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- 4289 WATER SAFETY PROGRAMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1) How does the Government support learn to swim and water safety programs in the Blacktown Local Government Area?
  - (2) What plans are in place for the coming summer to promote water safety and learn to swim programs for the Mount Druitt electorate?
  - (3) Are there any learn to swim programs provided at the Mount Druitt Swimming Pool?
  - (4) Did Blacktown Council consult with the Minister or his department about the planned closure of the Mount Druitt Swimming Pool?
- 4290 MOUNT DRUITT PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) Since the election of the Government in March 2011, how many dwellings have been added to the public housing stock in the Mount Druitt area?
  - (2) What are the projections for the coming year in relation to an increase in public housing stock in the Mount Druitt area?
- 4291 LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCILS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Regarding the New South Wales Government funding of the Wagonga, Merriman's and Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) since 1983:

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- (1) How much funding does the Government provide to each of the above LALCs each year over the last 10 year period?
- (2) How much land is under the control of each of these three LALCs?
- (3) How many houses do each of these three LALCs manage?
- (4) Why were homes that Aboriginal people believed they would own under the NSW Aboriginal Lands Trust taken away from them after the formation of the LALCs?
- (5) Do Aboriginal families have any opportunity through the LALCs to acquire their own home or land?
- (6) Is any consideration given to Aboriginal families who have lived in a LALC home over many generations to acquire this home?
- (7) Has the Government done anything to enquire into the deaths of Aboriginal people in these three LALCs over the past 20 years?
- (8) How many of these Aboriginal people were denied access to resources, particularly a permanent home and health care?
- (9) What processes are in place to ensure that all Aboriginal people within the boundary of these LALCs share in the funds distributed by the NSW Government to provide housing and health care to all resident Aboriginal families?
  - (a) Have any of the three corruption prevention recommendations made by the Independent Commission Against Corruption to the Minister and the Government in regards to the Wagonga Land Council been instituted?
    - (i) In particular Recommendation 3: "That the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs considers a review of the operation of Part 10 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 in meeting the expectations of the land rights network by excluding individuals who have been found to have engaged in corrupt conduct or in serious misconduct for a period of up to five years."

4292 TRADE AND INVESTMENT ABORIGINAL SUPPORT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Why has Trade and Investment ceased targeted financial support for Aboriginal businesses?
- (2) Why did Trade and Investment delete the Aboriginal identified positions of Aboriginal Business Development Manager, which serviced Sydney and Western Sydney (the area with the highest Aboriginal population in New South Wales), and the Senior Manager Aboriginal Business?
- (3) Why is Trade and Investment planning to make the remaining two Aboriginal identified positions, the Aboriginal Business Development Managers in Dubbo and Lismore, into mainstream Business Development Managers who would not service Aboriginal businesses?
- (4) As the agency charged with improving the New South Wales economy, how will Trade and Investment provide a positive and culturally sensitive business experience to Aboriginal people seeking to develop their commercial enterprises now that the specialised Aboriginal business team has been abolished?
- (5) Is Trade and Investment not committed to supporting the new Aboriginal Affairs policy OCHRE which aims to increase the number of Aboriginal owned business?
- (6) Is Trade and Investment not committed to the NSW Aboriginal Employment Action Plan which requires agencies to increase Aboriginal employment numbers and retain Aboriginal positions, particularly those graded 9-10 and above?

4293 CASEWORKER ASSESSMENT CENTRES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

During your tenure as Minister:

- (1) How many caseworkers have gone through assessment centres?
- (2) Have there been no assessment centre recruits?

4294 SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding TripView, TripGo and ArrivoSydney, the three applications developed for customers travelling on Sydney buses:

- (1) Do the applications accurately track the arrival time of Sydney buses in bus regions 6-9 in the Eastern Region of Sydney?
- (2) Do the applications accurately track the location of Sydney buses in bus regions 6-9 in the Eastern Region of Sydney?
- (3) Are there any inherent faults in the applications that cause them to fail to provide commuters with full and accurate information as to the timetabling and location of their bus service?
- (4) Since introducing the applications in December 2012, has the Department conducted a detailed

review as to the reliability and effectiveness of these applications?

4295 REDFERN STATION—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has Redfern Train Station recently stopped the sale of concession tickets from vending machines outside of peak hours?
- (2) If so, why?

4296 HORNSBY HOSPITAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the child care facility currently situated on the Burdett Street perimeter of Hornsby Hospital;

- (1) Is the childcare facility open after hours for the children of individuals employed by the hospital?
- (2) Are there any plans to relocate this facility, given that the buildings in place are in need of an upgrade?
- (3) Did the Minister or her department consider relocating the facility and using the area to build a car park?

4297 HORNSBY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given that the Special Conditions of the Development Application for stage one require that construction related vehicles are catered for:

- (1) What provisions have been made for onsite parking of construction equipment and construction workers' personal vehicles?
- (2) Has the department instructed workers currently involved in construction to not park in parking spaces provided for residents, patients and employees of the hospital?

4298 HORNSBY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT PARKING—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to parking provisions in the plans for the Hornsby Hospital redevelopment;

- (1) What action has been taken by your department to assess the impact on local residents of the likely increase in traffic and parked cars?
- (2) Including staff, patients and visitors, how many additional cars does your department expect to be drawn to the hospital once the redevelopment is completed?
- (3) How many additional parking spaces are included in the redevelopment?
- (4) How many additional parking spaces will there be at the completion of phase one of the redevelopment?

4299 STAFFLINK SYSTEM—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the new electronic pay system, Stafflink:

- (1) Between 1 May 2013 and 30 June 2013, how many complaints have there been from staff regarding:
  - (a) Non-payment of salaries;
  - (b) Delayed payment of salaries?
- (2) Who is the most senior person in NSW Health responsible for managing staff complaints about difficulties in accessing solutions via the electronic portal?

4300 FAULTY SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Since 1 April 2011, how many speed cameras, red light cameras, point to point cameras, and mobile speed cameras have been found to be faulty?
- (2) Since 1 April 2011, how many requests have been made by Roads and Maritime Services to the Office of State Revenue to not proceed with penalties issued in relation to a faulty camera?
- (3) Since 1 April 2011, how many infringement notices have been refunded as a result of camera error?
- (4) Do motorists have to initiate the process of recovering this money?

4301 TRUCK EXHAUST SMOKE IN M5 EAST TUNNEL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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- (1) Since 1 March 2013, how many truck operators have been fined for excessive exhaust smoke in the M5 East tunnel?
  - (2) Did all of these truck operators receive a fine of \$2,000?
    - (a) If not, how many did receive a fine of \$2,000?
    - (b) Did any of the truck operators have their licence suspended?
  - (3) How many truck operators have had their vehicles retrofitted?
    - (a) How many vehicles does this equate to?
- 4302 APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Since 1 April 2011, what specific investigations and improvements have been undertaken in relation to Appin Road?
  - (2) What, if any, further improvements are planned?
    - (a) When will this work start?
    - (b) What is the budget allocated for these improvements?
- 4303 WOONONA EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Are demountables in use at Woonona East Public School?
    - (a) If so, are they adequate for the needs of the students and teachers?
  - (2) Are there plans to improve building facilities at Woonona East Public School?
    - (a) If so, what are these plans;
    - (b) If so, what is the time line for these plans;
    - (c) If so, what is the budget for these plans?
- 4304 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- In relation to the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund:
- (1) Will the Government publicly release all applications made to the Fund, including those not shortlisted?
    - (a) If so, when?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (2) Will the Government publicly release the assessments of all projects, including those not shortlisted?
    - (a) If so, when?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (3) Will the Government make public the assessments of the shortlisted projects, including the investigations into the validity of job creation and economic benefit information provided?
- 4305 WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER—Mr Ryan Park 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—
- (1) What evidence did the Government use to support the downscaling of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service?
  - (2) What alternative arrangements are going to be in place should people require this service when it is not operating?
  - (3) Why was \$1.5 million funding for this service announced in June 2012 if the service was to be downgraded 12 months later?
- 4306 FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) How are the buses that serviced the recently terminated free shuttle bus services in the districts of Liverpool, Blacktown, Bankstown, Penrith, Newcastle and Campbelltown now being used?
  - (2) How much has the Government saved by ending these free shuttle bus services?
  - (3) What are the current estimated daily usage levels of Wollongong's free "Gong Shuttle" bus service?
  - (4) What are the estimated costs of increasing the number of "Gong Shuttle" buses?
  - (5) Does the Government currently have plans to increase "Gong Shuttle" services?
    - (a) If not, why not?

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- 4307 FREIGHT AND PORTS STRATEGY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) When will the Government release its Freight and Ports Strategy?
  - (2) Why has the Strategy scheduled for release in mid 2013 not been released?
- 4308 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Has the Government formally requested funding from the Commonwealth Government under the Nation Building Program towards construction of the Yallah to Oak Flats upgrade?
  - (2) If not, why not?
- 4309 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) When will the Government release its Mental Health Services Plan for the Illawarra and South Coast region?
  - (2) Why has the release of the plan been delayed past the scheduled June 2013?
- 4310 AGED CARE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) When will the Government release its Aged Care Health Services Plan?
  - (2) Why has the release of the plan been delayed past the scheduled June 2013?
- 4311 RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- When will the Government release its Renewable Energy Action Plan?
- 4312 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- When will the Government publicly release the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan?
- 4313 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of the excluded project applications made to the Restart New South Wales Illawarra Infrastructure Fund, including the name of the organisations, their locations and the funding amount requested?
  - (2) What are the reasons for the exclusion of each individual application?
- 4314 PET SCANNER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) When was the tender process for the installation of the PET scanner at Wollongong Hospital finalised?
  - (2) Who won the tender?
  - (3) When was an order placed for the PET scanner?
  - (4) From which country will the PET scanner be sourced?
  - (5) When will the PET scanner be delivered to Australia?
  - (6) When will the PET scanner be installed at Wollongong Hospital?
  - (7) What is the breakdown of costs for:
    - (a) Building the PET scanner;
    - (b) Delivering the PET scanner;
    - (c) Installing the PET scanner?
- 4315 PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- (1) How many public housing tenants in the Shellharbour electorate will be directly affected by the Government's "bed tax"?
  - (2) Prior to the announcement of the "bed tax", how many public housing tenants in the Shellharbour electorate had previously requested a transfer to accommodation with fewer bedrooms?
    - (a) How many of these tenant requests could not be accommodated?
    - (b) Why could these tenant requests not be accommodated?



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- (3) Are public housing tenants in the Shellharbour electorate being disproportionately affected by the "bed tax"?  
(a) If so, what is the Government doing to alleviate this impact?

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