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- 3306 CITY RAIL SECURITY SERVICES—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport—
- \*3307 COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What discussions in relation to forced council amalgamation proposals has the Minister had with:
  - (a) the Division of Local Government;
  - (b) the Independent Local Government Review Panel;
  - (c) individual Mayors and Councillors?
- (2) Has the Minister indicated his support for forced council amalgamations to any of those organisations or individuals?
- (3) Is the Division of Local Government or the Independent Review Panel currently examining proposed boundaries changes for metropolitan councils?

Answer—

At the request of the then Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, the Independent Local Government Review Panel was established to investigate and identify options for governance models, structural arrangements and boundary changes for local government in NSW.

A copy of the Panel's terms of reference is available on the Panel's website at <http://www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au/>

My commitment as Minister for Local Government is to give full and careful consideration to the final recommendations of the Independent Review of Local Government.

- 3308 TRAIN VANDALISM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3309 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL 2013 FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3310 GREEN SLIP COSTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3311 STOCKTON CENTRE NURSING VACANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3312 SCHOOL SUN PROTECTION GUIDELINES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 3316 NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- \*3317 NEWCASTLE BUS REVIEW—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport—

Given shifting demographics, and varied commuter travel needs since the previous review:

- (1) Will the Minister be conducting a comprehensive bus review of Newcastle buses in 2013?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

3318 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3319 NEWCASTLE STATION RAIL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

3320 ELECTRICITY GENERATOR DEBT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

3321 FINIAN EGAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

3322 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY VISITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

3323 REVESBY TO BEVERLY HILLS RAIL LINE QUADRUPLICATION WORK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—

3324 REPORT NO. 135—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

\*3325 COUNCIL GENERAL MANAGERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) Does the Local Government Act allow the General Manager of a Council to style him or herself Chief Executive Officer rather than General Manager?

(2) Does the Minister propose amendments to the Local Government Act on this issue?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

(1) The Local Government Act 1993 requires councils to appoint a person to the position of general manager but does not necessarily require the person appointed to that position to carry the title of general manager. The Act would not preclude a person who occupies the position of general manager to hold a different title such as "Chief Executive Officer".

(2) Proposed amendments to the Local Government should be brought to the attention of the Local Government Acts Taskforce.

\*3326 PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING OF ELECTED COUNCILLORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) Does the Minister support the General Managers of councils carrying out psychological testing of elected Councillors?

(2) Is the psychological testing referred to above permitted or required under the Local Government Act?

(3) Can public money legitimately be used for such purposes?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

(1) No.

(2) No.

(3) No.

3327 JUNE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

3328 NETCAT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

3329 ROUNDABOUT AT SMITHFIELD ROAD AND POLDING STREET—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

3330 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

3331 ROAD NUMBERING SYSTEM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3332 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3333 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3334 IMPROVEMENTS TO AND NAMING OF FLINDERS STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3335 PORT OF PORT KEMBLA LEASE PROCEEDS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3336 PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- 3338 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 3339 MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3340 IT ASSIST PROJECT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3341 PRACTICE FIRST TRIAL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 3342 SAFE SHOOTING PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 3344 NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3345 ENERGY PRICES REFORM AGENDA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3347 324/325 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3348 EASTLAKE SHOPPING CENTRE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- \*3349 BASKETBALL NSW COMPLIANCE RULE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

As Minister for Western Sydney where basketball has a significant following and number of players, does the Premier support the Compliance Rule of Basketball NSW as to the number of teams a basketball club can enter into state competitions being based on a previous year's numbers of players rather than the numbers of players for the current year?

Answer—

The setting of rules and regulations for basketball competitions in NSW is the responsibility of the recognised State Sporting Organisation, Basketball NSW.

- 3350 BUILDING ASSESSMENT AND BACKLOG MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 3351 OUTPATIENTS AT PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3352 SMOKING ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3353 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3354 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL SPINAL UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 3355 ASH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 3357 NOISE ABATEMENT IN CASULA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 3360 MT OUSLEY ROAD AND F6 INTERSECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 3361 ABUSE BY DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
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- 3363 DENIAL OF RIGHTS REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
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- 3365 PARRAMATTA GIRLS HOME SITE OF CONSCIENCE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3366 STOCKTON AND TOMAREE CENTRES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 3367 OMBUDSMAN'S DENIAL OF RIGHTS REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
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- 3370 WATER SUPPLY DISCONNECTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 3373 RAILCORP GRAFFITI CLEANING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3374 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR NSW POLICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3375 HOUSING NSW AFTER HOURS ACCOMMODATION SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 3581 EASTERN CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING POSITION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the current situation with the proposed loss of a teacher's position from the Eastern Creek Public School?
  - (2) Will the Minister delay the departure of a teacher for a period of time to allow the enrolment figures for this school to be brought up to date at the end of term one?
- 3582 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to Cessnock Hospital:

- (1) What is the maximum number of wards located at Cessnock Hospital?
- (2) How many wards are currently open?
- (3) What is the maximum number of beds located at Cessnock Hospital?
- (4) How many beds are currently available to be utilised?
- (5) What was the number of admissions with a minimum of one night's stay in the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;



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3583 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to Kurri Kurri Hospital:

- (1) What is the maximum number of wards located at Kurri Kurri Hospital?
- (2) How many wards are currently open?
- (3) What is the maximum number of beds located at Kurri Kurri Hospital?
- (4) How many beds are currently available to be utilised?
- (5) What was the number of admissions with a minimum of one night's stay in the years:
  - (a) 2009-2010;
  - (b) 2010-2011;
  - (c) 2011-2012?

3584 CESSNOCK TIMBER BRIDGES PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

With regards to funding available to Cessnock City Council for the Timber Bridges Program:

- (1) What funding has been made available to the Council over the last seven years?
- (2) (a) Have the Council expended their funding?
  - (b) Does it still retain some funding for future works?
- (3) (a) What bridges have been worked on in this period?
  - (b) What are expected to be worked on in the future?
- (4) (a) Does the RMS still have a Timber Bridge Funding Program?
  - (b) To what value?
  - (c) Will Cessnock City Council be entitled to apply?

3585 KURRI KURRI POLICE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to Kurri Kurri Police Station:

- (1) What are the current operating hours?
- (2) How many officers currently operate out of Kurri Kurri Police Station?
- (3) What hours is the station manned in a manner that allows members of the community to have face to face contact with officers?

3586 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES FOR CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

With regard to Economic Assessment of Mining Affected Communities (February 2013), Figure 4, page 9:

- (1) What expenditure details justify the claim in the graph that Cessnock receives approximately \$19,000 expenditure per head of population?
- (2) On what grounds, conditions and data is this figure calculated?
- (3) Does the calculation method include infrastructure projects such as the Hunter Expressway and if so does it include the NSW and Federal components of expenditure?
- (4) If the calculation method does include the Hunter Expressway, at what value is the NSW contribution included in analysis for the year 2011-12?

3587 WICKHAM STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the decision to terminate the Newcastle Rail Line at Wickham Station:

- (1) Has any modelling been done to present what a future Wickham Station would be like under this new scenario?
- (2) Is this modelling publicly available?
- (3) Will the Wickham station be limited to 3 train lines or will it have 4 train lines?
- (4) Will the Government need to acquire land and property in the vicinity of the proposed new Wickham station to build it?

- (5) Have Railcorp been consulted in the decision and modelling process for the proposed new Wickham Station?
  - (6) Given the new Wickham station is being developed as a transport interchange, serviced by frequent buses, will this require additional buses, bus drivers and support staff to service the broader Hunter or will existing resources be redirected?
  - (7) How much will building based infrastructure at the proposed new Wickham Station cost?
  - (8) How much will support network based infrastructure servicing the proposed new Wickham Station cost?
  - (9) How many rail based staff at the current Newcastle and Civic stations will be made redundant as a result of the line termination at Wickham?
- 3588 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE SERVICE TO GUNS AND ROSES CONCERT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- With regard to the additional train services that will be offered on the Newcastle Rail Line for the Guns and Roses concert:
- (1) How many additional services will be offered for rail patrons and customers to travel to this event?
  - (2) What will be the points of departure and termination for these services?
  - (3) (a) Is this a new initiative?  
(b) If not, is there a history of similar services being offered for major events in the Newcastle-Hunter region?
  - (4) If this is in keeping with past events also supported by additional rail services:  
(a) What were these events?  
(b) How did the rail services support customer attendance?
- 3589 NEWCASTLE CBD TRAFFIC FLOW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regard to the traffic flow into the Newcastle CBD from the north west:
- (1) What is the current traffic count for Maitland Road, for peak hour traffic feeding in to Newcastle in the morning and out of Newcastle in the afternoon?
  - (2) At what sites have this traffic count data been collected?
  - (3) Is there any modelling to predict future increases in traffic flows along Maitland Road?
  - (4) Are there any future works, development, improvement or expansion planned for the Maitland Road capacity to feed into or out of the Newcastle CBD?
- 3590 SCHOOL AND SPORTING VENUE PARKING RESTRICTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- With regard to parking restrictions around schools and sporting venues:
- (1) When will the option be available for drivers to use a "kiss and drop" zone for their passengers as this type of zone works successfully at both railway stations and airports?
  - (2) If this option is not to be made available for drivers, what alternate option does Roads and Maritime Services consider suitable to ensure the safety of passengers alighting and the lawful use of any such intended zones?
- 3591 REDFERN AUTOMATIC NEEDLE DISPENSING MACHINE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Regarding the Redfern Automatic Needle Dispensing Machine (ADM):
- (1) When was the machine installed?
  - (2) When did it start operating?
  - (3) (a) Is it an on-going initiative or a trial?  
(b) If it is a trial, when is the proposed end date?
  - (4) How many kits have been dispensed so far?
  - (5) What is the total budgeted cost for the first twelve months of operation, including the purchase and maintenance of the machine?
  - (6) What alternative locations have been identified for the ADM?
  - (7) How have they been selected and what community consultation has been undertaken?
- 3592 NOISY VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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With respect to Office of Environment action noisy vehicle enforcement in inner city areas and ongoing complaints about these impacts:

- (1) How many infringements have been issued for noisy vehicles over the past 12 months?
- (2) How many of these infringements relate to reports for the inner city?
- (3) How many of these infringements relate to the monthly "Elvis" operations coordinated by Kings Cross Police?
- (4) What are the trends in Government data on reports and complaints about noisy vehicles?
- (5) How many officers does the Office of Environment and Heritage allocate to enforce noisy vehicles for:
  - (a) NSW; and
  - (b) the inner city?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase resources and enforcement?
- (7) What action has been taken to increase the effectiveness of Office of Environment and Heritage noisy vehicle enforcement?
- (8) What action has the Government taken with other States and Territories and the Commonwealth Government to address these concerns?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to address these concerns?

3593 PYRMONT AND ULTIMO BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting population increases over a sustained period, the planned removal of the Monorail and the proposed redevelopment of the Convention and Exhibition Centre, all of which will impact on public transport:

- (1) What review of bus services to these precincts has been carried out?
- (2) What assessment has the Government carried out on transport needs following the removal of the Monorail?
- (3) What new bus services does the Government propose to replace the Monorail?
- (4) Will the Government ensure that all bus services replacing the Monorail are fully accessible as is the Monorail?
- (5) What changes will be made to improve access to the 448 bus service and route?
- (6) What other changes will be made to bus services in this precinct?
- (7) What other action does the Government propose to improve active transport for Ultimo and Pyrmont?

3594 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting the long term provision of social housing in Woolloomooloo under the 1974 Tripartite Agreement, and that the Land and Housing Corporation owns many of the streets, walkways, footpaths and homes:

- (1) What action has been taken to ensure the continued provision of Police, Housing NSW, chemist and GP services in Land and Housing properties?
- (2) What is the current backlog of maintenance and repairs for social housing homes in Woolloomooloo?
- (3) How many Woolloomooloo homes are listed for major programmed works?
- (4) Does the Government provide a handy person to carry out minor repairs and small tasks for Woolloomooloo residents as in other estates?
- (5) When does the Government intend to develop social housing on vacant land at 179 Dowling Street as promised under the Commonwealth Government's stimulus package?
- (6) What options have been considered to allow community use of this site given its delayed redevelopment?
- (7) What action is the Government taking in response to ongoing complaints about street cleansing, bin bays and dumped waste in Woolloomooloo?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to review social housing in Woolloomooloo and when will this occur?
- (9) What plans does the Government have to sell further commercial properties in Woolloomooloo?
- (10) What further action will the Government take to improve social housing in Woolloomooloo?

3595 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SAFETY AUDIT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Noting that the Land and Housing Corporation owns many of the streets, walkways, footpaths and homes in Woolloomooloo:

What action is the Government taking on the recommendations of the 2012 Safety Audit jointly carried out by Housing NSW, Kings Cross Police, City of Sydney, health and welfare service providers and local residents for:

- (1) Upgrading and repairing street lighting;
- (2) Improving safety in Lands and Housing owned laneways;
- (3) Signage for parking and waste dumping;
- (4) Making electricity meters secure and accessible for reading;
- (5) Repairing stormwater and sewage grates and covers;
- (6) Repairing footpaths and walkways, with ongoing maintenance;
- (7) Maintaining trees and other plants on Land and Housing properties;
- (8) Installing sharps disposal bins for multi-unit dwellings and open areas;
- (9) Enforcing parking conditions with bollards, line makings, linking parking spaces to individual tenancies and signage;
- (10) Working with the City of Sydney to improve waste and recycling;
- (11) Promote and educate tenants on recycling; and
- (12) Taking action on rapid graffiti removal?

3596 BEDS, NURSES AND DOCTORS INFORMATION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given your previous assertions in 2008 that patients and the public deserve to have access to up to date information about their hospitals, including how many acute care beds are available at any given time, how many nurses are employed and what level of experience they have, and similar information for emergency doctors:

Where is this up to date information on:

- (1) acute available beds;
- (2) nursing numbers and levels of experience; and
- (3) similar information for emergency doctors currently available?

3597 HOUSING NSW TENANT FRAUD UNIT SURPLUS FUNDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Will the Minister invest any surplus funds derived from the recent amnesty by the Housing NSW Tenant Fraud Unit to help address the housing affordability crisis in South-West Sydney?

3598 BANKSTOWN AUBURN COMMUNITY RADIO—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What action will the Government take to resolve the impasse between Bankstown Auburn Community Radio (BACR) and Bankstown Area Co-op over access to the Padstow premises previously utilised by the Bankstown Area Co-op?
- (2) (a) Given that the license for the Bankstown Area Co-op has expired will the Government intervene to ensure that present license holders BACR are able to use this facility?  
(b) If not, why not?

3599 CHILDREN AND WINDOW SAFETY CONSULTATION PAPER IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

Will the Government reduce the five year implementation period proposed by the Children and Window Safety consultation paper before window safety devices must be installed?

3600 RELEASE OF CHILDREN- AND WINDOW SAFETY CONSULTATION PAPER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

Why did it take more than twelve months for the Government to release Children and Window Safety consultation paper?

3601 WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

Given that the Australian Building Code Changes will be introduced from May 2013:

Why will families living in apartments have to wait up to five years for mandatory safety devices to be installed on their windows?

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- 3602 AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS AND SERVICING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Given that the category Automotive - Repairs and Servicing has been ranked in the top ten consumer complaints for the past three years:
- What advice have you received from NSW Fair Trading about the need to reform the motor vehicle repair industry?
- 3603 IMPACT OF INSURANCE PRACTICES ON PANEL BEATERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Will NSW Fair Trading investigate claims that panel beaters in NSW are being adversely impacted by the anti-competition practices of major insurance companies?
- 3604 INSURANCE CLAIM DIRECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Will NSW Fair Trading investigate claims that major insurers are directing claims to panel beaters who are wholly or partly owned by the insurer?
- 3605 INSURANCE PAYMENT DELAYS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- Will NSW Fair Trading investigate claims that major insurers are delaying payment of insurance and refusing lifetime warranties to customers who remain with their local panel-beater rather than using insurer preferred panel-beaters?
- 3606 WYEE SEWERAGE SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Does the Priority Sewerage Scheme still operate outside of the Sydney metropolitan region?
  - (2) Where does the township of Wyee sit on the state's priority list for sewerage services?
  - (3) When are homes in the original township of Wyee currently serviced by pump-out systems likely to receive sewerage services?
  - (4) Will the Minister commit funds to the sewerage of the Wyee township in the 2013-2014 State Budget?
- 3607 AIR POLLUTION MONITORS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Why was Wyong considered a better site for a the new departmental comprehensive air quality monitor installed in December, 2012 than Lake Macquarie, which is in close proximity to a number of coal mines and two coal-fired power stations that consistently record emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxides and particulate matter that are among the state's highest?
  - (2) Why does Newcastle warrant having three independent governmental air pollution monitors within a radius of about 20 kilometres when Lake Macquarie has none?
  - (3) What action is the Government taking to reduce the high levels of emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxides and particulates recorded in the air over Lake Macquarie by the National Pollution Inventory?
- 3608 FUTURE REGIONAL AIRPORT—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the inclusion of a provision for a future regional airport with a 2600-metre runway on land at Bushells Ridge in the Draft Wyong Local Environmental Plan 2012?
  - (2) Is a Local Environmental Plan a suitable planning instrument for a future regional airport when no prior consultation has taken place with the community or between different levels of government that would have an interest in the operation of this airport?
  - (3) Given that senior council staff refer to the proposed airport as a possible site for a "second Sydney airport", reported in The Daily Telegraph on February 20, 2013, can the Minister rule out Bushells Ridge as a site for either a type 3 regional airport or a second international airport for the Greater Sydney area?
- 3609 ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Why is Lake Macquarie, the biggest mining area in the Lower Hunter, accorded a Tier 4 rating the lowest category for LGAs affected by mining in the Government's 2013 Economic Assessment of

- Mining Affected Communities, despite having five operating coal mines, a coal preparation plant, fallout from two coal-fired power plants and bearing the impact of coal haulage by road and rail?
- (2) Why was it decided to use royalty revenue from mining as the basis for categorising the degree to which a community is mining-affected?
  - (3) Why is this measure considered a fair and accurate assessment of the impact of mining in a community?
  - (4) How does the Minister explain a mining-intense LGA such as Lake Macquarie receiving such a low rating?
  - (5) Why weren't factors other than royalty revenue including the number of mines, the impact of coal haulage and the potential impact of future mining activity taken into account in the categorisation of Lake Macquarie when these factors were considered in the categorisation of Newcastle, a community indirectly affected by mining?
  - (6) Is the community of Lake Macquarie ever likely to receive any funding under the Resources for Regions program?
- 3610 EDUCATION AND TRAINING INFORMATION SERVICE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What is the role of the Education and Training Information Service?
  - (2) As at 1 March 2012 how many staff were employed in the Education and Training Information Service?
  - (3) As at 1 March 2013 how many staff were employed in the Education and Training Information service?
- 3611 PARTNERSHIP OFFICERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) As at 1 March 2012 how many partnership officers were employed by the Department of Education and Communities?
  - (2) As at 1 March 2013 how many partnership officers were employed by the Department of Education and Communities?
  - (3) What impact will the regional alignment have on partnership officers?
- 3612 FULL TIME TEACHER EMPLOYMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- As at March 2013 expressed as a full time equivalent:
- (1) How many primary school teachers are employed by NSW Education and Communities in schools in NSW?
  - (2) How many secondary school teachers are employed by NSW Education and Communities in schools in NSW?
- 3613 GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CATCHMENT BOUNDARY—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Is it proposed to change the catchment boundary for Glenwood High School as a result of the development of the Ponds High School?
  - (2) Will parents of Glenwood High School and the community be consulted about any proposed boundary changes for Glenwood High School?
- 3614 HOME SCHOOL AND ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) As at 1 March 2013 how many Home School Liaison Officers and Aboriginal School Liaison Officers are employed by the Department of Education and Communities?
  - (2) Where are the Home School Liaison Officers and Aboriginal School Liaison Officers located?
  - (3) How many schools is each Liaison Officer responsible for?
  - (4) What impact will the Regional realignment have on Home School Liaison Officers and Aboriginal School Liaison Officers?
- 3615 SETTLEMENT SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Will there be any additional funding to Settlement Services across New South Wales given some services cover up to eight Local Government Areas servicing over 800 000 migrants?
- 3616 COMMUNITY BUILDERS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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Why was there a 76% decrease in funding allocations to the Community Builders Program between 2010-11 and 2011-12?

3617 COMMUNITY BUILDERS FIXED TERM PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

What will happen to the rest of the allocations to the Community Builders Fixed Term Program?

3618 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Is the Government considering reforming the Compulsory Third Party Insurance scheme?
- (2) With regards to the current Compulsory Third Party Insurance scheme can the Minister confirm that a report has been prepared by Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants, to cost the no-fault scheme sought to be proposed?
- (3) If so, when will the Minister make the report available?

3619 NSW HEALTH VISA HOLDERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How much funding has the Government put aside in the 2012-2013 budget for the training of local doctors, nurses and health practitioners?
- (2) How many 457 visa holders currently hold positions in the NSW Health?
- (3) Is there an intake limit as to the number of 457 visa holders that NSW Health recruit to fill vacant positions?
- (4) How do NSW Health work contracts for 457 visa holders differ from NSW work contracts for Australian residents employed by NSW Health?

3620 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE UPGRADE COMMENCEMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—

When will work commence on the upgrade of the Fairfield Interchange?

3621 FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE UPGRADE SCOPE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—

What is the scope of works for the Fairfield Interchange upgrade?

3622 IMPACT OF FAIRFIELD INTERCHANGE UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—

How will the Fairfield Interchange upgrade impact on local businesses?