



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1997-98

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

---

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**No. 46**

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 1998

---

[The Questions and Answers Paper is published for each sitting day and will contain, by number and title, all unanswered questions, together with questions to which answers have been received on the previous sitting and any new questions. Consequently the full text of any question will be printed only twice: when notice is given; and, when answered.]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

PUBLICATION OF QUESTION	ANSWER TO BE LODGED BY
Q. & A. No. 33 (Including Question Nos 608 to 629)	24 June 1998
Q. & A. No. 34 (Including Question Nos 630 to 642)	25 June 1998
Q. & A. No. 35 (Including Question Nos 643 to 658)	30 June 1998
Q. & A. No. 36 (Including Question Nos 659 to 676)	1 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 37 (Including Question Nos 677 to 691)	2 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 38 (Including Question Nos 692 to 704)	7 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 39 (Including Question Nos 705 to 718)	8 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 40 (Including Question Nos 719 to 725)	9 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 41 (Including Question Nos 726 to 735)	21 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 42 (Including Question Nos 736 to 745)	22 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 43 (Including Question Nos 746 to 753)	23 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 44 (Including Question No 754)	24 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 45 (Including Question Nos 755 to 769)	28 July 1998
Q. & A. No. 46 (Including Question Nos 770 to 780)	29 July 1998

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

Notice of Question given on the date shown

20 MAY 1998

(Paper No. 33)

\*608 AIR-CONDITIONING—YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Cruickshank asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

- (1) Could he advise the progress being made in relation to the air-conditioning program at Yanco Agricultural High School?
- (2) Would he please advise when it is expected that residential areas will be air-conditioned?

Answer—

(1) The air cooling of the classroom in the blocks at Yanco Agricultural High School was divided into two stages in the 1997/98 Air Cooling Program. Stage one involved the air cooling of Building F, a two-storey classroom block, and installation work has been completed. Stage two includes the air cooling of Building I and Building M, classroom blocks. This project is currently at the tender stage and installation work is expected to be completed by the end of Term 3, 1998.

(2) I am currently considering all priorities for inclusion in the 1998/99 Air Cooling Program, including the residential buildings at Yanco Agricultural High School, following announcement of funding allocations in the recent State Budget. I expect that the residential buildings will be air cooled over the next 2 financial years given the cost of this project and the number of competing statewide needs.

\*612 PARKING LAWS—LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr MacCarthy asked the Minister for Police—

- (1) How many local councils had the approval of the Police Commissioner to enforce parking laws as at 1 April 1998?
- (2) What councils were they?
- (3) Have any of those approvals been withdrawn or are any of them expected to be withdrawn and, if so, at what date?
- (4) What are the reasons for these withdrawals of approval?

Answer—

I am advised by the Deputy Commissioner of the NSW Police Service that the answers to the Member for Strathfield's questions are as follows:

- (1) Forty-six councils have been authorised to enforce on-street parking restrictions.
- (2) Ashfield, Baulkham Hills, Bega Valley, Bellingen, Blacktown City, Botany, Burwood, Byron, Coffs Harbour, Cooma-Monaro Shire, Drummoyn, Eurobodalla, Fairfield, Hornsby, Hurstville, Inverell Shire, Kiama, Kogarah, Lake Macquarie City, Leichhardt, Lismore, Manly, Mosman, Mudgee Shire, Narrabri Shire, Newcastle, North Sydney, Parramatta, Pittwater, Queanbeyan City, Randwick City, Rockdale, Ryde City, Shoalhaven, Snowy River, Strathfield, Sutherland, Sydney City, Tamworth, Tumut, Warringah, Waverley, Wellington Shire, Willoughby, Woollahra, Wyong.
- (3) No. Assistant Deputy Commissioner Adams chaired a Police Service working party which examined the issue of the regulation of on-street parking. The objective of the working party was to determine how Police Service involvement in, and co-operation with respect to, the enforcement of parking regulations can be best maximised in terms of benefit to the community.

The Police Service made the decision that no new, or amendments to existing, agreements would be entered into until the report of the working party had been finalised and considered by the Police Service executive. The working party is yet to provide its report to Government.

(4) Not applicable.

\*613 DRUG USE IN NEW SOUTH WALES SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Dr Macdonald asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) Did the Department of Health undertake a survey of drug use in New South Wales secondary schools in 1996?

(2) If so, when were the findings released publicly and what is the name of the document?

(3) If the findings have not been publicly released:

(a) Why have the findings not been released?

(b) When will the findings be released?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised that the findings are expected to be released before the end of this year.

\*614 SOCOG OFFICE—HAYMARKET—Dr Macdonald asked the Minister for the Olympics—

What was the total cost of the move of the SOCOG office to Haymarket?

Answer—

The move of the SOCOG offices from Kent Street, Sydney, to 235 Jones Street, Ultimo, was necessary to meet the future needs of the organisation.

The move will allow SOCOG, as it rapidly grows and employs the numbers of staff necessary to organise and stage the Olympic Games, to be located in the one location. Such a situation would not have been possible in the Kent Street location and hence the efficiency of the organisation would have been compromised.

Accordingly, it would be extremely time-consuming and difficult to separate the costs of meeting future employment growth needs in establishing the Jones Street complex from those associated with current staff.

However, the actual physical costs of moving SOCOG staff employed at the time of the move was \$86,000 which includes the relocation of all items, stationery changeover, security, cleaning and other one-off costs.

\*615 DRUG USE IN NEW SOUTH WALES SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Dr Macdonald asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

(1) Did the Department of Education undertake a survey of drug use in New South Wales secondary schools in 1996?

(2) If so, when were the findings released publicly and what is the name of the document?

(3) If the findings have not been publicly released:

(a) Why have the findings not been released?

(b) When will the findings be released?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) and (3) Not applicable.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

\*617 M5 EAST PROJECT—Mr Phillips asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the construction of the M5 East project—

- (1) What was the total cost of all consultants/contractors up to May 1998?
- (2) What was the total cost of consultants/contractors engaged on assessing bids up to May 1998?
- (3) Who were these consultants/contractors?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The exact cost of contractors/consultants employed on the M5 East project is not available at the moment as the RTA is still awaiting invoices for work undertaken up until the end of May 1998.

Contractors and consultants employed on the project include:

Evans and Peck Pty Ltd.  
Douglas and Partners.  
Price Waterhouse.  
Golder Associates.  
Statewide Roads.  
E. J. Nye and Associates Pty Ltd.  
Barry Smith Bateman and Associates.  
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.  
Jackson Teece Chesterman and Willis.  
Masson and Wilson.  
Talitha Pty Ltd.  
Harvest Seeds Company Pty Ltd.  
Australian Water Technologies.  
Clayton Utz.  
Renzo Tonin and Associates.  
Traffic and Transport Surveys Pty Ltd.  
Gutteridge Haskins and Dawson Pty Ltd.  
Connell Wagner Pty Ltd.  
Freehill Hollingdale and Page.  
Holmes Air Sciences.  
Blake Dawson and Waldron.  
Mandis Roberts Consultancy.  
Biosphere Environmental.  
Roads and Traffic Authority Technology.  
TEC Consulting Pty Ltd.

\*618 BRICK PIT SITE AT HOMEBUSH BAY—Mr Richardson asked the Minister for the Olympics—

- (1) What are the Government's long-term plans for the brick pit site at Homebush Bay?
- (2) What steps does the Government intend to take to ensure the safety of visitors in or near the brick pit site?
- (3) What is the Government doing to remediate dioxin contamination at Homebush Bay?

---

Answer—

(1) The brick pit at Homebush Bay is part of the Millennium Parklands which the Government, through the Olympic Co-ordination Authority, is developing as one of the legacies of the Sydney 2000 Olympics for the people of New South Wales.

The Millennium Parkland Concept Plan describes the brick pit as a dramatic and powerful landscape with the potential to provide parkland users with a unique experience.

It outlines the three key issues of influence in its planning, and ultimate use are:

- The ecological importance of the habitat for the observation of the endangered Green and Golden Bell Frog and associated habitat research.
- The historical importance of the brick pit as an artefact of the Australian industrial past.
- The dynamic geological nature of the shale cliffs.

The Green and Golden Bell Frog research program is continuing up to 2000 and provision for the frogs' habitat conservation will be secured before any development of the pit.

There are also plans being proposed regarding the use of a small portion of the pit for the Water Recycling and Management System (WRAMS). This will involve the storage of up to 300 megalitres of water for recycled use throughout Homebush Bay.

The Millennium Parklands Stage One Development Application has been approved. However, this does not include the development of the brick pit. It does allow a clean-up for presentation during the year 2000 and protection of the frog habitat. Any further development will require a separate development application.

The plans and first stage development include reforestation of the rim of the pit, public access via a safe walking trail, new fencing and possible cultural uses including art-related uses to be explored in co-operation with the frog habitat research and a park-wide public art program. In future stages post-2000 an interpretive facility with a cultural heritage and arts emphasis could be located within or near the pit.

However, use of the brick pit before and during the year 2000 will be reserved for frog research, water recycling and possible Games-related needs for space.

Development of the pit may have a commercial element to it. However, it must be in keeping with the style of the parklands and with the park program. This would be the subject of a future call for proposals.

(2) A safety fence is existing around the brick pit. This was in place for the Royal Easter Show in April and has been successful.

Access is on a research and maintenance-needs basis only. The pit has a full after hours security monitoring service and any future works will retain full safety and security fencing.

Technical issues have been thoroughly reviewed in relation to the stability of the rim. All measures required for additional stability within the pit will be taken when any development or public access provision is made to the base of the pit.

(3) Homebush Bay lands have had a long history as a major industrial site including a history of dumping of municipal and industrial waste over a period of 40-50 years.

More than 5,000 analyses of soil, sediments and water have been conducted at over 1,500 locations on this site. These analyses indicate dioxin contamination in 12 of the samples.

Contamination is being addressed by the OCA using "best practice" methods in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

Some contaminated soils containing dioxin have been buried and contained under 5 and 9 metres of fill. The mounds are capped with a minimum of 1 metre of clean fill and then planted. This land is to be used as landscaped open parkland.

Recent ongoing excavation has located the remnants of drums that have contained a mixture of industrial chemical wastes. Under agreements between the NSW Environment Protection Authority and the Olympic Co-ordination Authority, this material has been transferred to a

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

temporary storage area approved by the Environment Protection Authority pending a decision on how it will be dealt with. Tenders have been called for proposals to deal with this waste and will close on 7 July 1998.

The remediation work taking place at Homebush is turning a degraded and polluted liability into a great community asset. People will be able to use the site for all its intended purposes with confidence.

\*619 CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Richardson asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

- (1) How much money did the Government receive for the sale of the Castle Hill Infants School site?
- (2) What is the market value of the remaining Castle Hill Public School site bounded by Pennant Street, Showground Road and Castle Street?
- (3) What was the cost of acquiring the land for the new Castle Hill Public School?
- (4) How much will it cost to erect the new school on this site?
- (5) What will be the total cost of the new school?

Answer—

- (1) \$5.18 million.
- (2) This property is presently being marketed by the Department of Public Works and Services—State Property Group and the market value is considered commercially confidential information until the site is offered for sale.
- (3) \$5.8 million.
- (4) \$6.61 million.
- (5) \$12.41 million.

\*622 MAIN NORTHERN LINE—STRATHFIELD TO HORNSBY—Mr Richardson asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many assaults, robbery, robbery with assault and graffiti incidents have been reported on the Main Northern Railway Line between Strathfield and Hornsby for each of the months of:
  - (a) January 1998?
  - (b) February 1998?
  - (c) March 1998?
  - (d) April 1998?
- (2) How much money has been spent since 1 July 1997 on repairing damage caused by vandals on the Main Northern Line between Strathfield and Hornsby?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised by CityRail that there were twelve incidents from January 1998 to April 1998 inclusive. The majority of these incidents were acts of graffiti.
- (2) \$29,308.

\*623 DIOXIN CONTAMINATION AT HOMEBUSH BAY—Mr Richardson asked the Minister for the Environment—

What is the Government doing to remediate dioxin contamination at Homebush Bay?

---

Answer—

I am advised that remediation of contaminated land at Homebush Bay is being carried out by the Olympic Co-ordination Authority (OCA) and that an accredited, independent land auditor has been appointed by the OCA to oversee remediation activities. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is advising the OCA on appropriate remediation standards and techniques and through its monitoring and review of a combination of agreements and legal notices, is ensuring the State's environment protection legislation is being applied and adhered to.

I understand that the OCA conducted three public workshops in March 1998 to discuss contamination issues, including dioxin contamination, with the community and interested stakeholders and that the outcomes of these workshops are being assessed by the OCA and its consultants. Following these workshops, the Government announced an additional \$12 million for monitoring and remediation of contaminated lands at the Homebush Olympic site.

The Ministry for Forests and Marine Administration is responsible for the sediments in Homebush Bay itself. The Government has committed \$21 million for the clean-up of Homebush Bay sediments and is also collaborating with nearby landowners who also have concerns about, and commitments to, sediment remediation. The Environment portfolio, through the EPA, is assisting the Ministry in its assessment of remediation options. The EPA will also regulate those who implement the selected remediation processes.

\*624 CRYPTOSPORIDIUM—Mrs Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) Dr McAnulty, NSW Health Department, claims that cryptosporidium can be killed by high levels of chlorination. On what grounds does the Department base its claims?

(2) What, if any, methods have been employed by the Department of Health to provide adequate and accurate testing procedures for cryptosporidium?

(3) There is serious concern in the community that alarming levels of the cryptosporidium parasite have been found in New South Wales water mains. Are you able to assure the public that this is not the case?

Answer—

(1) I am advised that Dr McAnulty was quoting a reference in a scientific paper from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

(2) and (3) The 1996 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines state that "Routine monitoring for Cryptosporidium is not appropriate".

\*625 MORUYA MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

(1) Will the Moruya Motor Registry be closed?

(2) If it is not going to close, will he confirm that the level of service now provided will remain the same?

(3) If it is going to close, would he please explain the rationale for such a decision, particularly in light of the results of a survey of motor registry customers which indicated a clear preference for retention of motor registry services at Moruya?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

Answer—

- (1) There are no current proposals to close Moruya Motor Registry.
- (2) It is proposed to periodically review registry services at Moruya and maintain a level of service commensurate with customer needs.
- (3) Not applicable.

\*626 RISK ASSESSMENT—SYDNEY AIRPORT TUNNEL—Mr Souris asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Has the Government conducted a risk assessment or other similar study of the Sydney Airport Tunnel, on General Holmes Drive, which is the intersection of a major part of the Sydney road network and the busiest runway in the country?
- (2) If so, does the Government have any strategies to deal with possible security risks?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The RTA, in conjunction with other Government departments, has undertaken risk assessment in relation to the transport of dangerous goods. As a result, dangerous goods are banned from using the tunnel.
- (2) The RTA is proposing to install traffic monitoring cameras in the tunnel during the next financial year for the purpose of monitoring traffic flow and the verification of incidents. The RTA has introduced a comprehensive incident management system for managing traffic incidents on the arterial road network. The police and emergency services and the RTA work closely in co-ordinating the clearance of any road incidents on the arterial road network to reduce traffic delays and return to normal conditions as quickly as practicable. However, matters relating to security are issues for the consideration of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
- (3) Not applicable.

\*627 TRAFFIC FLOW—METROPOLITAN ROADS—Mr Souris asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) What is the average daily number of vehicles on the following metropolitan roads:
  - (a) Sydney Harbour Bridge?
  - (b) Sydney Harbour Tunnel?
  - (c) Gore Hill Expressway?
  - (d) Military Road?
  - (e) Spit Bridge?
  - (f) Pacific Highway from Chatswood to Wahroonga?
  - (g) Pennant Hills Road?
  - (h) General Holmes Drive?
  - (i) F3 at Wahroonga?
  - (j) M4 at Strathfield?
  - (k) Cumberland Highway at Fairfield?
  - (l) M5?
  - (m) F6 at Sutherland?
- (2) Do the above figures represent one-way or two-way trips?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The whole of year Average Daily Traffic Volumes for 1997 are as follows:

**The closest permanent sites have been selected where there is no exact match.**

Permanent sites are locations where traffic volumes are being counted continuously throughout the year.

Sections of the M5 are under the jurisdictions of private venture companies and therefore no traffic volume information for these is collected by the RTA.

Road	Direction/Volume			
Sydney Harbour Bridge	North	81,299	South	74,277
Sydney Harbour Tunnel	North	36,474	South	33,032
North of Cahill Expressway, Willoughby	East	38,632	West	39,390
Willoughby Road, Spit Junction	East	29,699	West	27,617
Spit Bridge	North	35,105	South	32,970
Pacific Highway, Chatswood, south of Boundary Street	North	28,970	South	30,779
Pacific Highway, Killara, south of Cecil Street	North	24,453	South	24,262
Pacific Highway, Wahroonga, east of Sydney-Newcastle Freeway	East	29,672	West	27,647
Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills, at Railway Bridge	North	36,504	South	34,627
Pennant Hills Road, West Pennant Hills, south of Copeland Road	North	29,903	South	30,168
General Holmes Drive, Botany at southern end of tunnel	North	45,736	South	44,897
F3 at Wahroonga, Edgeworth David Avenue overbridge	North	35,122	South	34,127
M4, Homebush, Salesyard Channel Bridge	East	35,690	West	35,192
Smithfield Road, Smithfield, north of Robert Street, Prospect Creek	North	28,194	South	28,006
M5, Moorebank, at bridge over Georges River	East	30,691	West	32,906
F6, Waterfall, at toll gates	North	12,268	South	12,295

\*628 TRIPLE ROAD TRAINS—Mr Souris asked the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) On which western New South Wales roads is the RTA currently investigating the feasibility of allowing triple road trains access?
- (2) Where did the funding for this feasibility study come from?
- (3) When is the feasibility study scheduled to be completed?
- (4) Will the results be made public?

Answer—

- (1) Consideration is being given to extended access for triple road trains to roads in the existing road train area in far western New South Wales and to the Kidman Way between Bourke and Goolgowi.
- (2) The study is part of normal road planning by the RTA and is being financed from the funds made available for such work.
- (3) A date has not been set for finalisation of the study. The work will include consultation with all relevant parties and research into on-road performance of triple road trains and will be completed as quickly as practicable.
- (4) Yes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

21 MAY 1998

(Paper No. 34)

630 "OPERATION NOAH"—Mr Armstrong to ask the Minister for Police—

632 WORKCOVER BUILDING AND SAFETY REGULATIONS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Forestry, Minister for Ports and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney representing the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Fair Trading—

633 CAPITAL LAND CORPORATION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

\*635 HORSE TRAIL—BELROSE TAFE—Mr Humpherson asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

- (1) How much did his Department contribute to the cost of fencing a horse trail through the Belrose TAFE site (between Linden and Wyatt Avenues)?
- (2) What was the total cost of the work?

Answer—

- (1) Because the property was being damaged by horses and motor bikes and because of concern over the Department's liability in the event of an accident, it was decided, after consultation with the local council and community, to construct a fenced trail across the site which would protect the flora and fauna and provide safer access for the public. The trail has entry and exit points which prevent access by motor bikes. The project was fully funded by the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE.
- (2) The trail was constructed in 1997 at a total cost of \$28,992.

636 MANLY WHARF INTERCHANGE—Mr Humpherson to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

637 CASINO COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND—Mr Humpherson to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—

\*638 OFFICE FITOUT COSTS—Mr Humpherson asked the Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many offices does he have?
- (2) What is the address of each?
- (3) For each, what is:
  - (a) the annual rental and overhead costs?
  - (b) the staffing costs?
  - (c) the establishment and fitout costs?
  - (d) the floor area?

Answer—

(1) and (2) My offices, as a Member and as a Minister, are now well and truly on public record.

Office of the Minister for Regional Development and Rural Affairs:

Level 37, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney 2000

Regional Office of the Minister for Regional Development and Rural Affairs:

Suite 4, Level 2, Government Office Block, 140 William Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795

Parliament House Office:

Level 9, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000

Electoral Office, Member for Clarence:

Suite 2, 105-107 Pound Street, NSW 2460

These addresses and corresponding telephone numbers are available to the member in the complimentary "List of Members" for the Fifty-first Parliament.

(3) (a) The rental paid for the ministerial office in Governor Macquarie Tower for 1997/98 is at the standard rate of \$675 per square metre.

The projected annual rental expense for the regional office for 1998/99 is approximately \$9,000.

The office is run according to the current *Ministerial Handbook*, ensuring that overhead costs are at an appropriate level for a ministerial office.

(b) Salary costs are at a standard level for ministerial staff.

(c) The establishment of my ministerial office accommodation was approached with a view to minimising costs and strictly adhering to the relevant guidelines.

(d) My ministerial accommodation adheres strictly to all relevant guidelines.

639 HORSE TRAIL—BELROSE TAFE—Mr Humpherson to ask the Minister for the Environment—

\*640 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS—Mr Humpherson asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

(1) What Capital Assistance Grants has she made so far this financial year?

(2) For each, which organisation received the grant, what was the purpose and what was the amount?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The details of grants provided each year by the Government under the Capital Assistance Program are published in the annual report of the Department of Sport and Recreation, which is tabled in the Parliament in accordance with the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985.

641 VEHICLE REGISTRATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

642 TRUST ACCOUNTS—REAL ESTATE AGENTS—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Women representing the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Fair Trading—

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

26 MAY 1998

(Paper No. 35)

- 643 SYDNEY OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC LOGOS—Mr Armstrong to ask the Minister for the Olympics—
- 645 “FAMILIES FIRST” PROGRAM—Ms Ficarra to ask the Premier, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Ethnic Affairs—
- 646 SYDNEY WATER’S GLENFIELD RESERVE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 647 “FAMILIES FIRST” PROGRAM—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Women—
- 648 HORSE RIDING IN POPRAN NATIONAL PARK—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 649 STORAGE OF BUS STOP SEATS—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 650 TRESPASS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY—Mr O’Doherty to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 651 STUDENT EXCLUSION/EXPULSION—Mr O’Doherty to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 652 PENSHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr O’Doherty to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 653 POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH FILES—Mr O’Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 654 POLICE PATROLS—RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr O’Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 655 SAFE STATIONS PROGRAM—Mr O’Farrell to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 656 POLICE PRISON ESCORTS—Ms Seaton to ask the Minister for Police—
- 657 SEAMEN’S UNION BUILDING—Ms Seaton to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 658 HEAVY VEHICLE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

27 MAY 1998

(Paper No. 36)

- 659 POLICE STATIONS IN THE LOWER HUNTER—Mr Blackmore to ask the Minister for Police—

- 
- 660 DIESEL GENERATOR CONTRACTS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 661 RECYCLING TASKFORCE'S ROLE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 663 QUESTION 361—REPUCOM—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 664 DRIVING SCHOOL ACCREDITATION—Dr Kernohan to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 665 STANDARDS FOR DRIVING SCHOOLS—Dr Kernohan to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 666 DRUG USE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Dr Macdonald to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 667 SCHOOL ISOLATION ROOMS—Mr O'Doherty to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 668 MOUNT DRUITT HIGH SCHOOL—Mr O'Doherty to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 669 RATIO OF STUDENTS TO COUNSELLORS—Mr O'Doherty to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 670 POLICE STRENGTH—GORDON AND HORNSBY POLICE STATIONS—Mr O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 671 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL—GORDON AND HORNSBY POLICE STATIONS—Mr O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 672 DETECTIVES—GORDON AND HORNSBY POLICE STATIONS—Mr O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 673 RECYCLING—GREATER SYDNEY REGION—Mr Richardson to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 674 "MILLENNIUM BUG"—HOSPITALS—Mrs Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 675 GOVERNMENT PRINTING SERVICE—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads representing the Minister for Public Works and Services—
- 676 REVIEW OF DRIVING PENALTIES—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

28 MAY 1998

(Paper No. 37)

- 677 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECYCLING CO-OPERATIVE—Mrs Chikarovski to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 678 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mrs Chikarovski to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 679 SMOKY CAPE LIGHTHOUSE—KUNDERANG HOMESTEAD—Mrs Chikarovski to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 680 ACCOMMODATION EXPENSE—SMOKY CAPE LIGHTHOUSE—Mrs Chikarovski to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 681 ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCILS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 682 RIVERWOOD “SHOPFRONT STYLE” POLICE STATION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—
- 683 RIVERWOOD POLICE FOOT PATROLS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—
- 684 STATE SCHOOL TEACHER NUMBERS—Mr Humpherson to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 685 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION—Mr Humpherson to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 686 BULAHDELAH BYPASS—Mr Humpherson to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 687 DETECTIVES—GORDON AND HORNSBY POLICE STATIONS—Mr O’Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 688 POLICE STRENGTH—GORDON AND HORNSBY POLICE STATIONS—Mr O’Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 689 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL—GORDON AND HORNSBY POLICE STATIONS—Mr O’Farrell to ask the Minister for Police—
- 690 RURAL AND REGIONAL OLYMPIC BUSINESS EXPO—Ms Seaton to ask the Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 691 COASTAL EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE SERVICES—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

2 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 38)

- 692 PUBLIC HOUSING—ASSET SALE—Mr Debnam to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 693 PUBLIC HOUSING—ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Debnam to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 694 PUBLIC HOUSING SECURITY—Mr Debnam to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 695 POLICE RAID ON 14 APRIL 1998—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—
- 696 EPA MONITORING—PILKINGTON GLASS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 697 SCHOOL CROSSING—HURSTVILLE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 698 FIRE FIGHTERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 699 FIRE STATIONS CONSTRUCTION—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 700 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES—NSW FIRE BRIGADES—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 701 RAILWAY SECURITY—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 702 DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY TARIFF—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 703 NORTH SHORE RAIL SECURITY—Mr O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 704 CATERING—SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA OLYMPIC TEST EVENT—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for the Olympics—

3 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 39)

- 705 NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Armstrong to ask the Minister for Police—

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

- 
- 706 DR DENNIS KING—ST GEORGE HOSPITAL—Ms Ficarra to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 707 COMPENSATION—POLICE RAID—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—
- 708 TRAFFIC FLOW—SOUTH HURSTVILLE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 709 BATEAU BAY—FIRE STATION—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 710 FIRE STATIONS STAFFING—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 711 CONTROLLED HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING—Mr Harrison to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 712 KOALA HABITAT STUDIES—Dr Kernohan to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 713 AUSTRAL COAL LEASES—Dr Kernohan to ask the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and Minister for Housing—
- 714 CRONULLA POLICE STATION—Mr Kerr to ask the Minister for Police—
- 715 LANDSCAPE FUNDING—CAPTAIN COOK BRIDGE—Mr Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 716 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY—PATIENT DETAILS—Mrs Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 717 INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES FOR NSW WATERS—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 718 CHILD DISABILITY ALLOWANCE—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Women—

4 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 40)

- 719 TOXIC WASTE TESTING METHODOLOGY AND GUIDELINES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 720 GOVERNMENT SPECTACLE PROGRAM—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Women—
- 721 SECURITY OFFICERS—AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- 
- 722 POLICE STRENGTH—PORT MACQUARIE AND COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Jeffery to ask the Minister for Police—
- 723 DONATIONS—CENTRAL SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 724 REPORT BY “GREEN GAMES WATCH 2000” AND NCOSS—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 725 REPORT BY “GREEN GAMES WATCH 2000” AND NCOSS—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Minister for the Environment—

16 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 41)

- 726 SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA—Mr Collins to ask the Premier, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Ethnic Affairs—
- 727 KING GEORGES ROAD—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 728 SECURITY GUARDS—ILLAWARRA AND EAST HILLS LINES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 729 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS—ILLAWARRA AND EAST HILLS LINES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 730 METHADONE MAINTENANCE AND NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS—CROYDON—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 731 SUMMER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr MacCarthy to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 732 MARINE SCIENCE SYLLABUS—Mr D. L. Page to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 733 STRICKLAND HOUSE, VAUCLUSE—Mrs Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 734 WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Forestry, Minister for Ports and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney representing the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 735 TAREE TAFE CAMPUS—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

17 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 42)

- 736 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE—  
Ms Ficarra to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 737 PHYSICAL CONTACT—SCHOOL SPORTS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Education and  
Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—
- 738 RAIL MAINTENANCE—PENSURST—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and  
Minister for Roads—
- 739 EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT—Ms Seaton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for  
Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 740 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY—COOTAMUNDRA DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mrs Skinner to ask  
the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 741 PARTICIPANTS—NALTREXONE TRIALS—Mrs Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for  
Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 742 BROGO WILDERNESS NOMINATION—Mr Smith to ask the Minister for the Environment—
- 743 M5 EAST—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 744 FEASIBILITY STUDY—EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport  
and Minister for Roads—
- 745 BLUE MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for  
Roads—

18 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 43)

- 746 POLICE SERVICES—GEORGES RIVER DISTRICT—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—
- 747 SEWERAGE OVERFLOWS—GEORGES RIVER—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for the  
Environment—
- 748 KOGARAH TOWN CENTRE COMMUTER PARKING—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for  
Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 749 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 750 COMMUNITY-BASED RESCUE HELICOPTERS—Mr McManus to ask the Minister for Police—
- 751 POLICE STRENGTH—HUNTER REGION—Mr Mills to ask the Minister for Police—

---

752 JUSTICE VINCE BRUCE—Mr Mills to ask the Minister for Police representing the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Fair Trading—

753 RURAL AREA HEALTH SERVICES—DISTRICT NURSES—Mrs Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

19 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 44)

754 ST HELIER'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

23 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 45)

755 "CITY SAFE" OPERATION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—

756 CRIMINAL INCIDENTS—SYDNEY CASINO—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police—

757 PEAKHURST SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

758 FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES UNION—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

759 FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES UNION—REGISTRATION—Mr Hartcher to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

760 RURAL PRESS LIMITED—"JOB GUIDE"—Mr Oakeshott to ask the Minister for the Olympics representing the Treasurer and Minister for State Development—

761 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

762 BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET—Ms Seaton to ask the Minister for Education and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs—

763 WATERWAYS DIVISION—DEPARTMENT OF PORTS—Ms Seaton to ask the Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Forestry, Minister for Ports and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

764 CREDIT SURVEILLANCE—CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY—Mr Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Ethnic Affairs—

765 FEASIBILITY STUDY—EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

- 
- 766 SPEED LIMIT—M2 MOTORWAY—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 767 NATURAL HYDROGIC CYCLES—TILBA LAKE—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—
- 768 GLEN AYR COLLIERY—ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—
- 769 COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES ESTUARIES—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

24 JUNE 1998

(Paper No. 46)

- 770 EOLIAN ISLANDS, ITALY—Ms Ficarra to ask the Premier, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Ethnic Affairs—

When will he reply in writing to the President, Associazione Culturale Eoliana, who has written to him on 28 April 1998 and again on the same matter on 13 May 1998, regarding remarks made publicly within the NSW Parliament by the Member for Cabramatta (28 April 1998) on the issue of the Eolian Islands, Italy?

- 771 ST GEORGE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP—Ms Ficarra to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Was there ever any public funding for the St George Cancer Support Group?
- (2) If so, has it been reduced or discontinued?
- (3) Why has this occurred?
- (4) Are the numbers of oncology patients increasing in the South East Area Health Service?
- (5) How do numbers compare with other Area Health Services?
- (6) Has any research occurred into demographic trends with regards to various types of cancers diagnosed?

- 772 M5 EAST PROJECT—STUDIES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

What were the results of the traffic noise and air quality monitoring studies carried out by both the RTA and any independent body commissioned by the RTA in relation to the M5 East Project, in particular, in the suburbs of Bexley and at specific locations between Hurstville and Tempe, including a site at North Bexley?

- 773 NAVIGATION CHANNELS—PORT HACKING—Mr Kerr to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

What is the date of commencement for the dredging of the navigation channels in Port Hacking?

## 774 LOCAL COUNCIL WARDS—Mr O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Did the Director-General of Local Government issue a memo to certain local councils in August 1997 concerning the size of wards?
- (2) Did the Director-General advise that 53 councils exceeded section 211 (4) of the Local Government Act requiring that wards not vary in size by more than 10 per cent?
- (3) How many of these councils have:
  - (a) determined new ward boundaries which comply with section 211 (4)?
  - (b) determined new boundaries which do not comply with section 211 (4)?
  - (c) determined not to change boundaries?
  - (d) failed to determine the issue?

## 775 M5 EAST—FINANCE—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Are you intending to finance the construction of the M5 East by recourse to deferred payments?
- (2) How much will be paid to the successful contractor over the construction period and how much, together with interest, will be paid over the deferred payment period?
- (3) In addition to the construction contract, how much, in detail, has been paid for property acquisitions, consultants and any other costs not incorporated in the construction contract?
- (4) Do you admit that this deferred payments program is the same as incurring new debt on behalf of the State and is this contrary to the Government's so-called debt reduction strategy?

## 776 GORE HILL TUNNEL—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) What is the progress of the proposed Gore Hill tunnel needed urgently to connect the M2 with the Gore Hill Freeway?
- (2) When will you let the contract so that construction can get under way?

## 777 ROAD SAFETY—SNOWFIELDS—Mr Souris to ask the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Have you conducted an audit into the stability and safety of roads in and around the New South Wales snowfields?
- (2) What is the result of the audit?
- (3) (a) On which roads has identified urgent remedial work been completed over the last year?  
(b) What was the nature of the remediation?
- (4) What urgent remediation remains incomplete or not commenced for the start of the 1998 winter snow season?
- (5) Have you satisfied yourself about the stability of the road network in the snowfields?

## 778 ESTUARY PRAWN TRAWL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

- (1) Did a conference call occur on 19 June 1998 between Mr Dunn of your Department and members of the Estuary Prawn Trawl Management Advisory Committee?
- (2) If so, was that call recorded by electronic means?
- (3) If so, who recorded the call?
- (4) Has a request been made by any member of the Estuary Prawn Trawl Management Advisory Committee for a copy of any recording that may have been made?
- (5) If so, what was the result of that request?
- (6) If the request was denied, why was it denied?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Thursday 25 June 1998

---

779 GUMMY AND SCHOOL SHARK FISHERIES—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

- (1) Is it proposed that the gummy and school shark fisheries be transferred by NSW Fisheries to Commonwealth jurisdiction?
- (2) Is this fishery presently a restricted fishery in New South Wales?
- (3) If so, what fees would be payable by fishermen in New South Wales under a restricted fishery?
- (4) What fees would be payable by fishermen to the Commonwealth if they were transferred to the Commonwealth fishery?
- (5) Will fishermen who are transferred to the Commonwealth fishery be prejudiced on quota because methods of capture are different in New South Wales to other States?

780 BOAT AND FISHING TACKLE DONATION—Mr Turner to ask the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

- (1) Did any person or body corporate donate a boat and fishing tackle to the value of \$20,000 for the purposes of enabling people who applied for a New South Wales freshwater recreational fishing gold licence partake in a draw for such boat and fishing tackle?
- (2) If so, who was that person or body corporate?
- (3) Why did such person or body corporate donate such items?
- (4) Did the title of such items pass to the Department of Fisheries for the purpose of the draw?
- (5) If so, did the donor of such items benefit from any sales tax or other tax or Government benefit for donating such items?
- (6) If so, what were those benefits?
- (7) If not, did the Department of Fisheries provide the monies for the purchase of such items?
- (8) If so, from whom were the items purchased?
- (9) What are the actual items purchased?
- (10) What was the cost of each item purchased?
- (11) From what fund were the items purchased?
- (12) If the items were purchased by the Department of Fisheries to partake in the draw, were they sales tax exempt?
- (13) If so, what was the amount of the sales tax exemption?
- (14) If so, will the Department make payment of sales tax to the Treasurer?
- (15) If the items were purchased by persons other than the Department of Fisheries on behalf of the Department of Fisheries, were they purchased at sales tax exempt rates?
- (16) Why was the incentive to partake in a draw thought to be needed for the implementation of fishing licences and why only for gold licence as against standard licence?