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*6171 SNIFFER DOG SEARCHES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many searches were undertaken following a sniffer dog indication during general drug detection operations in the Fairfield Local Area Command (LAC) in the following years:
 - (a) 2012; and
 - (b) 2013?
- (2) How many searches were undertaken following a sniffer dog indication during general drug detection operations in the Cabramatta Local Area Command (LAC) in the following years:
 - (a) 2012; and
 - (b) 2013?
- (3) How many searches were undertaken where illicit drugs were found following a sniffer dog indication during general drug detection operations in the Fairfield LAC in in the following years:
 - (a) 2012; and
 - (b) 2013?
- (4) How many searches were undertaken where illicit drugs were found following a sniffer dog indication during general drug detection operations in the Cabramatta LAC in in the following years:
 - (a) 2012; and
 - (b) 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

This data is not collected by the NSW Ministry of Health.

*6172 HOSPITAL PARKING FEE REVENUE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the revenue generated from parking fees at Fairfield and Liverpool Hospitals reinvested back into these hospitals?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Where is the revenue generated from parking fees at these hospitals currently allocated?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Part of the revenue generated from parking fees at Liverpool Hospital is currently used to repay the car park loan used to construct the new multi-storey car park. The balance is retained by the Hospital.
The revenue generated from car parking at Fairfield Hospital is used to contribute to the running of patient and hospital services.

*6173 HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Government commit to not privatising Fairfield and Liverpool Hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

*6174 PURCHASE OF PRE-PAID BUS TICKETS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

Where can elderly residents in Lansvale purchase pre-paid bus tickets in light of the daily Pensioner Excursion Tickets program being phased out?

Answer—

I am advised:

The \$2.50 Pensioner Excursion Ticket (PET) is not being phased out.

PETs are still available to buy at more than 1,600 ticket sellers across Sydney, including newsagencies, 7-Eleven convenience stores, Australia Post, Transport Shops and some Woolworths supermarkets. Customers can contact 131 500 or visit www.transportnsw.info to find a retailer.

The Gold Opal Senior/Pensioner card will be available by the end of 2014. Fares for seniors and pensioners will remain at \$2.50 using the Opal card. Once it is introduced, seniors and pensioners will have the choice to use the Gold Opal card, or continue to purchase paper PETs. Customers will not need a credit card or the internet to use or obtain a Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal card.

*6175 CANLEY VALE BRIDGE TRAFFIC FLOW—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the Government doing to improve traffic flow across Canley Vale Bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

Canley Vale Bridge is located on local roads which are the responsibility of Fairfield City Council.

*6176 CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What support does the Government provide to families caring full-time for children with disabilities?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that these families do not fall below the poverty line?
- (3) What services are available to help families with children with disabilities manage their lives?

Answer—

(1) - (3) The Department of Family and Community Services' Strengthening Supports for Children and Families 0-8 years strategy (the Strategy) addresses the needs of children and their families across the State in a stronger and more integrated way.

Central to the Strategy is that children aged 0-8 years and their families will be supported in mainstream environments rather than accessing the majority of their supports in specialist settings. This will expand service options for children with disability, their families and carers and enable greater choice, flexibility and control.

The strategy is supported by a range of early intervention and respite services available to families. Details are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

The Commonwealth Department of Social Services also provides financial benefits and payments for families caring for children with disability.

*6177 NEWLEAF BONNYRIGG DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What advice has been given to people who have signed contracts with Newleaf Bonnyrigg developments, whose contract is set to expire in early 2015?
- (2) Will the Government honour the contracts these people have signed?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) that Bonnyrigg Partnerships is the responsible entity for the delivery of contracts with purchasers. I am further advised by FACS that Newleaf Communities, who manage marketing and community renewal on behalf of Bonnyrigg Partnerships, are in discussions with those purchasers regarding the development.

*6179 TAFE SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many TAFE South Western Sydney Institute employees have been made redundant as part of the Government's "Smart and Skilled" reform?
- (2) How will the Government ensure access to affordable quality education and training for people in South West Sydney?

Answer—

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(1) Smart and Skilled is a reform designed to introduce contestability into the NSW VET sector. TAFE South Western Sydney Institute regularly reviews its staffing requirements in line with the needs of students, industry and communities.

(2) Generous fee exemptions and concessions will be available for students with special needs to improve their access to Smart and Skilled training.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will not pay a fee for any government subsidised qualifications.

Students with a disability and their dependants will not pay a fee for the first government subsidised qualification they commence in a calendar year. A concession will apply for any subsequent course that the student commences in the same year up to Certificate IV.

Fee concessions will be available for students who are Commonwealth welfare recipients and their dependants in government subsidised training.

In 2015, apprenticeship fees under Smart and Skilled will be capped at \$2,000 for the whole qualification.

VET FEE-HELP loans will be available for Diploma and Advanced Diploma students, which they repay when they reach a defined income level.

All training providers must meet strict eligibility and assessment criteria to be considered for approval for government funding under Smart and Skilled. The Smart and Skilled Quality Framework includes strong levers to manage provider performance.

*6180 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS ENTERING OF PREMISES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why are Sheriff's Officers allowed to attend premises to serve and/or execute writs and legal process or to evict persons without intelligence first being obtained of the possible dangers in the premises?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2004, Sheriff's Officers have been able to work solo providing they make an assessment of the risks associated with such action. There are established procedures for Sheriff Officers to obtain intelligence from police Local Area Commands.

*6181 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT SHERIFF'S OFFICER POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) How many full-time equivalent Sheriff's Officer positions are there in New South Wales?

(2) How many of these positions are actually filled?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) A review is currently being undertaken of the Sheriff's Office staffing requirements and future structure.

*6182 SHERIFF'S OFFICER INSTRUCTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) Have Sheriff's Officers been instructed not to intervene if fights break out in the precincts of a court?

(a) If so, what is the basis of that instruction?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. At all times, Sheriff's Officers should consider their safety and the safety of court users.

*6183 SEIZURE OF GOODS BY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Once goods have been seized by Sheriff's Officers, pursuant to writ, why can't they then be removed from the premises by the Officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The practicalities of immediate removal will depend on the size and nature of the goods seized.

*6184 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS FIELDWORK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

(1) Which companies have been involved in a trial of contracting out the fieldwork component of the work of Sheriff's Officers in New South Wales?

(a) In which regions has this taken place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sheriff's Office has not engaged any company for any trial.

*6185 INVESTIGATING BUILDING DEFECTS AT MOUNT VERNON—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

Why won't a second on-site inspection by a Department of Fair Trading Inspector to investigate building defects at 35-7 Greenview Drive, Mount Vernon be arranged, as requested by Caterina and Nick Chiefari?

Answer—

Mr and Mrs Chiefari have terminated their contract with the builder and the dispute is currently before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for determination. In the circumstances, NSW Fair Trading is not in a position to mediate or make an enforceable order on the parties involved.

*6187 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

What progress has been made in relation to the major project application or any other development application concerning remedial work or properties in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill?

Answer—

I am advised:

Property NSW has lodged an application for the remediation of land at Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill.

The final determination of the application will be made by the Planning Assessment Commission at arm's length of Government following the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of the proposal.

*6188 GENERAL LICENCING AND BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) Was the General Licencing and Business Support Branch of the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) moved in 2013 pursuant to a Metropolitan Accommodation Strategy from 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket to 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta?

(a) If so, at what cost?

(2) Have employees at the Branch been advised that they will be moved back to 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket in October 2014?

(a) If so, what is the estimated cost of this relocation back to the CBD?

Answer—

(1) Sections of the then Licensing Branch of the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) in NSW Trade & Investment totalling 30 staff were moved in March 2013 pursuant to a Metropolitan Accommodation Strategy from 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket to 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta.

(a) The cost of the move comprising packing, uplift, removal and set down into the Parramatta premises was \$6,199.

(2) After the move to Parramatta, some staff were transferred to the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) following adjustments to the responsibilities of OLGR and ILGA. All ILGA staff relocated to Parramatta on 15 September 2014. The remaining OLGR staff at the Parramatta location (approximately 15 staff) will return to 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket in October 2014 for consolidation with the rest of OLGR.

(a) The estimated cost of the move comprising packing, uplift, removal and set down into the Haymarket premises is \$2,500.

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*6189 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are you aware of issues regarding the current Out of School Hours (OOSH) contract at Canterbury Public School?
- (2) What consultation has the Department of Education and Communities had with the current operators?
- (3) What consultation has the Department of Education and Communities had with the school community regarding their concerns?
- (4) What action will the Department of Education and Communities take to ensure that an OOSH service continues to operate in this community?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities and the Principal of Canterbury Public School met with ACE Before and After School Care on 3 September 2014.
- (3) The Department met with the Principal and the Parents and Citizens Association on 9 and 10 September 2014.
- (4) An alternative service provider, Primary OSHCare, has agreed to temporarily operate an Out of School Hours Care service at Canterbury Public School for Term 4, 2014 and Term 1, 2015.

*6190 AUDITS OF SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) carry out random audits of school anti-bullying policies and reports?
 - (a) If so, how often does this take place in each of the regions by DEC staff?
- (2) When did a random audit or report last occur across Western Sydney schools?
- (3) When did a random audit or report last occur across South Western Sydney schools?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.

*6191 PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are New South Wales public schools required by legislation to publish a copy of their anti-bullying policies on their websites?
 - (a) If so, what is the title of the legislation that covers this issue?
- (2) Is it a requirement for non-government schools to publish anti-bullying policies on their websites?

Answer—

- (1) There is no legislation requiring New South Wales Government schools to publish a copy of their anti-bullying policies on their websites.
- (2) There is no requirement for non-government schools to publish anti-bullying policies on their websites.

*6193 KIDS HELPLINE FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Do any Government agencies provide funding to the Kids Helpline?
 - (a) If so, which agencies and how much funding do they provide?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Health.

*6194 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PARAMEDICS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What was the full-time equivalent (FTE) establishment of the New South Wales Ambulance Service as at 1 July 2014?
- (2) How many FTE paramedics were employed in the New South Wales Ambulance Service as at 1 July 2014?

- (a) How many of these paramedics were on stress leave as at 1 July 2014?
 (b) How many of these paramedics were on long-term sick leave as at 1 July 2014?
 (3) How many FTE positions in the New South Wales Ambulance Service were vacant as at 1 July 2014?
 (4) How many paramedics were retired on medical grounds in the financial year 2013-14?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (4) Advice on full-time equivalent staffing including ambulance clinicians is provided in the NSW Health Annual Report which will be tabled later in 2014.

The Ambulance Service manages sick leave absences in accordance with the NSW Health Service sick leave policy. Reasons for sick leave absences are not always recorded.

An independent assessment by Medibank Health Solutions is conducted in most cases to determine an employee's short and long term prognosis before any decision to medically retire an employee occurs.

*6195 COMMUNITY NURSES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many of the 48,000 (head count) nursing positions in New South Wales are classified as "community nurses"?

Answer—

I am advised:

Community nurses are variously assigned to roles through a facility, to a specialty area or to a community-based service. They can therefore not be quantified.

*6196 CONSULTANT RADIOLOGIST REPORT WAITING TIMES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the average waiting time for consultant radiologist reports on plain X-rays at the following hospitals in 2014:

- (a) Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital;
 (b) Bowral Hospital;
 (c) Campbelltown Hospital;
 (d) Fairfield Hospital; and
 (e) Liverpool Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The average waiting time for a formal Consultant Radiologist's report on plain X-rays between January to August 2014 in Emergency Departments and inpatient areas for all hospitals was approximately 29 hours. This waiting time is considered average for routine examinations.

Patients requiring urgent review of plain X-rays have a review and preliminary report undertaken by a Registrar or Consultant Radiologist on the same day as the X-ray is taken.

*6197 TRAVELLING FROM THE WESTERN SUBURBS TO THE CBD—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has there been an increase in road traffic, travelling to the Sydney CBD on the M7 and M2 motorways, in the past 12 months to 16 September 2014?
 (a) If so, what impact has this level of traffic had on travelling times from the Western Suburbs to the Sydney CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes;

(a) Travel times from the Western Suburbs to Sydney CBD along the M2 and M7 were shorter in the morning peak in the 12 months to 16 September 2014 compared to the previous 12 months.

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- 6198 HUNTER HEALTH COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6199 PATIENT WAITING TIMES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6200 AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6201 SAFETY FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6202 DISPLACED RAIL STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6203 SAFETY ON NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6204 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6205 TAFE NSW COUNSELLORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- *6206 FIXED PRICE RACING BETTING RULES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Was the minimum bet requirement of the New South Wales Fixed Price Racing Betting Rules removed in January 2014?
 - (a) If so, what are the reasons for this change?
 - (2) Is the Minister, or the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, aware of any breaches to the New South Wales Fixed Price Racing Betting Rules prior to the introduction of this change?
 - (a) If so, how many breaches were there in the three years prior to this change?
- Answer—
- (1) Yes; (a) It was noted that the majority of TAB Limited's fixed odds racing betting is conducted via the telephone and Internet. It was considered that the Rule was no longer relevant in this environment, and given that there was no longer a similar requirement in other jurisdictions such as Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory, the rule should be removed.
 - (2) No; (a) N/A.
- 6207 HOUSING OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6208 SPEECH THERAPISTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6209 NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6210 BULLI HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6211 NSW HEALTH SPEECH THERAPISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *6212 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns by local councils about the level of funding provided by the Government to local libraries?
 - (2) What is the Government doing to address the current funding shortage?
 - (3) What are the reasons for Government funding for public libraries being at their lowest level in

decades?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) The 2014-15 Budget provides an additional \$15 million over 4 years for the Public Library Infrastructure Fund.

(3) State Government funding for public libraries totals a record \$27.518 million in 2014-15.

*6213 GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Do the following funds exist:

- (a) Schools and Hospital Fund;
- (b) Regional Roads Fund; and
- (c) Sporting and Cultural Fund?

(2) How much funding is currently contained in each fund in (1)?

(3) Which Minister is responsible for administering each fund in (1)?

(4) Does each fund in (1) require legislation and regulations to operate?

- (a) If so, when will the Government introduce the necessary legislation or regulations?
- (b) If not, why not?

(5) What local government areas in the Illawarra region will be eligible to seek funding from the funds in (1)?

(6) Which local government areas in the Illawarra region will be ineligible to seek funding from the funds in (1)?

(7) What are the governance arrangements for each fund in (1)?

(8) Have guidelines for each fund been published?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government will unlock \$20 billion in infrastructure funding, including \$6 billion for regional New South Wales, by undertaking a long-term lease of 49 per cent of the "poles and wires" network businesses.

Rebuilding NSW will improve access to better roads, public transport, schools, hospitals, sports and cultural facilities.

In line with the Government's commitment before the 2011 election, the plan will be taken to voters at the next election.

6214 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION SIGNAGE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

6215 ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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6216 CLEANING OF TRAINS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

6217 SEATBELTS ON BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

6218 NEW SOUTH WALES PASSENGER TRAIN FLEET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

6219 BUS ROUTE 163—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 6220 WICKHAM TO NEWCASTLE RAIL SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6221 CROWN ROADS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
- 6222 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA VEHICLES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6223 SECURITY FENCING AROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6224 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6225 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND REPAIR INDUSTRY CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6226 INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL OMBUDSMAN SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6227 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6228 REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6229 QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6230 NSW FAIR TRADING FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6231 STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6232 HSC COURSES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6234 TAFE NSW HUNTER INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6235 TAFE NSW ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6236 TAFE NSW NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6237 TAFE NSW NORTH COAST INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6238 TAFE NSW RIVERINA INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6239 TAFE NSW WESTERN INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6240 CLUBGRANTS FUNDING POOL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6241 CLUBGRANTS FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6242 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6243 DARLING HARBOUR LIVE DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

6244 TACKLING RACISM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

6245 BRIGALOW AND NANDEWAR STATE CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

6246 BUSES IN ULTIMO AND PYRMONT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

*6247 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) What economic modelling was undertaken to determine the expected proceeds from sales of the Land & Housing Corporation properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and the Rocks?
- (2) What is the projected amount of funds expected from the sale of these properties?
- (3) What sales options are being considered for the following types of properties:
 - (a) Heritage listed terrace houses;
 - (b) Purpose-built worker homes;
 - (c) Multi-unit dwellings;
 - (d) The Sirius apartment building;
 - (e) Properties currently leased to Community Housing Providers and Housing Co-operatives;
 - (f) Boarding houses; and
 - (g) Commercial properties?
- (4) Can the sale of the Sirius property on Cumberland Street, The Rocks proceed considering there is an existing lease between Land & Housing Corporation and Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority?
- (5) When does the Government expect to complete the sale of all of these properties?
- (6) What is the projected cost of preparing the 293 properties in question for sale?

Answer—

(1) - (2) I refer the Honourable Member to the response to Q.5967 provided by the Minister for Family and Community Services.

(3) The sales strategy for the disposal of properties in Millers Point owned by the Land and Housing Corporation is under development and remains commercial-in-confidence.

(4) I refer the Honourable Member to the response to Q.5967 provided by the Minister for Family and Community Services.

(5) Sales will take place gradually over the next two years.

(6) I refer the Honourable Member to the response to Q.5967 provided by the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*6248 INNER SYDNEY PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many people are currently on the Housing Pathways list waiting for a home in inner Sydney?
- (2) How many vacant properties are currently available in:
 - (a) Pyrmont;
 - (b) Ultimo;
 - (c) Surry Hills;
 - (d) Chippendale;
 - (e) Paddington;
 - (f) Woollahra;
 - (g) Darlinghurst;
 - (h) Potts Point; and
 - (i) Woolloomooloo?
- (3) How many new public housing homes have been built or acquired by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) in;
 - (a) Pyrmont;
 - (b) Ultimo;
 - (c) Surry Hills;
 - (d) Chippendale;
 - (e) Paddington;

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- (f) Woollahra;
 - (g) Darlinghurst;
 - (h) Potts Point; and
 - (i) Woolloomooloo?
- (4) What plans does the LAHC have to increase public housing stock in the inner city in each of the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that:

- (1) Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website.
- (2) The number of public housing properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as properties are vacated by tenants, cleaned and repaired ready for the next tenant, as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act and are then re-occupied.
- (3) Information about social housing supply is available in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's Annual Report and the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.
- (4) The Department of Family and Community Services has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure that they meet the needs of public housing tenants and to provide a sustainable social housing system.

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- 6251 MRI MACHINE AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6252 SPECIALIST MELANOMA NURSE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6253 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 6255 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION STATUS OF BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 6257 BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6258 PRACTICE MANAGER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
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- 6260 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6261 CONSTRUCTION NOISE IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6262 CLOCK AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 6263 CRIME IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6264 FLASHING LIGHTS AT LAKELANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6265 M1 MOTORWAY BETWEEN FIGTREE AND DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6266 REGIONAL ROADS FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6267 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN ADVISORY GROUP—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6268 DAPTO TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6269 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6270 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES FORWARD PLANNING AGENDA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6271 HOXTON PARK ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6272 UPTODATE.COM PROGRAM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6273 RAILWAY STREET ENTRANCE TO MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
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- 6276 ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6277 REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE BUS ROUTES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6278 OUTREACH HEALTH PROGRAM RESOURCES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6279 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6280 THE CSIRO IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6281 ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE UNDER 65 WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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- 6294 SMOKING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
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- 6299 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

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- 6302 SCHOOLS CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN RECESS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 6309 WALLA MULLA PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6310 COMMUNITY HOUSING AT MILLERS POINT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
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- 6312 ENERGY BILLS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
- 6313 WHITE BAY TERMINAL NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6314 SUPPORT FOR STARTUP ENTERPRISES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 6315 SHORT TERM LETTING AND OVERCROWDING IN APARTMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Local Government—
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- 6318 NSW GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6319 IMPROVING ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR HUMANITARIAN ENTRANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 6320 MULTICULTURAL TOURISM STRATEGY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

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- 6323 MULTICULTURAL NSW GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
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- 6325 TRAFFIC OFFENCES AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6326 TAFE NSW OUTREACH PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6327 SOUTH COAST TRAIN LINE COMPLAINTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6328 OVERCROWDING ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6329 NSW HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN STRATEGY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6330 PUBLIC HOUSING SALES IN KEIRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6331 COAL STRATEGY UPDATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—
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- 6333 NEW BUS SERVICES UPDATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6334 X-RAY MACHINES AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6335 ABORIGINAL TEACHING POSITIONS AT MOUNT DRUITT TAFE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6336 INSTALLATION OF A LIFT AT JANNALI RAILWAY STATION—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
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- 6339 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM CHANGES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6340 RESTRUCTURE OF NSW PROCUREMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—

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(Paper No. 10)

- 6342 BUSES REPLACING TRAINS INTO NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How many car parks will be lost at Hamilton to accommodate the buses transporting passengers following the truncation of the rail line into Newcastle?
 - (2) How long will the trip from Cardiff to Newcastle Railway Station take under the new train and bus system?
 - (a) How long did this trip previously take by train alone?
 - (3) How long will the trip take from Maitland to Newcastle Railway Station under the new train and bus system?
 - (a) How long did this trip previously take by train alone?
 - (4) How often will buses run from Hamilton Railway Station in off peak times?
- 6343 2014 HUNTER REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Lake Macquarie LGA with the description "Fernleigh Track extension: strategic concept development of cycleway provisions connecting the Fernleigh Track and the Pacific Highway cycleway (Belmont)", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced October 2013" and a cost of \$100,000?
 - (2) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Newcastle LGA with the description "Griffiths Road and Lloyd Road, Lambton", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced July 2013" and a cost of \$1,000,000?
 - (3) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Newcastle LGA with the description "Install incident response shed Hexham on Pacific Highway", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced August 2013" and a cost of \$100,000?
- 6344 WICKHAM BUS TIMETABLES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Has the Minister determined the timetables for buses that will replace trains following the truncation of the rail line at Wickham?
 - (a) If not, when will these timetables be available?
- 6345 MEDIAN WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Why is the median waiting time for New South Wales hospital patients for key procedures considerably longer than the national median waiting time?
 - (2) What action is being taken to improve waiting times for key procedures such as knee replacement, tonsil removal, cataract removal, ear, nose and throat surgery, and general orthopaedic surgery at the John Hunter, Belmont and Maitland Hospitals?
- 6346 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Is the eye clinic at the John Hunter Hospital now fully operational?
 - (a) If so, how many days per week does it operate?
 - (2) How many ophthalmologists are working at the eye clinic?
 - (3) How many patients have been seen by the eye clinic since it re-opened?
- 6347 FUTURE LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Will the future Lower Hunter Hospital be a public hospital fully funded by the New South Wales and Federal Governments?
 - (a) If not, how will it be funded?

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- 6348 TAFE FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will the Government support capping TAFE fees at the 2014 rate?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 6349 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME TRIAL SITES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Has all of the funding previously allocated under the Home and Community Care program via the Community Care Support Program now been allocated to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) trial sites?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (2) What funding or programs are now available at the trial sites for the NDIS for those under 65 that need support for showering and house cleaning?
- 6350 DRIVER LICENCE TESTING OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- (1) Has there been a reduction in the number of testing officers conducting driving tests for P1 licences at the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) centres in the Newcastle, Charlestown and Wallsend electorates?
 - (2) Has the reduction in full-time equivalent (FTE) RMS staff from 3900 in 2011-12 to 3074 in 2013-14 resulted in a reduced number of testing officers?
 - (a) If so, is this reduction in testing officer numbers a result of efficiency savings?
- 6351 RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- What is the Attorney General's response to the recommendations in the Report of the Ombudsman dated August 2014 entitled "Policing Intoxicated and Disorderly Conduct: Review of Section 9 of the Summary Offences Act"?
- 6352 LIVERPOOL LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- When will five magistrates sit at the Local Court at Liverpool thus utilising the five court rooms there?
- 6353 JOHN MORONY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Will the new fence at John Morony Correctional Centre be completed?
 - (a) If so, when?
- 6354 PROTECTION FROM CONVICTED TERRORISM OFFENDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) What steps have been taken by Corrective Services NSW in relation to convicted terrorism offenders to protect staff from any special risks arising from such offenders?
 - (2) What special steps, if any, will Corrective Services NSW take to ensure the secure imprisonment of convicted terrorism offenders?
- 6355 COMPUTERISED OPERATIONAL POLICING SYSTEM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Why don't Sheriff's Officers have access to the Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) where appropriate to enable them to carry out their duties?
- 6356 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Has the budget of the Sheriff's Office been reduced by \$3.2 million?
 - (a) What will this mean?
- 6357 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Why can't Sheriff's Officers be trained and sworn in as Special Constables?

- 6358 CASTLEREAGH STREET REFURBISHMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- What was the cost of refurbishing the premises at 323 Castlereagh Street, Sydney to accommodate the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority?
- 6359 VALENTINE AVENUE REFURBISHMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- What was the cost of refurbishing the premises at 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta for the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing?
- 6360 BARBED WIRE FENCING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Do any schools in New South Wales have barbed wire fencing?
 - (a) If so, which schools?
- 6361 COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How much did the Government pay in compensation to victims of bullying and other forms of harassment which occurred in New South Wales public schools in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (2) How much did the Government pay for psychological injury compensation claims to current and former staff in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (3) What was the largest monetary compensation payment awarded in the New South Wales public school system in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (a) What incident led to this payment?
- 6362 CAR SHARING APPLICATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) When will the Minister undertake formal consultation with the community regarding car sharing applications such as Uber?
 - (2) How will the Government regulate these types of applications?
- 6363 CANE TOADS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) What is the estimated size of the cane toad population at Taren Point in the Sutherland Shire?
 - (2) What is the estimated size of the area covered by the cane toad population at Taren Point in the Sutherland Shire?
 - (3) Are there any other known cane toad colonies in the Sutherland Shire?
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to eradicate the presence of cane toads in the Sutherland Shire?
- 6364 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) What action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry that reported on 2 July 2014?
 - (2) How much has been spent on the action taken, including the cost of staff time and other resources, as at 21 October 2014?