefighters at Abermain Fire Station and nine retained firefighters at Weston Fire Station.
- (2) and (3) Abermain Fire Station has one fire truck, which is 5.5 years old. Weston Fire Station has one fire truck, which is 13.5 years old.

(4a) Abermain:

- 2010 80:
- 2011 86;
- 2012 107;
- 2013 156;
- 2014 140;
- 2015 129.

(4b) Weston:

- 2010 191;
- 2011 211;
- 2012 184;
- 2013 241;
- 2014 151;
- 2015 121.
- (5) Construction of Abermain Fire Station is scheduled to start on 1 June 2016 and finish by the end of 2016
- (a) \$1 million.
- (b) \$125,000.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) Fire & Rescue NSW continually reviews the level of service delivery provided to all communities across NSW. As communities grow and local risk environments change, the need for greater staffing numbers, increased resourcing and infrastructure requirements may change. There are no plans to increase the presence and coverage of full-time firefighters at any of the nearby stations.

*2482 ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Prior to 2011, which of the 15 'Connected Communities Schools' offered an Aboriginal Language to students?
 - (a) For each school, to which stage (including preschool) were these languages taught?
- (2) As of Term 1 2016, which 'Connected Communities Schools' offer an Aboriginal Language to students?
 - (a) For each school, to which stage (including preschool) are these languages taught?

(3) Does the NSW Department of Education subsidise the cost of training for staff who are not eligible for Smart and Skilled Funding but wish to undertake Certificate I to Certificate III at TAFE in order to teach Aboriginal Languages?

Answer—

	(1) and (1a)	(2) and (2a)
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School	Aboriginal language and stage tauqht- prior to 2011	Aboriginal language and stage taught-from Term 1, 2016
Boggabiila Central	Gamilaraay	Gamilaraay
	Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2 &3)	Preschool
Bourke High	Bgarkangi	Bgarkangi
	Stage 4	Stage 4
Bourke Public	Ngemba	Ngemba
	Stage 1 - Stage 3	Stage 1 -Stage 3
		Early Years Transition Centre
Brewarrina Central	Ngemba	Ngemba
	EStage 1 - Stage 5	EStage 1 - Stage 4
Coonamble High	No	Gamilaraay
		Stages 4 & 5
Coonamble Public	No	Gamilaraay
		EStage 1 - Stage 3
		Preschool Beainnina Term 2 2016
Hilvue Public	Gamilaraay	Gamilaraay
	Basic language in isolated classes	Stage 1, - Stage 3
		across the school
		Weekly lessons and professional
		learning for teachers.
Menindee Central	Paakantji	Paakantji
	EStaqe 1 - Staqe 4	Preschool, EStaqe 1 - Staqe 6
Moree East Public	No	Goomeroi/Gamilaraay
		EStage 1 - Stage 3; Community
Moree Secondary	No	Gamilaraay
		Stage 4
Taree High	Gathang	Gathang
	Stage 5	Stage 4 Stage 6
Taree Public	No	Gathang
		Commencinq Term 2, 2016, Stage 2
Toomelah Public	Gomeroi	Gomeroi
	EStaoe 1 - Staoe 3	Early Childhood; EStaoe 1 -Stage 3
		, ,
Walgett Community College	Gamilaraay Yuwaalaraay. Preschool - Stage 3	Gamilaraay Yuwaalaraay Preschool - Stage 3
Wilcannia Central	Paakantji	Paakantji
	Stage 4, then Estage 1 -Stage 4	Preschool - Stage 4
	classes	

⁽³⁾ The Department of Education has allocated funds to support the training of community members as language tutors.

In terms of the Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms, some schools may have provided subsidies to Aboriginal staff to undertake Aboriginal Languages courses at TAFE NSW from their professional learning budgets.

- (1) How many School Support Units for disabled children are currently operational in New South Wales public schools?
 - (a) In which schools does each of these units operate from?
 - (b) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) positions are there in each of these units?
- (2) Are positions in these units funded by the NSW Department of Education or by NSW Health?
- (3) How many FTE staff across New South Wales are these units expected to employ in the 2015-16 financial year?
- (4) Are there currently plans to replace the departing Registered Nurse at Gosford East Public School?
 - (a) If not, what plans does the Department have to ensure that students who require this support to attend school can continue to do so?

Answer-

- (1) As at 29 February 2016 there were 2811 specialist support classes for students in NSW public schools.
- (2) These positions are funded by the NSW Department of Education.
- (3) It is expected that up to 3698 FTE teaching staff and up to 2817 FTE school learning support officers will be employed to support the educational provision in specialist support classes in 2015-16.
- (4) Discussions are ongoing between the Department of Education and NSW Health about how best to support and ensure the safety and wellbeing of students at Gosford East Public School's Support Unit. The needs of all students requiring specialised medical interventions wil I continue to be met through the provision of an appropriate model of support.
- *2484 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN VICLIFFE AVENUE, CAMPSIE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With reference to the Department owned social housing properties in Vicliffe Avenue, Campsie:

- (1) Will residents be forcibly evicted while development options are being considered?
- (2) Will there be a net reduction in social housing stock in the Canterbury electorate as a result of redevelopment of these properties?
- (3) Is development of this land being considered as a result of consultations between your Department and the Department of Planning?

Answer-

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) works closely with tenants affected by redevelopments to ensure that appropriate alternative accommodation is found and that they have the support they need during relocation.

*2485 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES STRATEGY—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to the 'Connected Communities Strategy Interim Evaluation Report':

- (1) Which is the school noted in this report for not having successfully recruited senior leaders and leaders?
- (2) Why was the second round of cultural awareness training (Connecting to Country) delayed in all but three of these schools?
- (3) What steps will the Department take to enable Executive Principals and School Reference Groups understand the scope of their roles?

Answer—

- (1) The school referred to is Boggabilla Central School. This was due to a lack of suitable applicants applying for the position at the time.
- (2) The Connected Communities cultural immersion program is delivered to all staff at Connected Communities schools and is facilitated by the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (Inc.) (AECG). This is a voluntary organisation and identifying an appropriate time suitable for both parties can be a challenge.
- (3) A framework for schools is being developed to assist the Local School Reference Groups in understanding the scope of their roles.\

Since the inception of the strategy, accredited training has been provided annually for members of the Local School Reference Groups. A workshop for relevant staff and members of Local School Reference Groups will be held this term.

Executive Principals will continue to work with their Directors NSW Public Schools to ensure that all Connected Communities schools plans are underpinned by the Schools Excellence Framework and that

the schools are taking actions to broker interagency and/or non-government organisation services locally that address, complement and maximise the teaching and learning of students.

- *2486 OCHRE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
 - (1) What role does the Office of Aboriginal Affairs play in ensuring the goals set by OCHRE are achieved?
 - (2) What actions is the Office of Aboriginal Affairs taking to remedy the findings of the 'Connected Communities Strategy Interim Evaluation Report' which found that 'there has been a lack of support for Connected Communities from other government agencies'?
 - (3) When will the outcomes from the 'interagency working group' on these issues be reported?

Answer—

- (1) OCHRE is the NSW Government's commitment to Aboriginal communities. Individual initiatives under OCHRE are managed by multiple agencies, reflecting its whole-of-government mandate. Aboriginal Affairs has a lead role on healing, economic development, languages policy and Local Decision Making. Aboriginal Affairs chairs the OCHRE Program Control Group that brings together all the project managers with responsibility for delivering an OCHRE initiative and produces an annual report to Parliament that documents achievements, lessons learnt and future priorities. Aboriginal Affairs manages the contract and supports Aboriginal people's participation in the 1 0 year independent OCHRE evaluation being undertaken by the Social Policy Research Centre, University of NSW.
- (2) Connected Communities is led by the Department of Education's Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate. Aboriginal Affairs participates on the Connected Communities Senior Officers Inter-agency Group.
- (3) The work of the Connected Communities Senior Officers Inter-agency Group will be considered in the Connected Communities Final Evaluation Report, due at the end of 2018.
- *2487 KAMIRA COURT SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
 - (1) What is the current status for the redevelopment of the Kamira Court site at Villawood?
 - (2) Who is currently undertaking the development of both the affordable and social housing components?

Answer-

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing.

*2488 KAMIRA COURT SITE PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

When are works expected to commence on the Kamira Court site owned by the Land and Housing Corporation, which was scheduled to be redeveloped previously by Watpac?

Answer-

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing.

*2489 CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What was the average length of time before a call to the urgent Child Protection Helpline (13 DOCS) was answered by an operator in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?

Answer-

Details about calls to the Child Protection Helpline are available on the Family and Community Services website.

*2490 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What studies, if any to date, have been undertaken to consider the impact of increased traffic on local roads near the Bankstown CBD with respect to the projected increase in population due to the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor?

Answer-

Transport for NSW has worked closely with Department of Planning and Environment in preparation of a strategic transport strategy to support urban renewal proposed for the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor. The strategic transport strategy is available for download on the Department of Planning and Environment's website. http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Pians-for-Your-Area/Priority-Growth-Areas-andPrecincts/Sydenham-to-Bankstown-Urban-Renewai-Corridor/How-to-get-involved.

*2491 POPULATION PROJECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister recalculate the 2031 population projections for Bankstown City Council and also for Canterbury City Council to include the Minister for Planning's recent Sydenham to Bankstown Rail Corridor Urban Renewal Strategy targets?

Answer_

Population projections are a matter for the Department of Planning and Environment.

*2492 BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

Given that Bankstown City Council's Improvement Proposal indicated that its proposed financial strategy would result in a net operating result of \$17.6 million in 2019-20, which far exceeds the Government's forecast of a 103 percent improvement following the proposed merger with Canterbury City Council, will the Minister confirm that the merger will not leave Bankstown City Council financially worse off?

Answer—

An independent delegate is currently in the process of examining and reporting on the merger proposal. The delegate will consider the criteria set out in section 263 of the Local Government Act 1993, which includes financial considerations, communities of interest, elected representation, employment of staff, service and facilities, and the attitude of residents and ratepayers.

Councils and the public have had the opportunity to put forward their views on the proposal.

I look forward to receiving the report from the delegate and the comments from the Boundaries Commission once their process is completed. No final decision has been made about the proposed merger of Bankstown City Council and Canterbury City Council.

*2493 REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

What is the specific process undertaken by the Department of Planning in reviewing a request to alter the height restrictions imposed on buildings (such as is Bankstown CBD which is subject to height restrictions due to Bankstown airport's operations)?

Answer-

The Department assesses all Planning Proposals near licensed aerodromes under the section 117 direction No.3.5 Development Near Licensed Aerodromes. The direction requires councils to consult with the Commonwealth Department responsible for aerodromes and the leasee. Heights of buildings are considered as part of this process to determine if the proposed building height complies with the relevant height controls for the aerodrome.

*2494 HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

What consultation will be undertaken with the public regarding a recent application by Bankstown City Council to review height restrictions within the Bankstown CBD?

Answer-

Any application to vary height controls specified within a local environmental plan would require the preparation of a planning proposal to amend the local environmental plan. The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 sets out the community consultation requirements for planning proposals. Proposed consultation arrangements are confirmed, as part of the determination issued under the Gateway process. Consultation will be tailored to specific proposals. Where the proposal is not considered to be of a minor nature, a minimum of 28 days exhibition period is required, with notification in a local newspaper, notification on council's website and, where practicable, notification of adjoining landowners.

*2495 TELOPEA HOUSING ESTATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Will you release the business case for the redevelopment of the Telopea Housing estate and associated properties?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer-

Information about revitalising the Telopea housing estate was announced by the Government on 23 February 2016 and is available on the Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

The master plan will be publicly exhibited for community feedback and comment.

- *2497 MILLERS POINT ASSETS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) How many commercial properties does the Land and Housing Corporation own in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?
 - (2) How many of the 293 properties being sold in this precinct are commercial properties?
 - (3) Does the social housing sales program include any other commercial properties in this precinct?
 - (4) Will funds raised from the sale of Darling House at 8-12 Trinity Place, Millers Point be used to increase supply of social housing?
 - (a) If no, how will these funds be used?
 - (b) What was the sale price for Darling House?
 - (5) Will the Government allocate funds raised from the sale of commercial properties in this precinct to increase the supply of social housing?
 - (a) If not, how will these funds be used?
 - (6) What consideration has been given to the request from some community members that some funds from the sale of Darling House be given to the Millers Point Foundation to be used for community benefit?
 - (7) What plans does the Government have for the use of any commercial properties not planned to be sold?

Answer-

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation owns a number of commercial properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks.

All funds generated from the sale of properties in Millers Point are being used to reinvest in new social housing

- *2498 TENANT RELOCATION IN MILLERS POINT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
 - (1) How many social housing tenants remain in the Millers Point precinct?
 - (2) How many of the 28 public housing units to be retained in Millers Point have:
 - (a) One bedroom;
 - (b) Two bedrooms;
 - (c) Three bedrooms;
 - (d) More than 3 bedrooms;
 - (e) Have both internal and external level or disability access?
 - (3) How many of the housing units referred to in (2) do not have direct access to rear yard and clothes line or require tenants to walk around the block to access the rear yard?
 - (4) What assessment/consideration was given to Millers Point tenants housing needs before deciding which properties to retain?
 - (5) What criteria was used to identify which Millers Point properties to retain to house vulnerable local tenants?
 - (6) How many Millers Point public housing tenants applied to be relocated to one of these units?
 - (a) How many of these applicants need a:
 - (i) One bedroom home;
 - (ii) Two bedroom home;
 - (iii) Three bedroom home;
 - (iv) Level access or disability accessible home?
 - (7) How many applicants were approved to remain in Millers Point?
 - (8) What criteria were used to assess tenants' eligibility to remain in Millers Point?
 - (9) How many eligible tenants have accepted relocation to one of these units?

- (10) What action will the Government take to relocate Millers Point tenants who meet the eligibility requirement to remain in the precinct, but whose housing needs are not met by these units?
- (11) What plans does the Government have for the future of this precinct, given that it is not possible to meet the 19 March 2016 deadline for relocation and sale of all social housing properties in Millers Point?
- (12) What further action will the Government take to retain some social housing in this precinct?

Answer-

The Government has decided to retain 28 modern infill properties which are being refurbished for tenants.

All public housing tenants who applied to be relocated to these properties have been approved. Determinations for their eligibility to remain in Millers Point was in accordance with FACS' Eligibility for Social Housing and Matching and Offering a Property to a Client policies. Some modifications will be required to ensure disability access.

The Government will sell all the remaining social housing properties in Millers Point and the Rocks.

- *2499 389 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) What is the trend in complaints about cancelled or late running 389 bus services between 4 October 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (2) What does the service data show about reliability of bus services on this route between 4 October 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (3) What action has the Government taken to improve reliability of services on this route?
 - (4) What further action does the Government intend to improve 389 bus service reliability?

Answer—

The NSW Government, along with State Transit, continually reviews and considers customer feedback on the bus network, including route 389. Factors including frequency and reliability of bus services, in addition to convenience for customers, are considered. The new CBD bus network commenced in October 2015. The redesigned routes mean less bus congestion in the heart of the city, and throughroutes, including the 389, mean fewer buses have to terminate in the heart of the city.

*2500 EDGECLIFF STATION ACCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to plans for improved access between the Edgecliff Railway Station and bus interchange, listed under the Transport Access Program as at 14 January 2016 for 'current and upcoming works':

- (1) When does the Government intend to release upgrade plans for community comment?
- (2) Will the Government ensure the upgrade provides for full access between the station, shopping levels and the bus interchange?
- (3) Will the Government ensure that upgraded facilities accommodate wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and shopping carts?
- (4) Will the Government provide weather-proof facilities at the bus interchange?
- (5) What security facilities will be included in the upgrade?
- (6) When does the Government intend construction to begin on this upgrade?
- (7) When does the Government intend the new Edgecliff facilities to be operational?

Answer-

The project will be delivered as part of the NSW Government's Transport Access Program an initiative to deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure.

The project is currently in the design phase. When the upgrade is complete, Edgecliff Station will be accessible to all customers.

*2501 EASTERN SUBURBS LINK—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the priority cycleway route between Bondi Junction and the Sydney CBD identified in the 2013 plan 'Sydney's Cycling Future':

- (1) What sections of this route have been completed?
- (2) What sections remain to be completed?
- (3) What advice has Roads and Maritime Services provided on the remaining sections of this route?
- (4) What barriers have prevented the completion of work for each of the remaining sections?

- (5) What plans does the Government have to complete design and approval for the remaining sections?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to fund construction of the remaining sections?
- (7) When does the Government expect to have a safe cycling route between Bondi Junction and the CBD?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to complete this priority route as soon as possible?

Answer—

- (1) Between York Road, Bondi Junction and Lang Road, Centennial Park (along Oxford Street) and Between Taylor Square and Castlereagh Street (along Campbell Street).
- (2) Planning is underway with Councils for the sections between Bronte Road, Bondi Junction and York Road, Bondi Junction, and between Lang Road, Centennial Park and Taylor Square.
- (3) Roads and Maritime Services is working with:
- a. The City of Sydney to develop a concept design for a cycleway connection between Lang Road and the Campbell Street cycleway.
- b. Waverley Council to develop a concept design for a cycleway connection between York Road and Bronte Road.
- (4) to (6) Design work for the remaining sections is ongoing. Any future funding is conditional on this design work.
- *2502 GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) What action has been taken following the 2013 ACIL Allen Consulting analysis about the future of the Glebe Island Bridge?
 - (2) What action has been taken to repair and maintain the bridge?
 - (3) What options have been considered for use of the bridge for public transport including extension of the existing light rail service?
 - (4) What consideration has been given to reuse of the Glebe Island Bridge for low level access between Pyrmont and the Inner West?
 - (5) When does the Government intend to provide details about these options for community comment?
 - (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure reuse of the bridge for active transport?

Answer—

- (1) Transport for NSW, in partnership with Urban Growth and Roads and Maritime Services, is examining options for the repurposing of the Glebe Island Bridge, to provide an active transport link between the Bays Precinct and Pyrmont. A Transport and Mobility Plan is currently being developed for the Bays Precinct and is expected to be completed this year.
- (2) A project is underway to improve the bridge fenders.
- (3) The use of Glebe Island Bridge for public transport, walking and cycling into the future, is being considered as part of the Transport and Mobility Plan. There are however, a number of factors that need to be considered before any decisions will be made about its potential use.
- (4) Connectivity between the Bays Precinct with Pyrmont, Sydney CBD, Blackwattle Bay and Wentworth Park will be a key consideration when examining options for the repurposing of the Glebe Island Bridge.
- (5) Public engagement will be conducted as a part of the business cases.
- (6) Refer to responses 1 and 3.
- *2503 SURRY HILLS BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
 - (1) What is the trend in complaints about cancelled, full or late running bus services on 300 series routes between 4 October 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (2) What does the service data show about reliability of bus services on these routes between 4 October 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (3) Are 300 series buses now more likely to be full before they reach Surry Hills?
 - (4) What is the trend in complaints about cancelled, full or late running bus services on Flinders Street bus routes from 4 October 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (5) What does the service data show about reliability of Flinders Street bus services between 4 October 2015 and 25 February 2016?
 - (6) Are Flinders Street buses now more likely to be full before they reach Surry Hills?
 - (7) What action has the Government taken to improve reliability of services on these routes?
 - (8) What further action does the Government intend to improve bus services through Surry Hills?

Answer-

The NSW Government, along with State Transit, continually reviews and considers customer feedback on the bus network, including 300 series routes. Factors including frequency and reliability of bus services, in addition to convenience for customers, are considered. The new CBD bus network commenced in October 2015. The redesigned routes mean less bus congestion in the heart of the city.

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- *2506 HUNTER-CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL ILLEGAL DUMPING SQUAD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - (1) How much money was allocated towards the Hunter-Central Coast Regional Illegal Dumping [RID] Squad in the 2015-16 financial year?
 - (2) Will the funding be increased in the 2016-17 financial year?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The EPA contributed \$400,000 to the Hunter Central Coast RID squad in 2015-16.
- (2) The EPA will contribute \$400,000 to the Hunter Central Coast RID squad in 2016-17.
 - (a) N/A.
- *2507 MAINTENANCE OF WETLANDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - (1) How much funding was allocated towards the maintenance of all wetlands in New South Wales in 2015?
 - (2) How much funding was allocated to each individual wetland in 2015?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government supports the restoration and maintenance of wetlands through a range of programs and actions. These activities include the annual delivery of environmental water to iconic wetlands such as the Macquarie Marshes and floodplain wetlands on the Gwydir, lower Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, worth \$4.3 million in the 2014-15 financial year.

The Office of Environment and Heritage also manages important wetlands within national parks including coastal floodplain and estuarine wetlands, and wetlands listed under the Ramsar Convention such as the Central Murray Forests, the Paroo River Wetlands, Narran Lake, the Macquarie Marshes, the Gwydir wetlands, Myall Lakes and Towra Point.

- (2) Activities and programs supporting wetland maintenance are not separately budgeted for individual wetlands.
- 2508 SECURITY STAFF AT CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2509 SECURITY STAFF AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2510 HOSPITAL SECURITY ACTION PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2511 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- *2512 WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL TEAMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

What steps is the Government taking to ensure parity in terms of resources, support and pay for women's professional teams in New South Wales when compared to their male counterparts?

Answer-

Please refer to the answer provided to 1229.

- 2513 YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2514 REPLACEMENT OF INTERCITY TRAINS—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2515 GOLD OPAL CARDS—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2516 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2517 REINTRODUCTION OF TOLLS ON THE M4 MOTORWAY—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2518 KEIRAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2519 AUSTINMER PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2520 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2521 ADHC AND HOME CARE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2522 DUNMORE STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2523 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRUSTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2524 CROOME REGIONAL SPORTING COMPLEX—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2525 FUTURE OF MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2526 INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT NOISE BARRIERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2527 LITTERING TARGETS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2528 ELECTRICITY BLACKOUTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2529 SERVICE NSW—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2530 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2531 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2532 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2533 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2534 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2535 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- 2536 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2537 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2538 DRIVER LICENCE TESTS AT MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2539 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING A CHILD AT RISK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2540 REPORTS RELATING TO CONTROLLED POLICE OPERATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2541 LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITES) AMENDMENT ACT 2014—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2542 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCE COMMITTEE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2543 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- *2544 COMMUNITY COHESION PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) What Community Cohesion Programs have been developed by the Government since 1 July 2015 as part of measures to counter violent extremism?
 - (2) What has been the cost of the programs?

Answer—

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Multiculturalism, I have referred the question to the Hon John Ajaka MLC.

*2545 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

When will the statutory review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act be completed?

Answer-

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Attorney General. I have referred the question to the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP.

- *2546 COMMUNITY COHESION AMBASSADORS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
 - (1) Has a Community Cohesion Ambassadors Program been developed by the Government as part of measures to counter violent extremism?
 - (a) If yes, who are the Ambassadors?
 - (2) What has been the cost of this program to 8 March 2016?

Answer-

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Multiculturalism, I have referred the question to the Hon John Ajaka MLC.

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*2547 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Considering that Foy Group Limited, an Australian company, has developed a 'world's first' technology capable of processing non-recyclable end of life plastics into road ready fuels and has constructed a processing plant at Berkeley Vale on the New South Wales Central Coast, can the Minister explain why the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority is currently withholding an Environment Protection Licence for the company?
- (2) Why is the Environment Protection Authority seemingly unable to assess or review new technology in the waste to energy sector and therefore unable to issue the appropriate licenses to allow Australian companies to commence, operate and provide employment to the New South Wales Central Coast?
- (3) Why does the Environment Protection Authority contract out the responsibility for scientific decisions to an external body?
- (4) Does the Environment Protection Authority have clear guidelines and processes for the approval of new and innovative technological processes in the waste to energy sector?

Answer—

- (1) Fay Group Limited has not applied for an environment protection licence.
- (2) Where a proposed operation involves thermal treatment of waste, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) assesses that operation's ability to comply with the NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement. As part of that process, an independent expert in energy from waste may be asked to provide input. The EPA makes the final decision on whether an operation has demonstrated compliance with the NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement.
- (3) See response to question two.
- (4) Yes. The NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement is the guiding document for this process. It stipulates that while the thermal treatment of waste provides an opportunity to recover the embodied energy from waste, offset the use of nonrenewable energy sources and avoid methane emissions from landfill, this may only be done where there is no increase in the risk of harm to human health or the environment.
- 2548 TOLLS ON THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE AND SYDNEY HARBOUR TUNNEL—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2549 PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2550 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Attorney General—
- 2551 BULLI HOSPITAL UPRGADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2552 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2553 SERVICE NSW CORRIMAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2555 CORRESPONDENCE TO BARBARA ADAMOVICH (HUGHES)—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2556 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2557 RAILWAY STATION STAFF—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2558 URBANGROWTH—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2559 PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2560 RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—

- 2561 MARRICKVILLE STATION UPGRADE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2562 COMPLAINTS ABOUT INNER WEST BUS SERVICES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2563 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2564 SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2565 ANZAC PARADE MOORE PARK DIVERSION FOR LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2567 CYCLING FINES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2568 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2569 CHARLESTOWN FIRE STATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2570 TAFE NSW—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2571 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2572 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2573 GOLD OPAL CARD—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2574 VANDALISM AT SCHOOLS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2575 DISABILITY UNITS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2576 HOSPITALS IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2577 TRUST MERGERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2578 BUCHANAN ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2579 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2580 TEACHERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2581 TEACHER SICK LEAVE IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2582 EARLY STAGE TEACHERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2583 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE ACTIONS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- 2584 ROAD BRIDGES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2585 AUSTRALIA AVENUE ROUNDABOUT IN HOMEBUSH WEST—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2586 RAILWAY BRIDGES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2587 COMPLAINTS REGARDING INCORRECT INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2588 CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FUND—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2589 PROJECTS FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2590 VALUE OF TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2591 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE REPAINT—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2592 PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2593 BENEFITS OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *2594 TREE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WITHIN WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - (1) Does tree and vegetation management within Wyong Shire Area provide adequate protection of protected species and protected ecological communities as a result of changes made to chapter 3.6 of the Wyong Development Control Plan (DCP) 2013?
 - (2) Will the Minister provide a formal written response to my letter (reference 046/15/pd) dated 17 August 2015?

Answer-

- (1) Chapter 3.6 of the Wyong Development Control Plan 2013 advises landowners to consider relevant state and federal legislation, such as the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, before clearing to determine if concurrence, consent or approval is required.
- (2) Yes.
- 2595 STORM AT BERKELEY VALE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2596 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- *2597 WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

With reference to LA Q1758:

(1) Are any of these three reports of native vegetation clearing in Wyong Shire located within The

Entrance electorate?

- (a) If so, what are the circumstances and location of the reports?
- (b) Did the investigation confirm removal of native vegetation and was the vegetation type protected?
- (2) What is the nature of the Office of Environment and Heritage monitoring program to identify unlawful clearing events or harm to threatened species across New South Wales?
 - (a) How can members of the public provide information to the Office of Environment and Heritage?

Answer-

- (1) No.
- (2) A statewide monitoring program using aerial and satellite imagery allows the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to identify vegetation changes and land clearing events. Additionally, OEH receives reports from the public, local councils and other government bodies.
 - (a) Members of the public can provide information to OEH by calling the Environment Line on 131 555, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2598 STATIONMASTERS COTTAGE AT OURIMBAH STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2599 NIAGARA PARK RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 2600 SOLAR PANEL POWERED CAMERAS ON APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2601 COST OF A SYDNEY METRO TICKET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2602 PINCH POINTS AT INTERSECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2603 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2604 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2605 FUNDING FOR WUNDARRA SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2606 TELOPIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2607 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2608 SALE OF 35-47 WILSON LANE, DARLINGTON—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2609 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2610 WOMEN'S FAMILY LAW SUPPORT SERVICE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- 2611 SAFER PATHWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2612 PETROLEUM LICENCE 458—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2613 MULTILINGUAL POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2614 PROVISIONS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2615 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS IN WESTERN AND SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2616 STRATEGIES TO ENCOURAGE ENROLLMENT IN THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2617 GRADUATES FROM THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE ACADEMY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2618 PROJECTED GRADUATES FROM THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE ACADEMY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2619 POLICE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2620 STRATEGIES FOR NSW POLICE FORCE WORKING WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2621 NUMBERS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- *2622 LOCAL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE LOCKOUT LAWS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) Can the Minister outline what has been done to work with local businesses both inside and outside the Sydney Central Business District and Kings Cross lockout zone to mitigate any negative effects of the lockout laws, such as a decline in patronage?
 - (2) What plans does the Minister have for engaging local businesses in the current review of the Sydney lockout laws, recognising that licensed venues are not the only small businesses to be impacted by the laws?
 - (3) What plans does the Minister have to support and diversify Sydney's late night economy?

1) Small businesses seeking to optimise their business model following the regulatory changes have the opportunity to access the Small Biz Connect advisory program, which provides quality small business advice through an extensive network of mobile Small Biz Connect advisors.

Between 1 February 2014 and 29 February 2016, close to 4,000 hours of practical business support was provided to small business owners and operators in the 'Sydney Central' region, which includes the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross.

The Small Biz Bus, th rough which advisors provided tailored business advice, visited the Sydney Central region 15 times and will return to Kings Cross later in 2016.

2) Any interested bodies or persons are invited to have their say on the liquor laws by making a formal written submission to the review no later than 4 April 2016. A background paper has been prepared on the Liquor Law Review which outlines a number of issues for stakeholder comment. Submissions can be made to liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au.

- 3) The NSW Government is holding a series of round table meetings in coming months to examine the current challenges and opportunities for the development of a safe and vibrant night time economy in Sydney. This is consistent with the aim of strengthening Sydney's reputation as a global city, by promoting night-time leisure and social activities for residents and visitors.
- The Office the NSW Small Business Commissioner will represent the interests of small businesses at the round tables.
- 2623 PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR WESTCONNEX IN ST PETERS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2624 BUSES IN THE METROPOLITAN AND OUTER SYDNEY AREAS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2625 NEW M5 AND M4 EAST—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2626 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELOCATION OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2627 LAND IN GLENFIELD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2628 SPLIT OR SHARE SUBJECTS IN STATE HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2629 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2630 PAT MAHONY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2631 SALE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND AND SITES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2632 MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY HAWKESBURY CAMPUS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2633 TOCAL COLLEGE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2634 CATHOLIC CEMETERIES TRUST—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2635 SYDNEY MODERN PROJECT SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2636 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2637 STREET TREE PRUNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2638 ON-STREET RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2639 MODEL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR POULTRY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2640 USE OF THE TIBBY COTTER BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *2641 WOMEN'S SPORT AT THE ALLIANZ STADIUM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
 - (1) How many matches had:
 - (a) Men players only;

- (b) Women players only;
- (c) Women and men players?
- (2) Of the grand final matches held, what proportion were for womens' sports?
- (3) How many A-League Sydney FC matches were held?
- (4) How many W-League Sydney FC matches were held?
- (5) How many matches were held in which the Socceroos played?
- (6) How many matches were held in which the Matildas played?
- (7) How many AFL matches were held?
- (8) How many women's Australian Football matches at any level were held?
- (9) How many Rugby Union matches were held?
- (10) How many women's Rugby Union matches were held?
- (11) How many NRL matches were held?
- (12) How many NRL matches were held with women players only?
- (13) What assessment has the Government made on the inclusion of women's sport at Allianz Stadium?
- (14) What action is the Government taking to give women's sport greater and more equal access to Allianz Stadium?

Answer-

Events held at Allianz Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground are provided in the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust Annual Report. The hiring of these venues is a matter for the relevant sports controlling body and/or sport clubs.

- 2642 LIGHT RAIL IMPACTS ON MOORE PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2643 LGBTIQ RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOMES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2644 MAINTENANCE OF TREES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2645 CHANGES TO STRATA LAWS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2646 WATER SCURITY FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2647 EDUCATION BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2648 WEED KILLING AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- *2649 WESTERN INSTITUTE OF TAFE CAMPUS'—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) How many students were enrolled across all campuses in the Western Institute of TAFE in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2015?
 - (2) How many students were enrolled at the Orange campus in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2015?
 - (3) How many Aboriginal students were enrolled across all campuses in the Western Institute of TAFE in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2015?
 - (4) How many Aboriginal students were enrolled at the Orange campus in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2015?
 - (5) What human resources and services, are provided at the Orange Campus to assist Aboriginal students in their engagement, participation and completion of studies?
 - (6) Have any human resources or services for Aboriginal students at the Orange Campus been cut, reduced or scaled back since January 2012?

Answer-

(1) to (4) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enro lment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at https://www.tafensw.edu.au/abouttafensw/annual-report and at http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-weoperate/annual-reports.

- (5) TAFE Western's Orange College has dedicated human resources and services that assist Abori ginal students to engage, participate and complete their studies. These include an Aboriginal Community Consultant (ACC) and Aboriginal Student Support Officer (ASSO). There is also a purpose built Aboriginal Learning Centre, Winhanganha, that offers Aboriginal students opportunities to train in early childhood and community services related courses.
- (6) No human resources or services have been reduced for Aboriginal students at TAFE Western's Orange College since January 2012.
- 2650 LYMPHOEDEMA PATIENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2651 KIRKCONNELL CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2652 FIREFIGHTING PUMPERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2653 FIREFIGHTING TANKERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2654 CENTRAL WEST ACTION PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2655 OLD NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—
- 2656 HUNTER SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Education—
- *2657 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

When will the Government publish the answers to questions which were submitted by the participants of the September 2015 Revitalising Newcastle Community Consultation forum, in lieu of a live Questions and Answers session?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 2658 NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2659 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2660 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2661 TRANSPORT DEPOTS IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2662 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL ROUTE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2663 TOILETS AND BABY CHANGE FACILITIES AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2664 VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AT TRAIN STATIONS IN AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2665 TRAINS SKIPPING SCHEDULED STOPS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2666 FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- 2667 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2668 M5 EAST SMOKY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2669 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR POLICE RESCUE—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2670 FIREARMS LICENCES—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2671 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK FEE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2672 SYDNEY TRAINS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2673 SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2674 BELLAMBI TRAIN STATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2675 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2676 SPECIALIST SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2677 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2678 SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL COUNSELLOR WORKFORCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2679 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2680 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2681 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2682 SUPPORT AND ADVICE LINE AND ONLINE SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2683 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM EXPERT COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2684 TRAINING FOR AGED CARE WORKERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2685 ELERMORE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2686 SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2687 BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2688 PLAN FOR THE HUNTER AND GROWING HUNTER CITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2689 PRIVATISATION OF NEWCASTLE BUS INTRASTRUCTURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 2690 STAFF AT HUNTER RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2691 TRAIN JOBS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2692 LIGHT RAIL IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 2693 CANCER STATISTICS UPDATE—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2694 CANCER INSTITUTE OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2695 ACCESS TO CANCER INSTITUTE DATA—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2696 SALE OF UNUSED LAND—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2697 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2698 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS ON CABRAMATTA ROAD—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- *2699 TAFE EMPLOYEES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) How many employees have been made redundant between 1 January 2014 to 1 January 2016 for the following sites:
 - (a) TAFE Wetherill Park College;
 - (b) TAFE Miller College?

Answer-

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annualreport and at http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annualreports.

- 2700 ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL OPAL CARDS—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2701 FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS AND ARTISTS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2702 PLASTIC POLLUTION IN SYDNEY HARBOUR—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2703 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE INNER WEST—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2704 POLICE CHECKING TRAIN FARES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2705 FINES FOR CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2706 413 BUS ROUTE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2707 GRAFFITI ON THE INNER WEST TRAIN LINE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 2708 POWER STATION SITE REMEDIATION—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2709 SILVERWATER CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2710 ASSISTED SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2711 SYDNEY WATER OPERATIONS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2712 OPAL CARD RETAILERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2713 OPAL TOP-UP MACHINES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2714 PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2715 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BUDGETS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2716 HELP POINTS AT TRAIN STATIONS AND FERRY WHARVES IN AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2717 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2718 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- *2719 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contact for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight, and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

- *2720 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer-

Please refer to the response provided to QON # 2719.

2721 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- 2722 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2723 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2724 IMPROVEMENTS ON SINGLE LANE ROADS TO ACCOMMODATE CYCLISTS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2725 SECURITY STAFF AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2726 HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTIONS—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2727 LIMITS ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2728 ROAD RESTRICTIONS ON THE GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 2729 FAIR TRADING CONSUMER COMPLAINTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2730 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2731 REAL ESTATE LICENCES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2732 OPAL CARD VENDORS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2733 308 BUS ROUTE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2734 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2735 WESTCONNEX PLANNING APPROVAL FOR THE ALEXANDRIA LANDFILL SITE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2736 CLOSURE OF THE MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2737 WATERFALL AND CRONULLA TO CITY TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2738 COMMUTER CAR PARKING—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2739 DELAYS ON THE T4 TRAIN LINE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2740 PAINTING OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2741 INCREASE TO FINES FOR BICYCLE OFFENCES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- 2742 IDENTIFICATION FOR CYCLISTS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2743 SEWERAGE OVERFLOW PIPES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2744 NSW HEALTH PAYLINK SYSTEM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2745 KEARSLEY ENCLOSURE PERMIT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2746 ENCLOSURE PERMITS AND TIME FRAMES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2747 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ENCLOSURE PERMITS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2748 FLYING FOX COLONIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2749 PRIVATE HEALTH PATIENTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2750 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2751 COSTS DISCLOSURES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2752 ATTENDANCE AT POLICE STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- NEW SOUTH WALES FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2754 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2755 UPGRADE OF HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2756 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STATION STAFF IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2757 ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2758 COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2759 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2760 SHARK COUNT IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2761 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE CENTRAL METROPOLITAN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2762 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE SOUTHERN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2763 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- 2764 INITIATIVES FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2765 NEW RECRUITS TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2766 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2767 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE NORTHERN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2768 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE WESTERN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2769 ICE AND RELATED CRIME IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2770 OUT-OF-ZONE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2771 FORMER SITE OF THE HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- WOMEN ONLY REHABILITATION CLINICS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2773 VICTORIA STREET STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2774 WHOOPING COUGH IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2775 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2776 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- *2777 TAFE CAMPUSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) Are there any future plans to close or sell off any part of Maitland TAFE campus? (a) If so, why?
 - (2) Will TAFE New South Wales campuses will be closed or sold in the future? (a) If so, which campuses?
 - (3) Why will campuses be closed or sold considering there is a skills shortage in New South Wales? Answer—
 - (1) to (3) TAFE NSW has a large and diverse property portfolio. TAFE NSW is developing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure training is matched with the changing needs of students and employers. TAFE NSW regularly assesses facility requirements across NSW in line with course delivery.
 - Where vacant land or underutilised facilities are sold, the proceeds will be reinvested into TAFE NSW to ensure students have access to state-of-the-art campuses and technology.
- 2778 FEES AND ENROLMENT FOR TAFE NSW—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2779 HOUSING CONTACT CENTRE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2780 200 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2781 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- *2782 RECYCLING CONTAMINATION BY PLASTIC BAGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - (1) Do plastic bags account for the largest singular contaminant of recycling from household collections?
 - (2) How many tonnes of recyclable goods sent for recycling from household collections end up in landfill due to contamination from plastic bags?
 - (3) What proportion is this of total recyclable goods sent from household recycling collections?
 - (4) What assessment has been made on the impact of plastic bag contaminants on the recycling sorting process in terms of time and cost?
 - (5) What assessment has been made on the extent that a container deposit scheme will have on reducing contamination of bottle container recycling?
 - (6) What assessment has been made of the extent that a ban on single use plastic bags on reducing contamination of household recycling?

Answer-

- (1) to (3) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) does not collect this data.
- (4) The EPA has not undertaken this assessment.
- (5) The NSW Government has committed to implement a container deposit scheme by 1 July 2017. The main objective of the scheme is to reduce the number of containers in the litter stream, rather than to reduce contamination in drink container recycling.
- (6) The EPA has not undertaken this assessment.
- 2783 FLYING FOX CAMPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2784 LIME STREET BUS LAYOVER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2785 MOTORCYCLE NOISE STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2786 TRAFFIC SIGNAL BICYCLE DETECTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2787 ROAD OCCUPANCY LICENCES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2788 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME TRANSITION—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2789 VACANT GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2790 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 2791 PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE INSPECTIONS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 2792 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2793 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2794 PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL MERGER—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- 2795 SAFER PATHWAYS ROLLOUT—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- *2796 PASSENGER SHIP EMISSIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
 - When will emissions be regulated for passenger ships that are docked in the Port of Newcastle? Answer—
 - The NSW Government is consulting with stakeholders about the use of low sulfur fuel by cruise ships in regional NSW ports with a view to making a decision before the second half of 2016.
- 2797 REGULATION OF SHIP EMISSIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2798 AIR QUALITY STANDARDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2799 CLEAN FUEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2800 NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 2801 NEWCASTLE OFFICE OF LIQUOR, GAMING AND RACING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2802 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CAP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2803 STOCKTON SERVICE STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2804 REVIEW OF SHUTTING DOWN RAIL LINES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2805 COST OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2806 HOMELESS WOMEN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2807 RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2808 MAINTENANCE REQUESTS BY CLIENT SERVICES OFFICERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2809 REQUESTS THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE TELEPHONE LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2810 OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN JOBS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2811 CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2812 RESIDENTIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES JOBS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- 2813 SYRIAN REFUGEES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydnev—
- 2814 DRIVER LICENCE RENEWAL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2815 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2816 OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2817 MEETING AT WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2818 SERVICE NSW GIVING SERVICE BACK CAMPAIGN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2819 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2820 SURPLUS LAND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2821 MAJOR PROJECTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2822 REVIEW OF MAJOR PROJECTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2823 PARKING SPACE LEVY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2824 APPLICATIONS TO HARDSHIP REVIEW BOARD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2825 LAND TAX REVENUE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2826 UNCLAIMED MONEY REVENUE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2827 NEW SOUTH WALES GAMING MACHINE TAX—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2828 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2829 OFFICE OF NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2830 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2831 SNIFFER DOGS AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2832 PROCLAMATION OF LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2833 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2834 MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 2835 RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2836 PARKING FACILITIES FOR SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2837 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—

- 2838 TRANSFER OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2839 SUICIDE PREVENTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2840 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE DENTISTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2841 SECURITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2842 TOILET AND BABY CHANGE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 2843 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2844 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- *2845 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
 - (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer-

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

- 2846 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2847 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2848 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2849 HOUSING MAINTENANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2850 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2851 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2852 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- 2853 MINE SUBSIDENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2854 TRAFFIC STUDIES IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2855 SITE SUITABILITY FOR SERVICE NSW KIOSKS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2856 SERVICE NSW KIOSKS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2857 NON-URGENT SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2858 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2859 MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2860 MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2861 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS PROVIDERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2862 NSW PROCUREMENT RESTRUCTURE AND RECRUITMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- DRUG DETECTION OPERATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2864 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2865 HUNTER-CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL ILLEGAL DUMPING SQUAD—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2866 WET WIPES IN SEWERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2867 WALLSEND FLOOD MANAGEMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 2868 PROCESSING AND DELIVERY OF DRIVER'S LICENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2869 LAWRENCE HARGRAVE DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2870 CRASH STATISTICS FOR APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE KITS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2872 HOUSING ACCELARATION FUNDING PROJECTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning—

- 2873 ALCOHOL AND DRUG FUELLED VIOLENCE STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2874 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2875 SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2876 ROADSIDE BREATH TESTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2877 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2878 FUNDING FOR SUPPORT TO MIGRANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2879 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2880 MILLER ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION AT BASS HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2881 MENTAL HEALTH IN NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2882 RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2883 MENTAL HEALTH IN WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2884 MENTAL HEALTH IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2885 MENTAL HEALTH IN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2886 WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2887 RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKERS CRIMINAL CHECKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2888 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2889 SERVICE NSW CENTRE CUSTOMER NUMBERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2890 RELOCATION OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2891 RESEARCH INTO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2892 OPAL TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 2893 PEDESTRIANS KILLED IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2894 TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT CENTRE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2895 WET WIPES IN SEWERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2896 CENTRAL COAST WATERWAYS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2897 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2898 MANGROVE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL CLUB—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2899 MOUNT DRUITT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2900 HERITAGE SERVICES TEAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2901 ELECTROTECHNOLOGY ELECTRICIANS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2902 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2903 ARTIFICAL REEF NEAR NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2904 BROADMEADOW SPORT PRECINCT MASTERPLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 2905 WHOOPING COUGH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2906 WICKHAM INTERCHANGE SITE SELECTION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2907 OPAL CARD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- *2908 TAFE STAFF—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
 - (1) How many TAFE staff were made redundant between 1 January 2014 and 1 January 2016 at:
 - (a) TAFE Hamilton?
 - (b) TAFE Tighes Hill?

Answer-

- (1a) and (1b) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at www.tafensw.edu.au/abouttafensw/annual-report and at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/howwe-operate/annual-reports.
- 2909 PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2910 PORT OF NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION GRANTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2911 NEWCASTLE SOCIAL HOUSING REDEVLOPMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- 2912 BACKPACKER HOSTELS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2913 ACCESSIBLE PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2914 BALMAIN CAMPUS SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2915 311 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2916 GREYHOUND RACING CLUB REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2917 DRUG DOG OPERATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—
- 2918 FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS REDRESS SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2919 STROKES POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2920 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2921 INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATION APPROVALS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2922 FORESTRY CORPORATION ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2923 SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2924 QUIET CARRIAGE SIGNAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2925 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2926 MAITLAND STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2927 OFFENCES REGARDING PARAMEDICS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2928 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2929 VICTIMS RIGHTS AND SUPPORT REGULATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Attorney General—
- 2930 GAMING MACHINE TAX—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2931 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2932 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2933 MAINTENANCE WORK BY HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2934 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- 2935 FLYING FOX CAMP MANAGMENT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2936 PRIVATE PATIENTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2937 CESSNOCK POLICE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2938 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2939 STAFF AT CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2940 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2941 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2942 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES AND CALL-OUTS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2943 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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