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\*4724 SECURE PRISON TRANSPORT SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Is Corrective Services NSW directly operating the 24 hour secure prison transport service that collects prisoners from police stations and takes them to and from Penrith, Parramatta and Campbelltown Court complexes?
- (2) Is this service restricted to prisoners held or to be held at Amber Laurel Correctional Service?
- (3) How many staff are employed by this service?
- (4) What is the cost of this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Amber Laurel Correctional Centre (the Centre) on the Emu Plains Correctional Complex was proclaimed on 6 September 2013. The Centre can accommodate 56 inmates. Corrective Services NSW operates the Centre as a base for a secure 24 hour transport service which conveys inmates to and from police stations and court complexes in the Penrith, Parramatta and Campbelltown areas. Thirty-one staff are employed at the Centre, this includes staff who are involved in the transport service. As this Centre has only been operating since September 2013, the budget has not been adjusted to reflect a full year of operation.

\*4725 PARKLEA PRISON ESCAPES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many prisoners have escaped or absconded from Parklea Prison since 1 July 2013?
- (2) How did these prisoners escape or abscond?
- (3) How many of these prisoners have been recaptured?
- (4) What offences are known or alleged to have been committed by these prisoners subsequent to their escape?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 31 October 2013, one inmate has escaped from Parklea Correctional Centre since 1 July 2013. On 24 August 2013, a minimum security inmate escaped from a minimum security area of the Centre while working within it. The inmate was recaptured on 29 August 2013. The inmate has been charged with 'escape lawful custody', 'drive whilst disqualified' and 'dangerous driving involving police pursuit'. As these matters are before the court, I am unable to comment further.

\*4726 PAROLE HOME VISIT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What are the current minimum requirements for home visits and information verification by Corrective Services NSW concerning parolees?

Answer—

I am advised:

All parolees are supervised intensively for 8 weeks after their initial release from custody, regardless of their assessed level of risk. Supervision includes, but is not limited to:

- scrutiny of the offender's proposed residential address prior to their release;
- the offender's attendance at community based programs; and
- the offender's place of work .

The offender is also required to report to a prescribed Community Corrections office on a regular basis.

During this initial period of parole, offenders are assessed using two risk assessment tools and are supervised according to their risk of re-offending and the consequences of their potential re-offending after the initial period.

\*4727 PROTECTED WITNESSES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What is the status of the proposed relocation of the Corrective Services NSW program for protected witnesses?

(2) What was the result of the further consultation by the Commission of Corrective Services with relevant law enforcement agencies about the relocation?

Answer—

No decision has been made at this stage. Consultation is ongoing and a decision will be made in due course.

\*4728 CORRECTIONAL CENTRE REOPENINGS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What wings, sections or buildings in correctional centres in New South Wales have been reopened to accommodate prisoners since 1 January 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 12 November 2013, no wings, sections or buildings in correctional centres in NSW have been reopened to accommodate inmates since 1 January 2013.

The Amber Laurel Correctional Centre on the Emu Plains Correctional Complex was officially opened on 12 September 2013 as a secure 24 hour transit Centre.

\*4729 NON-ASSOCIATION AND PLACE RESTRICTION ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many non-association and place restriction orders have been made under the Justice Legislation Amendment (Non-Association and Place Restriction) Act 2001:

- (a) Since 22 July 2004;
- (b) In the period 27 March 2011 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Honourable member's question refers to orders made under the Justice Legislation Amendment (Non-Association and Place Restriction) Act 2001, which made amendments to the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 and the Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987 to enable non-association and place restriction orders to be imposed on people sentenced for offences carrying a maximum penalty of at least six months imprisonment.

It is therefore assumed that the question refers to orders made under section 17A of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 or section 33D of the Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987.

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) advise that the number of people who received a non-association order and/or a place restriction order was:

- (a) 841 from 22 July 2004 to 30 June 2013
- (b) 280 from 27 March 2011 to 30 June 2013.

These orders are a secondary penalty issued in conjunction with a principal penalty. Figures to 30 June 2013 reflect the most recent crime statistics currently available from BOCSAR.

\*4730 LOCAL COURT SITTINGS FOR 2014—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What changes are proposed for the 2014 sitting period of the Local Courts at:

- (a) Bellingen;
- (b) Macksville;
- (c) Coffs Harbour;
- (d) Port Macquarie?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Chief Magistrate has the responsibility for determining sitting arrangements at each courthouse.

The Chief Magistrate has determined that, as from January 2014, sitting days at the specified courts will be:

- (a) Bellingen two days per month.

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- (b) Macksville four days per month.
- (c) Coffs Harbour 14 days per month.
- (d) Port Macquarie 10 days per month.

It should be noted, however, the circuit has recently changed, and based on the workload extra sittings were added to courts in the Hunter.

\*4731 CORONER'S COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many full time coroners are allocated to the Coroner's Court?
- (2) How many are unable to work because of illness and for how long has this been the case?
- (3) Will any magistrate who is unable to continue as a coroner be replaced?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently five full time coroner positions allocated to the Coroner's Court. This includes the role of the NSW State Coroner that was recently vacated. Action to appoint a new State Coroner is currently underway and is expected to be finalised shortly. Arrangements for an acting State Coroner are currently in place.

A network of coroners across NSW supports the work of the State Coroner and Deputy State Coroners. Under section 16(1) of the Coroners Act 2009, a magistrate is taken to be a coroner by virtue of his or her office as a magistrate.

- (2) - (3) There are currently no full time coroners unable to work because of illness.

\*4733 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FUNDING PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Which agencies will be the focus of the \$9.8 million Domestic and Family Violence Funding Program to address gaps in prevention and early intervention programs?

Answer—

Information about the Domestic and Family Violence Funding Program can be found at [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au).

\*4734 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRAL REFERRAL POINTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Will any of the central referral points, planned to help victims of domestic violence get assistance, be established in the Hunter Region?
- (2) If so, how many will be established and where will they be situated?

Answer—

Details of the Domestic and Family Violence reforms are to be finalised by Cabinet shortly.

\*4735 PUBLIC HOUSING SHORTFALL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Regarding the recent report from the NSW Auditor General concluding that the New South Wales social housing system is only capable of meeting 44% of social housing needs:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to address this issue?
- (2) What action does the Government plan to take in the future to address this shortfall?

Answer—

The Auditor General's report was timely reminder about the inherent structural deficiencies in the public housing system the previous Labor government left behind.

Measures the Government is taking to fix the system include making better use of the 35,000 vacant bedrooms in public housing, ensuring existing tenants are paying the correct amount of rent, and making public housing waiting lists transparent so clients can make informed decisions.

\*4736 STOCKTON CENTRE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Does the Government plan to close the Stockton Centre from 2015?
- (2) If so, where will the 480 residents with disabilities be housed?

(3) What type of accommodation will the long term residents be housed in?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is committed to the redevelopment of all large residential centres by 2018.
- (2) New domestic scale housing with 24 hour support will be offered to residents of the Stockton Centre.
- (3) All Stockton Centre residents and their families will be consulted about their accommodation preferences, which will include its location.

\*4737 HUNTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT TENDER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) When and where will the winning bid be announced for tender "E01 CS0341 - Operation and Maintenance of Hunter Water's Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants" which closed on 18 September 2013?
- (2) What measures will be put in place to ensure that safe standards of maintenance will continue at Hunter Water treatment plants when they are under the control of a private operator?

Answer—

- (1) July 2014. The winning tender will be stated on the Hunter Water website.
- (2) Hunter water will soon shortlist a number of service providers with proven experience in the operation and maintenance of plants of similar scale and scope. These providers must have highly experienced and capable personnel in key positions whose performance on similar work can be attested to by past or current clients. Safety performance will also be a key consideration in the tender assessment and will need to be supported by past or current clients. The contract will require safety systems to be implemented and require safety performance to be regularly reported to Hunter Water. Implementation of safety systems and safe work practices will be monitored through inspections and audits. Hunter Water will continue to specify the levels of maintenance to be performed and will undertake audits to confirm compliance.

\*4738 WORKCOVER INSPECTIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) How often has WorkCover carried out random inspections at Baiada Poultry's Beresfield Plant in 2012-13?
- (2) How many of these inspections were carried out with workplace safety representatives?
- (3) Does WorkCover use independent interpreters for inspections of meat processing sites, which often have many international workers?

Answer—

- (1) WorkCover has not conducted any random inspections of the Baiada Poultry's Beresfield Plant, in this period.

However, WorkCover has been in contact with the business, as a result of a workplace injury in May 2013.

- (2) See answer to question one.
- (3) WorkCover does not routinely use independent interpreters for inspections of meat processing sites, but will engage these services if language issues are identified.

\*4739 WATER CATCHMENT AREAS EXEMPTION FROM NEW PLANNING POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) What response has been given to the Sydney Catchment Authority's submission that the city's drinking water catchments should be exempt from the proposed new planning policy that would make the economic value of a coal resource the "principal consideration" in mining approval decisions?
- (2) How will the Government ensure the protection of drinking water catchments under the new planning policy in economically valuable mining areas in the Hunter Region?

Answer—

The 'Resource Significance SEPP' will not alter the requirement to consider relevant development assessment matters, including any potential impact on Sydney's drinking water supply.

\*4740 OPHTHALMOLOGIST AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many scheduled surgery times are available per week for ophthalmologists at John Hunter Hospital?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Information on elective surgery performance at John Hunter Hospital is available at the Bureau of Health Information website at: [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\*4741 HUNTER REGION SHERIFF OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many sheriff's officers are stationed in the Hunter Region?
- (2) How does this figure compare with 2010?
- (3) Is field work normally done by Hunter Region sheriff's officers being outsourced?
  - (a) If so, to whom and to what extent?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The number of sheriff's officers in 2010 and 2013 is shown in table below:

Location	2010	2013
Newcastle	15	14*
Toronto	3	3
East Maitland	3	2
Broadmeadow	3	2

\*From the period of 2011-2013 the number of Sheriff's officers have not changed.

(3) The enforcement functions of the Office of the Sheriff of New South Wales are currently being done by that office.

\*4742 BACK BURNING IN THE ILLAWARRA ESCARPMENT AND SYDNEY WATER CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Ryan Park asked 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) How many official hazard reduction and back burning exercises took place in the Illawarra Escarpment and Sydney Water Catchment area between 1 April 2011 and 13 October 2013?
- (2) At which specific locations within the Illawarra Escarpment and Sydney Water Catchment area did these exercises occur?
- (3) What were the specific dates of these exercises?
- (4) Has your agency received requests from the community to carry out back burning and hazard reduction in these areas?
  - (a) If so, what locations were requested?
  - (b) Were these requests acted on?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (5) What amount of funding was allocated by your agencies to back burning and hazard reduction in the Illawarra Escarpment and Sydney Water Catchment area in the financial years of:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) Historical information on hazard reduction activity is available on the NSW Rural Fire Service website, [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) under Current Operations => Hazard Reduction Burns.

(4) No.

(5) 2011-12: Nil.

2012-13: \$2800.

\*4743 BACK BURNING IN THE ILLAWARRA ESCARPMENT AND SYDNEY WATER CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many official hazard reduction and back burning exercises took place in the Illawarra Escarpment and Sydney Water Catchment area between 1 April 2011 and 13 October 2013?
- (2) At which specific locations within the Illawarra Escarpment and Sydney Water Catchment area did

these exercises occur?

- (3) What were the specific dates of these exercises?
- (4) Has your agency received requests from the community to carry out back burning and hazard reduction in these areas?
  - (a) If so, what locations were requested?
  - (b) Were these requests acted on?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (5) What amount of funding was allocated by your agency to back burning and hazard reduction in the Illawarra Escarpment and Sydney Water Catchment area in the financial years of:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13?

Answer—

- (1) The Rural Fire Services is responsible for the collation of state wide data for hazard reduction burns planned by a number of New South Wales land managers and fire agencies. Accordingly this question should be referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
- (2) Hazard reduction burn advisory notices are publicly available on the NSW Rural Fire Service's website ([www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)). These notices specify locations where hazard reduction burns take place.
- (3) Hazard reduction burn advisory notices are publicly available on the NSW Rural Fire Service's website ([www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)). These notices specify locations where hazard reduction burns take place.
- (4) Yes.
  - (a) Requests were received for the following locations:
    - Longview Avenue, Stanwell Park, Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area;
    - Tarrawanna, Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area;
    - Kembla Grange, Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area;
    - Nattai Village near Dinner Creek;
    - Silverdale Road, eastern side of Warragamba Catchment; and
    - Bullio Vally.
  - (b) The following requests were acted on: Longview Avenue, Kembla Grange, Nattai Village, Silverdale Road and Bullio Valley.
  - (c) The request in respect of Tarrawanna, Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area was not acted on because it was determined that the owner of the property in question was the party responsible for hazard reduction in the asset protection zone on the property, in accordance with the conditions of development consent approval for the property.
- (5)
  - (a) \$216,500.
  - (b) \$184,000.

\*4744 EASY ACCESS UPGRADES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many Easy Access upgrades which included ramps and/or lifts were completed on the Sydney rail network in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13?
- (2) How many Easy Access upgrades including ramps and/or lifts will be undertaken on the Sydney rail network in:
  - (a) 2013-14;
  - (b) 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) More than 20 stations have become accessible since the Government came into office.
- (2) More planning and design work is occurring to see which projects will come next.

\*4745 ELECTIVE SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Are the majority of elective surgery operations performed at Mount Drutt Hospital performed on patients



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from outside the local area of Mount Druitt?

Answer—

I refer the Honourable Member to my response to an earlier question concerning surgery at Mount Druitt Hospital LA4485.

\*4746 BUILT ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN PHASE TWO—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

When will the Built Environmental Plan Phase Two for the redevelopment of Redfern and Waterloo public housing estates, commenced by the Redfern Waterloo Authority and then subsumed into Urban Growth, be made public?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The draft planning controls for the Redfern, Waterloo and South Eveleigh social housing areas are being reviewed. Depending on the outcome of this review, it is expected the draft planning controls will be exhibited in the near future.

\*4747 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB CROWN LAND DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

Regarding proposals to build on Crown Land leased to the Paddington Bowling Club adjacent to Trumper Park:

- (1) What activities are permitted under the uses defined in the lease as "Community and Sporting Club Facilities, Tourist Facilities and Services and Access"?
- (2) Has the Government given landowner's approval for a development application to build on this land?
  - (a) If so, for what purposes?
  - (b) If so, is the proposed use consistent with the lease and use of Crown Land?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure protection of Crown Land and the public open space on this site?

Answer—

- (1) The purposes of the lease allow for a wide range of community, sporting and tourism-related facilities and services, and for parking of vehicles by visitors to the Club.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) Child care centre.
  - (b) Yes.
- (3) Conditions attaching to all Crown leases provide for exclusive possession and hence, there is no public open space on the Crown land held under lease by the Club. No developments are permitted on the leased land unless the normal planning processes have been completed under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, including the granting of development approval by the planning consent authority.

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\*4748 RICHMOND ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

What is the estimated cost of Stage 3 of the Richmond Road upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available in the Infrastructure Statement 2013-14 NSW Budget Paper No. 4, available at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).

\*4749 BULLI MEMORIAL DRIVE EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

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In relation to the answer to LA Question 4444 regarding the extension of Memorial Drive at Bulli:

- (1) What specific planning works are scheduled for this project in 2013-14?
- (2) Can the Minister explain what "currently reviewing technical investigations" means and what specific technical disciplines are involved, for example, flooding, geotechnical, civil, traffic?
- (3) How much of the \$500,000 budget allocation for these planning works has been spent to date this financial year?
- (4) Please list the currently owned Roads and Maritime Services properties in the corridor from the intersection of Memorial Drive and the Princes Highway to Bulli Pass?
  - (a) Can you provide a map of the properties listed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A review of past technical investigations and preliminary road design, road tunnelling and geotechnical investigations.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services is reviewing past investigations into a potential upgrade of Bulli Pass between Memorial Drive and Bulli Tops to find the information that remains relevant today. This includes reviewing previous reports and studies relating to geotechnical conditions, traffic needs, planning processes, environment, potential structures, tunnels and tunnelling, and stormwater.
- (3) \$54,000 to 30 October 2013.
- (4)

Lot	Deposited Plan	Lot	Deposited Plan	Lot	Deposited Plan
50	1045297	53	7812	101	565923
2374	1120421	54	7812	1	195860
1	430752	55	7812	3	153852
11	711760	60	7812	2	153852
28	10125	20	1134380	1	196836
29	10125	40	656686	11	1105998
31	10125	B	410359	12	1134607
32	10125	2	128465	2	1138010
2	901207	2	1034569	3	1138010
4	102548	3	1034569	1	1138009
9	7812	1	901207	2	1138009
33	7812	B	432055	3	1138009
35	7812	1	1129636	1	1138014
36	7812	1	1165142	1	1152222
37	7812	A	432055	3	1159548
38	7812	1	176484	1	1159548
39	7812	1	444798	2	1159548
50	7812	18	751301		
51	7812	1	996205		

A map of the properties is attached.

(Note: Due to the format of the map it could not be attached to this publication)

\*4750 FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Does Roads and Maritime Services have a secure database to ensure firearm owners details are appropriately stored?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services does not hold firearm ownership information.

\*4751 NEW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) What is the progress of the tender process for the new State Emergency Services headquarters at Wollongong?

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(2) When will construction of this new building commence?

Answer—

(1) In 2013 Government Property New South Wales (GPNSW) in consultation with the State Emergency Service (SES) conducted a Call for Lease Proposals (CLP) for a new SES state headquarters and an emergency response centre in the Illawarra.

SES has a number of specific site and building requirements to ensure the emergency response centre remains fully operational during extreme events such as flooding and power outages.

(2) Construction is planned to start in 2014.

\*4752 NEW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS—Mr Ryan Park asked 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 is the progress of the tender process for the new State Emergency Services headquarters at Wollongong?

(2) When will construction of this new building commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

A tender panel comprising Government Property NSW (GPNSW), the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and Treasury representatives is currently assessing submissions for a new New South Wales SES State Headquarters in the Illawarra area, to be completed in early 2016 prior to the expiry of the lease on the current premises. The new premises will also be leased.

Concurrently, GPNSW and the New South Wales SES have engaged consultants to commence the design process for the new facility.

\*4753 SCHOOL FUNDING IN KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

For each of the schools in the Keira Electorate what is the funding increase or decrease under the Resource Allocation model announced on 22 October 2013?

Answer—

Mr David O'Connor, Relieving Director, Public Schools NSW for the Wollongong North network of schools, met recently with Mr Ryan Park MP and discussed funding allocations to schools in the Keira electorate.

The funding allocations to New South Wales public schools as announced on 22 October 2013 can be found on the Department of Education and Communities website at:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/plans-reports-and-statistics/key-statistics-and-report/sld-ram-stats.pdf>

\*4754 PARKES AND FORBES HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Has the business case for the Parkes and Forbes Hospitals project referred to in the answer to LA Question 4244 been completed?

(a) If so:

(i) Will the business case be made publically available;

(ii) Where will the business case be made publically available?

(b) If not, has the \$2.3 million committed for planning this project in the 2012-13 budget been spent?

(i) If so, what was the money spent on?

(2) When is this project expected to begin construction work?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the Honourable Member to the response provided to LA Question 4244.

\*4755 BYRON SHIRE HOSPITAL PROJECT—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Has the business case for the Byron Shire Hospital project referred to in the answer to LA Question

4245 been completed?

- (a) If so:
    - (i) Will the business case be made publically available;
    - (ii) Where will the business case be made publically available?
  - (b) If not, has the \$500,000 committed for planning this project in the 2012-13 budget been spent?
    - (i) If so, what was the money spent on?
- (2) When is this project expected to begin construction work?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Business Case for the Byron Shire Hospital Project is currently being finalised and is going through a Gateway Review with NSW Treasury.

\*4756 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL PROSTATE BIOPSIES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the equipment for undertaking Trans Rectal Ultrasound (TRUS) guided prostate biopsies at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital been configured for use?
- (2) Are prostate biopsy services currently available at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital?
  - (a) If so, when was the first TRUS guided biopsy conducted;
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) How many people are currently on the waiting list for this procedure at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Prostate biopsy services have been available at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital since 1 July 2013 and surgery commenced on that date.

Clinicians at the hospital work to assure that patients are treated within clinically appropriate timeframes.

\*4757 YAMBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has construction on the Yamba Community Health Centre begun?
  - (a) If so, when did work on the site commence?
  - (b) If not, when will work on the site commence?
- (2) When will the Community Health Centre be opened?
- (3) Have the planned services to be delivered by the new centre as outlined in the answer to LA Question 3999 changed?
  - (a) If so, what services have been added or removed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction of the Yamba Community Health Centre commenced on 5 September 2013 and the Centre remains on track to open in May 2014. There has been no change to the planned services.

\*4758 GULGONG MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What was the outcome of Health Infrastructure's review of the "cost to complete" estimates for the Gulgong Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) referred to in the answer to LA Question 4022?
- (2) What was the total 'cost to complete' estimate for the Gulgong MPS?
- (3) When is the Gulgong MPS expected to be completed?
- (4) When will the Gulgong MPS be commissioned?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health Infrastructure is continuing to review the 'cost to complete' estimates for the Gulgong MPS project and, in conjunction with the contractor, tendering various construction trades packages. Commissioning of the facility remains on track to take place in early 2014.

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\*4759 ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) Has the Government been approached to establish an Illawarra Development Corporation?
- (2) If so, which organisations have approached the Government with this proposal?
- (3) Did any meetings take place at which this proposal was advanced?
  - (a) If so, on what date;
  - (b) If so, who were the participants?
- (4) How much funding was requested as part of this proposal?
- (5) What was the proposed role for the establishment of an Illawarra Development Corporation?
- (6) Is the Government considering the establishment of an Illawarra Development Corporation?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) This concept is being proposed by David Lang, Partner, Cardno Forbes Rigby and Chair Illawarra Property Council, as well as a group of other regional stakeholders, including Angus Dawson of Dawson James Pty Ltd.
- (3) Yes.
  - (a) Tuesday 12 November 2013.
  - (b) Representatives from the Department of Premier & Cabinet, Department of Planning and NSW Trade & Investment, attended a meeting with David Lang and Angus Dawson.
- (4) No level of funding has been requested at this stage.
- (5) The proposed role was to develop a single entity that would include property and economic development expertise to act as an implementer and not a planner. This role could include working to ensure that key employment generating infrastructure was built in as short as possible time frame.
- (6) The Government's involvement at this stage is one of discussion only. It has not received a formal request, nor has it been provided enough supporting data to establish a position on an Illawarra Development Corporation.

\*4760 POWER OUTAGE AT BARRACK HEIGHTS AND SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What caused the power outage for parts of Barrack Heights and Shellharbour on the evening of 20 October 2013?
- (2) How many homes were affected by this power outage?
- (3) In what streets are the homes affected by this power outage located?

Answer—

- (1) - (2) I am advised that a fault in an underground cable interrupted power supply to 1084 homes.
- (3) Customers in Barrack Heights, Blackbutt, Shellharbour, Oak Flats, Warilla and Mount Warrigal were affected.

\*4761 SOUTH COAST LINE EXPRESS SERVICES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

Can the Minister provide a list of the 125 weekly express services contained in the South Coast Line train timetable?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available through many avenues including the 131500 website and six different real time smart phone apps.

\*4762 MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING MACHINE FOR MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the present position with the provision of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine for Mount Druitt Hospital now that the Federal Government has announced that a licence will be granted for such a machine at the hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Honourable Member to my response to his earlier question on this subject, LA Question 4384.

\*4763 LIVERPOOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS VANDALISM—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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—

How many incidents of vandalism on public school property within the electorate of Liverpool have been reported since 1 July 2012?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) is the official source of crime information in New South Wales and is the appropriate agency to provide crime statistics. BOCSAR falls within the portfolio of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.

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\*4764 LIVERPOOL TO CITY TRAIN SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Minister reverse the decision to cease the Liverpool to City via Regents Park train service from the Inner West train timetable, which sees commuters from Chester Hill and Sefton heading to Lidcombe, Strathfield and onto the City having to potentially change trains twice?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new timetable has been developed by experts and built around our customers' needs, taking into account all of the consultation undertaken and feedback received as part of the Long Term Transport Master Plan.

The timetable has restructured services on the Inner West and Bankstown lines to fully utilise the Lidcombe and Homebush turnbacks.

This change has improved the capacity and reliability of the network by separating Bankstown Line services from services on the Western, South and Inner West lines along the busy main Western rail corridor.

As part of this change, Inner West services predominately operate only between Homebush and the City, not to Bankstown or Liverpool via Regents Park.

\*4765 YAGOONA RAILWAY EXPRESS SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

(1) Were any of the more than 4,000 daily commuters from Yagoona Railway Station consulted before the express services were cancelled under the new timetable?

(2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new timetable has been developed by experts and built around our customers' needs, taking into account all of the consultation undertaken and feedback received as part of the Long Term Transport Master Plan.

\*4766 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

What community consultation is being undertaken to help determine which projects are prioritised under the Transport Access Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport Access Program prioritisation is centred on customer needs, and includes current and future patronage, the new timetable, the needs and demographics of customers who use the location, whether important services such as hospitals or educational facilities are nearby, and the accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities.

\*4767 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

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Will the planned upgrade to Bankstown Railway Station now be fast tracked for completion prior to 2015 given the increase in potential patronage under the new Sydney Trains timetable?

Answer—

I am advised:

The upgrade to Bankstown Station is continuing.

\*4768 RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How much revenue was generated from the red light speed camera on Stacey Street, Bankstown during the financial years of:
  - (a) 2012-13;
  - (b) 2013-14 so far?
- (2) How much revenue was generated from red light speed cameras in the Bankstown electorate during the financial years of:
  - (a) 2012-2013?
  - (b) 2013-2014 so far?
- (3) How much revenue was generated from red light speed cameras across New South Wales during the financial years of:
  - (a) 2012-2013?
  - (b) 2013-2014 so far?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*4769 CHILD WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) What penalties will be imposed on owners corporations which fail to comply with the Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Child Window Safety Devices) Bill?
- (2) What steps will be taken to encourage owners corporations to install safety devices ahead of the March 2018 commencement of this law?
- (3) Why was it considered unrealistic to impose a two year instead of a five year compliance period for owners corporations?
- (4) What specific community education programs will be introduced to raise awareness about child safety around windows?

Answer—

Owners corporations that have not complied with the child window safety device requirements by 13 March 2018 will face a penalty of up to \$550. The five year implementation plan was considered reasonable and supported by stakeholders. The length of the implementation plan was raised during the parliamentary debate on the Bill in both houses and the Member for Bankstown is encouraged to review the Parliamentary Hansard for specific responses to her query on the unrealistic proposal for a two year implementation.

NSW Fair Trading is employing a range of education strategies to inform the community of the new requirements. Information about window safety is available on the Fair Trading website and has been promoted on Fair Trading's social media channels, specifically Facebook and Twitter. Fair Trading has produced three videos on YouTube featuring TV personality Rob Palmer, which have been widely promoted through partnerships with local councils, media outlets, children's services, and parenting publications. Two of the videos provide tips on how to prevent falls from windows and balconies and instructions on installing window locking devices. A third video provides information to tenants, landlords and strata owners on their rights and responsibilities when installing window safety devices. This video is being updated to cover the new legislative requirements. Other education strategies include:

- direct mailouts to real estate agents, strata managers and community housing providers;
- distribution of 430,000 brochures to new tenants with their rental bond receipts as part of the Government's 'Kids Don't Fly' campaign; and
- promotion of the new requirements in Fair Trading electronic newsletters, including the December 2013 issue of The Letterbox, Fair Trading's electronic newsletter about tenancy issues, which has around 8,000 subscribers.

\*4770 CHILD WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES INSTALLATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

During the second reading debate of the Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Child Window Safety Devices) Bill, the Minister stated that "we do not want a pink batts type scenario occurring in New South Wales":

Can the Minister elaborate on how a "pink batts type scenario" is comparable to the installation of child window safety devices in New South Wales, considering that window safety devices are installed internally and do not pose any safety risks during the installation process?

Answer—

With more than 70,000 strata schemes in New South Wales, within which there are approximately 600,000 residential lots, the Government understands the importance of ensuring that all windows which will require window safety devices have them installed correctly so that they function effectively.

As such, owners corporations will be given sufficient time to install these devices. Owner's corporations are not required to comply with section 64A of the Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Child Window Safety Devices) Act 2013 until 13 March 2018. This period of time allows for owners corporations to make the necessary decisions as to which windows require window safety devices, source these devices, obtain quotes, hire tradespeople if necessary and raise appropriate levies. Importantly, this length of time ensures that window safety devices will be fitted properly and securely, and not haphazardly.

Unlike the former Federal Labor Government's "pink batts" scheme, this Government will not rush a process which should be undertaken methodically and thoroughly to ensure proper installation of window safety devices.

\*4771 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Further to the Minister's response to LA Question 4398:

Can the Minister be more specific than "several years" as a timeframe for delivering 100 new National Rental Affordability Scheme dwellings in the city of Bankstown?

Answer—

I refer the member to the Department of Social Services website for more information on the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

\*4772 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) Does the Office of the Children's Guardian capture Local Government Area data on the number of Working with Children Check applications that are approved and refused?

- (a) If so, how many applications in the Bankstown Local Government Area were:
- (i) Approved;
  - (ii) Refused?

(2) Does the Office of the Children's Guardian capture statewide data on the number of Working with Children Check applications that are approved and refused?

- (a) If so, how many applications in New South Wales were:
- (i) Approved;
  - (ii) Refused?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) This year the Government strengthened the Working With Children Check (WWCC). The Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) has issued more than 150,000 WWCC's, and has rejected a small number of applications.

\*4773 WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

What measures is a water provider, who has acknowledged that an area experiences service interruptions, required to put in place for customers to enable them to combat fires and protect their property?

Answer—



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Sydney Water and Hunter Water work proactively with the NSW Rural Fire Service and other stakeholders to prepare for bushfires. This includes identifying the best locations to fill tankers in bush fire prone areas and carrying out pre-bushfire season maintenance programs to ensure hydrants are accessible.

During a bushfire event, Sydney Water and Hunter Water work closely with the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire Brigades to make sure they have the water they need to protect properties and if required, will make adjustments to their respective networks to better ensure the supply of water. During October Sydney Water and Hunter Water both sent liaison officers to bushfire control centres to enable direct communication between stakeholders.

\*4774 WATER SERVICES IMPROVEMENT TIME FRAME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

What time frame is considered reasonable for water providers, such as the Hunter Water Corporation, to replace inferior pipes when minimum water pressure is not consistently provided?

Answer—

A number of factors contribute to issues surrounding water pressure, both perceived and actual. Pipe condition is not typically a factor causing low water pressure.

\*4775 AMBULANCE AND RESCUE TRUCK ALLOCATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) If an ambulance station has additional ambulances allocated to it on a permanent basis, will that station have any allocated rescue trucks removed and reallocated elsewhere?
- (2) If so, how many ambulances must an ambulance station have permanently allocated to it to have one rescue truck removed?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance resources are allocated independently from rescue units.

\*4776 CESSNOCK HOUSE REFURBISHMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When is the refurbishment of Cessnock House located at Cessnock Hospital expected to be completed?
- (2) What services will be located at Cessnock House upon completion of the refurbishment?
- (3) What is the cost of the refurbishment?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided to LA Question 4705.

\*4777 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the public transport required to access the newly announced Maitland (Lower Hunter) Hospital which is to be located at Metford:

- (1) Will buses be scheduled for direct routes from Cessnock and Kurri Kurri as these towns have no train access?
- (2) At what stage of the planning process will this need be addressed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will consider access for the proposed Lower Hunter Hospital as part of the planning and development of the project.

\*4778 WEEKLY TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) As at 14 October 2013, how many train services per week stopped at:
  - (a) Branxton Station;
  - (b) Greta Station;
  - (c) Beresfield Station;
  - (d) Tarro Station?

- (2) As at 21 October 2013, how many train services per week are scheduled to stop at:
- Branxton Station;
  - Greta Station;
  - Beresfield Station;
  - Tarro Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new website [www.newtimetables.com.au](http://www.newtimetables.com.au) as well as a smart phone app was developed so that customers could examine the new timetable prior to its introduction on 20 October 2013.

The new timetable is now available on [131500.com.au](http://131500.com.au).

- \*4779 NOISE COMPLAINTS TO POLICE—Mr Clayton Barr asked 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—

How many noise complaints did the NSW Police Force receive in the financial year 2012-13?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that its records indicate 92,764 noise complaints were received in 2012-13.

- \*4780 POLICE STATIONS LISTED FOR TEAR DOWN AND REBUILD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to existing police stations that have been listed for "Tear Down and Rebuild":

- What reasons would lead to the removal of stations from the current "Tear Down and Rebuild" list?
- What avenues are available to have these stations relisted?
- What is the average time frame for stations to be rebuilt once placed on this list?
- Are "Tear Down and Rebuild" listings released in order of priority for work to be commenced?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it does not maintain a "Tear Down and Rebuild" list.

- \*4781 PUBLIC SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- When a student is "zoned" to attend a public school, is the zoning indicative only?
- Is the zoning enforceable by Department of Education and Training?
- Who has the authority to approve an "out of zone" enrolment at another public school?

Answer—

- No. If a child's home is situated in the intake area, that child is eligible to enrol at that school.
- Yes.
- Schools establish a placement panel to consider out of area applications in accordance with the school's enrolment policy. The principal has the authority to approve out of area enrolments for their school.

- \*4782 INCREASE IN HIV INFECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- What assessment has the Government made of the most recent patterns in HIV infection rates and the factors that contribute to reported increases?
- What is the pattern of infections in New South Wales and how does this compare to other jurisdictions?
- How does the Government plan to address the current trend in HIV infections?
  - Which at risk groups will the Government target?
- What programs does the Government provide or fund to increase testing or diagnosis rates of HIV?
  - How successful have these programs been?
- What programs does the Government provide or fund to encourage early treatment of HIV?
  - How successful have these programs been?
- What assessment has the Government made of the health, support and welfare needs of people with HIV?

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- (a) What programs will be provided to respond to these needs?  
(7) What plans does the Government have to change or expand HIV/AIDS programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government actively monitors HIV surveillance data in New South Wales. For information on the pattern of HIV infections in New South Wales, please refer to the 2013 HIV in NSW: Data for Performance Monitoring Report:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/endinghiv/Documents/hiv-in-nsw-2nd-quarter-report-2013.pdf>

- (2) For information on the pattern of infection in New South Wales please refer to the 2013 HIV in NSW: Data for Performance Monitoring Report:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/endinghiv/Documents/hiv-in-nsw-2nd-quarter-report-2013.pdf>

For a comparison of how the pattern of HIV infections in New South Wales compares with other jurisdictions please refer to the HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections in Australia, Annual Surveillance Report, 2013 prepared by the Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society, University of NSW:

<http://www.kirby.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/hiv/resources/2013AnnualSurvReport.pdf>

- (3) The NSW HIV Strategy 2012 2015: A New Era outlines the Government's commitment to refocusing efforts to drive down the number of new HIV infections by increasing testing, improving treatment uptake and access and strengthening safe sex and safer injecting practises. The Strategy prioritises prevention efforts to reach populations at greatest risk.

- (a) The NSW HIV Strategy 2012 2015: A New Era recognises that some populations are at greater risk of HIV these include: gay men and men who have sex with men; people who inject drugs; Aboriginal people; sex workers; and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

- (4) To increase HIV testing and diagnosis the Government has had a focus on system level change to promote HIV testing and to make it easier to have an HIV test. Major initiatives include:

- Funding sexual health clinics across the state to provide HIV testing and treatment services with a particular focus on the priority populations identified in the HIV strategy.
- Driving innovation in the public sector to make HIV testing services more convenient and to overcome access barriers such as implementing walk in testing clinics, introducing single visit testing, the provision of results by phone or text message where appropriate, making rapid "point of care" testing available and expanding testing sites into community settings.
- Ensuring that HIV testing occurs in other clinical settings that serve patients who are at increased risk of infection

Working with Medicare Locals and General Practice to increase clinician initiated testing opportunities.

- Working with the community to raise awareness, provide peer education services and communication and social marketing campaigns programs that will encourage community members to test more frequently. A recent example of this is ACON's "Ending HIV" campaign.

- (a) There are early indications that these initiatives have been successful. There has been an increase in HIV testing overall in New South Wales, including within key Local Health Districts where a significant proportion of high risk groups reside. In the first 9 months of 2013, an additional 19 373 HIV tests were done overall.

In South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, the epicentre of the HIV epidemic in New South Wales, from 1 January to 30 September 2013, HIV testing that was conducted at HIV and Related Programs (HARP) services increased by 22.7% compared with the same period in 2012.

- (5) To increase treatment initiation and support adherence, the Government is strengthening the patient management practices of clinicians and removing the barriers that limit patients' access to treatment and care. This includes:

- The establishment of the NSW HIV Support Program (HSP) to support people newly diagnosed with HIV infection via their health care providers.
- Communicating the evidence and supporting clinicians on the early initiation of HIV treatment.

- Working with community partners such as ACON and Positive Life NSW to provide peer education and support services and to communicate the personal and preventive health benefits of being on HIV treatment.
  - Supporting the Enhanced Medication Access Scheme that significantly improves access to HIV medications
  - New South Wales policy change to increase the amount of drugs that a patient can pick up from hospital pharmacies at each dispensing occasion.
- (a) Data presented in the Quarter 2 HIV in NSW: Data for Performance Monitoring Report shows an increase in treatment initiation. There are more people initiating HIV treatment each quarter than there are being diagnosed.
- <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/endinghiv/Documents/hiv-in-nsw-2nd-quarter-report-2013.pdf>
- (6) The NSW HIV Strategy 2012 2015: A New Era aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV. This includes a consideration of the impact of poverty, social isolation and stigma and discrimination.
- (7) The Government will continue to focus on scaling up initiatives to increase HIV testing, improve HIV treatment access and uptake and to strengthen behavioural prevention.

The Government will continue to actively monitor and report on HIV surveillance data in New South Wales, and will continue to make changes to programs and services that are necessary to improve our response, and achieve the targets in the NSW HIV Strategy.

\*4783 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND RELATED HARM REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

The University of New South Wales National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre report "Alcohol consumption and related harm in Australia. Understanding recent trends" by Dr Michael Livingston shows an increase in very serious heavy drinking in Australia, and shows that the small number of heaviest drinkers are drinking greater amounts resulting in increases in harm:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this research and the implications of these results?
- (2) What programs does the Government provide or fund to address these increasing problems?
- (3) What projects or activities are planned to prevent the resulting increases in harm?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to address this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's policy and priorities are informed by a broad evidence base and NSW Health continues its strategic focus on reducing alcohol misuse through targeted campaigns and programs. Examples of NSW Health programs include:

- November 2012 February 2013 "What are you doing to yourself?" a responsible drinking campaign aimed at young people (18-29) to raise awareness of the risk associated with excessive alcohol consumption and public drunkenness. The campaign was activated in the Kings Cross area as part of an integrated communication strategy to address the issue alcohol related violence in the area.
- January May 2013 "Know when to say when" a \$1.4 million state-wide campaign which aims to change community and individual cultural attitudes to drinking and drinking to intoxication, and reduce community and individual risky drinking behaviour.
- A partnership with the Alcohol Drug Information Service at St Vincent's Hospital in the administration of an information website [yourroom.com.au](http://yourroom.com.au) which provides current drug and alcohol information along with counselling, referral and treatment information.
- The Government provides \$1,313,000 per annum to deliver the Community Engagement and Action Program to support Community Drug Action Teams across New South Wales. Community Drug Action Teams are coalitions of representatives from government and non-government agencies, welfare services, business people and community members who identify and develop responses to drug and alcohol harm in their communities. Preventing and reducing alcohol related harm is an important part of their work.
- The "Stay strong and healthy - It's worth it" campaign aimed at raising awareness among Aboriginal women and their partners of the risks of drug and alcohol consumption during pregnancy, the challenges of dealing with a mental illness at this time and the services available to support them.
- Sobering up centres - the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network are providing clinical services to the mandatory Sydney City centre located at the Central Cell Complex. This includes two senior nurses to ensure there are no health reasons to refuse admission to the centre, to monitor the

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health of detainees during their stay, to provide advice to NSW Police regarding their health prior to release and to provide a brief intervention to the individual with the aim of influencing future behaviours and linking them with relevant services, if appropriate.

- The Involuntary Drug and Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) Program commenced on 4 September 2012 to provide short term care, with an involuntary supervised withdrawal component, to protect the health and safety of people with severe substance dependence who have experienced, or are at risk of, serious harm and whose decision making capacity is considered to be compromised due to their substance use.

IDAT is a specialist program for a small group of people who are severely substance dependent and who have lost the capacity to make decisions about their welfare. To date approximately 85% of those patients admitted to the IDAT program have identified alcohol as their primary substance of concern.

An annual budget of \$5.6 million has been allocated for this program on a recurrent basis.

- A range of inpatient and outpatient drug and alcohol clinical services are delivered through Local Health Districts, the Justice and Forensic Mental Health Network, Children's Hospital Network and the non-Government sector. These specialist services include withdrawal management, consultation liaison, counselling, case management and rehabilitation and are available for individuals with problematic alcohol use and/or drug use.
- Specialist Drugs in Pregnancy Services are located in select Hospitals across NSW to provide support to pregnant women and their families with alcohol and/or drug use issues.
- Six Aboriginal residential rehabilitation services across New South Wales, which are supported with over \$1.4 million in funding to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and specialist Aboriginal non-government organisations.

\*4784 FIRST AID KITS AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Where are first aid kits located at the following railway stations in the Sydney electorate:
  - (a) Central;
  - (b) Town Hall;
  - (c) Wynyard;
  - (d) Circular Quay;
  - (e) Martin Place;
  - (f) Museum;
  - (g) Edgecliff?
- (2) What first aid training do railway staff undergo and how often is this updated?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to ensure prompt responses to first aid needs on trains and at railway stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) These stations have a number of first aid kits stored in various locations which can be easily accessed by staff.
- (2) - (3) Station Duty Managers are qualified in Senior First Aid and undergo a one day refresher every three years.

Train guards are qualified in first aid. This qualification is updated every three years.

There are First Aid Officers available daily from 6am to 9.30pm at Central Station, one of the largest stations in the network.

To ensure prompt medical assistance Sydney Trains encourages any person who may be feeling unwell at a station to approach staff directly or use the Emergency Help Point. When travelling on a train the guard can be contacted for help.

\*4785 SURRY HILLS SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Which bus services in Surry Hills will the South East Light Rail service directly replace?
- (2) What changes are proposed to bus services on Foveaux, Albion and Cleveland Streets?
- (3) What bus services will be rerouted as a result of the South East Light Rail service?
- (4) What changes will be made to east-west bus routes in Surry Hills?
- (5) What changes will be made to north-south bus routes on Crown Street?
- (6) How does the Government plan to ensure continued access to Surry Hills on these bus services?
- (7) Will bus route changes be proposed before, after or as part of the environmental impact assessment process?
- (8) What consultation will occur on proposed changes before a final decision is made?

Answer—

I am advised:

The CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement outlines potential bus route changes related to the introduction of light rail services. Bus route changes will be assessed and consulted on separately, prior to the introduction of any changes.

\*4786 DOLTONE HOUSE NOISE COMPLAINTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What noise or disturbance complaints have been registered about the Doltone House facility at Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont over the past five years?
- (2) What liaison has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing carried out with City Central Police and the City of Sydney about complaints relating to this venue?
- (3) What action has been taken in response to these complaints?
- (4) What restrictions or conditions were applied to the liquor licence in order to prevent impacts on the adjacent community?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to address this concern?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing (OLGR) received four complaints regarding disturbance from Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf over the past five years.
- (2) I am advised that on 24 June 2009 a formal conference was convened by OLGR under section 79 of the Liquor Act 2007 in response to a disturbance complaint. City Central LAC and City of Sydney Council provided submissions to that conference.
- (3) Each complaint received has been assessed and investigated. The licensee provided undertakings in respect to a formal disturbance complaint to implement a Security Management Plan and to provide security guards to conduct regular patrols.
- (4) I am advised that the liquor licence of Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf is endorsed with the standard "LA10 noise condition" which places restrictions on noise emissions and is the preferred benchmark of OLGR when considering noise from licensed premises.
- (5) Where specific complaints are made about noise disturbance from licensed premises, OLGR conducts a risk assessment of the complaint and allocates it for appropriate action which may include remedial action or on site audits.

\*4787 INDIGENOUS YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's September 2013 report on mentoring programs for Indigenous youth at risk and its analysis of successful mentoring programs for Indigenous youth?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of this research for New South Wales?
- (3) What early intervention Indigenous mentoring programs does the Government fund or support?
  - (a) How many of these programs operate in the Sydney electorate?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that Indigenous mentoring programs operate with paid mentors who, the evidence suggests, provide better outcomes and stay involved for longer periods?
- (5) What liaison has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to support Indigenous mentoring programs?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to expand Indigenous mentoring programs across New South Wales and specifically in the Sydney electorate?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to expand and extend Indigenous mentoring programs?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Office of Communities is currently considering this report.
- (3) The Youth Opportunities Program, delivered by the Office of Communities, provides funding for youth-driven personal and community development activities, including mentoring. Five funded projects in Eastern Sydney, Western Sydney, Western New South Wales, East lake Macquarie, and the North Coast of New South Wales include specific Indigenous youth mentoring activities.

Additionally, the Office of Communities is currently procuring a new Youth Mentoring Program, to be delivered through the non-government sector and which will involve up to 360 young people in

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28 communities across New South Wales. The program aims to keep young people engaged at school and become strong community advocates.

OCHRE, the Government's new plan for Aboriginal affairs, includes the innovative Opportunity Hubs initiative. Opportunity Hubs, which are being rolled out in Campbelltown, Tamworth, Upper Hunter and Dubbo support linkages between education and sustainable jobs for Aboriginal young people through personalised transition plans. Hubs may broker access to mentoring services where this is part of a student's transition plan.

- (4) See answer to (3)
- (5) See answer to (3)
- (6) See answer to (3)
- (7) See answer to (3)

\*4788 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How does government funding per student for early childhood education in New South Wales compare with other states?
- (2) Is government funding for early childhood education in New South Wales lower than all other states?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to increase funds for early childhood education in New South Wales?
- (4) Will these proposed changes reduce funding for some early childhood education centres?
  - (a) If so, which centres in the Sydney electorate will be affected?
- (5) Will these proposed changes increase funding for some early childhood education centres?
  - (a) If so, which centres in the Sydney electorate will be affected?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that families most in need of access to affordable early childhood education in the Sydney electorate will benefit from these proposed changes?

Answer—

(1) - (2) The different early childhood education profiles across states and territories make accurate comparisons difficult. New South Wales has a more diverse early childhood sector than other jurisdictions. This provides greater choice for parents, with family day care and long day care playing a strong role. These services do not attract State Government per-child funding as parents using them can access Commonwealth funding support through the Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit.

While the Productivity Commission's comparisons do not take into account the different arrangements across jurisdictions, its 2013 report notes that NSW Government recurrent expenditure on early childhood education and care is comparable with Victoria and is higher than Queensland.

(3) - (6) The majority of New South Wales funding for early childhood education goes to community preschools. On 24 October 2013 the NSW Government announced a new Preschool Funding Model that will make \$150 million available to the community preschool sector, which is a 20% increase on current funding levels. It will also create a fairer funding system by targeting increased funding to children in their year before school and to disadvantaged and Aboriginal children aged three and over. As a result of these changes, 95% of preschools will see an increase in their base funding rate for four and five year olds.

As a per-child funding model, allocations to community preschools are based on the annual enrolment profile of each service and, as such, vary year to year. However, the implementation of the new Preschool Funding Model includes a three year transition period to give services time to adjust. Under these transition arrangements, no service will lose funding in the first two years as a result of the policy changes.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that more families with children in their year before school across New South Wales can access the benefits of affordable, quality early childhood education. The reforms to community preschool funding are a vital and necessary step to achieving this goal.

\*4789 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Regarding the disruption, fear and anxiety that anti-social behaviour can cause in social housing multi-unit dwellings and estates:

- (1) How does Housing NSW ensure appropriate allocation of properties to minimise the likelihood of conflict and disputes amongst social housing tenants and guests?
- (2) What resources and information does Housing NSW provide to tenants dealing with anti-social

behaviour from neighbours and guests?

- (3) What orientation or new resident information does Housing NSW provide to new tenants about their building or estate to ensure social harmony and prevent conflict and disputes?
- (4) How does Housing NSW respond to reported anti-social behaviour incidents?
- (5) How long does it take for reported anti-social behaviour incidents to be resolved?
- (6) What support is provided to victims of anti-social behaviour to assist them while waiting for reported anti-social behaviour incidents to be resolved?

Answer—

- (1) Prior to the allocation of a property, an assessment of client needs is undertaken.
- (2) - (6) Information relating to the rights and responsibilities of tenants, including dispute management, is available on Housing NSW's website.

Housing NSW also regularly liaises with NSW Police and other community stakeholders, where appropriate, regarding anti-social behaviour.

\*4790 HERITAGE LISTED SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What responsibilities does the Office of Environment and Heritage have in protecting heritage listed social housing properties in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?
- (2) What involvement has the Office of Environment and Heritage had in the current review of social housing properties in this precinct?
- (3) What advice has been provided by the Office of Environment and Heritage to relevant asset management agencies?
- (4) What heritage protections apply in this precinct for:
  - (a) Social and cultural heritage;
  - (b) Built heritage;
  - (c) Streetscapes?
- (5) What action has been taken to ensure the preservation of the recognised social, cultural and built heritage in this area?
- (6) What heritage protections operate in the case of 'demolition by neglect' for homes in this precinct and what powers does the Office of Environment and Heritage have to require upkeep and maintenance?
- (7) What assessment has the Office of Environment and Heritage made of neglect of heritage listed properties in this precinct?
- (8) What further action will the Office of Environment and Heritage take to prevent neglect or preserve heritage listed properties in this precinct?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Office of Environment and Heritage is responsible for listing items of State heritage significance on the State Heritage Register, and the assessment of applications for changes to those items. It also provides advice on heritage matters.
- (2) The Office of Environment and Heritage has provided heritage advice to relevant agencies.
- (3) The Office of Environment and Heritage has provided advice on the identification and protection of items of State heritage significance and the assessment of applications for changes to items listed on the State Heritage Register.
- (4) The Office of Environment and Heritage is responsible for items on the State Heritage Register. Heritage protection can also be provided by other agencies and levels of governments, such as local councils.
- (5) See answers 1-4.
- (6) The NSW Heritage Act 1977 and the Heritage Regulation 2012 impose minimum standards of maintenance and repair to owners of items listed on the State Heritage Register. These standards relate to weather protection, fire protection, security and essential maintenance and repair.
- (7) The Office of Environment and Heritage liaises with the Heritage Officer at Housing NSW, and assesses applications made by Housing NSW to undertake repair and maintenance works to housing properties.
- (8) Office of Environment and Heritage staff continue to liaise with the Heritage Officer at Housing NSW and discuss properties that require repairs and maintenance.

\*4791 RAIL SERVICES PEAK PERIODS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the definition of 'peak-period' in relation to rail commuter services?



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- (2) When do the morning and afternoon peak periods start and finish?  
(3) Has there been a change in the duration of either the morning or afternoon peak periods?  
(a) If so, what are the changes and when did they take effect?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The peak period covers all services that arrive at Central Station between 6am and 10am or at their final destination between 3pm and 7pm.

(3) Yes

(3) (a) These changes support the new punctuality measure of service performance which took effect on 1 July 2013.

\*4792 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Has the Government ceased the direct rail service between Chester Hill and Central via Lidcombe, as part of the new train timetable implemented on 20 October 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2013 timetable has restructured services on the Inner West and Bankstown lines to fully utilise the Lidcombe and Homebush turnbacks.

This change has improved the capacity and reliability of the network by separating Bankstown Line services from services on the Western, South and Inner West lines along the busy main Western rail corridor.

As part of this change, Inner West services operate between Homebush and the City.

Direct services between the City and Chester Hill continue to be provided via Bankstown.

\*4793 REBRANDING OF CITYRAIL SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

What was the total cost to the Government of rebranding CityRail Services to Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to the written answer provided in response to the question asked in the Budget Estimates hearing on 19 August 2013.

\*4794 TRAINS WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many trains without air conditioning are being utilised in the Sydney Trains network?  
(2) What percentage of the Sydney Trains fleet do not have air conditioning?

Answer—

I am advised:

At present 85 per cent of trains are air-conditioned and the Government is working to increase this number. All new trains built for the network are air-conditioned, and many existing carriages have been retro-fitted.

Waratah trains are being progressively introduced into train services across the Sydney Trains network. When all 78 of the new Waratahs are delivered, about 95 per cent of the timetabled fleet will be air-conditioned.

\*4795 TAXI DRIVER WORKING HOURS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is there a limit to the number of consecutive hours a taxi driver is allowed to work in one shift?  
(2) Is there a limit to the number of hours a taxi driver is allowed to work in a week?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the NSW Industrial Relations website.

\*4796 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Has Housing NSW sold any public housing properties in the Fairfield zone in the last 12 months?
- (2) If so, what types of properties were sold?

Answer—

Sales information is available in the Land and Housing Corporation's Annual Report.

- \*4797 HOUSING NSW OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many maintenance matters in the Fairfield Housing NSW zone are outstanding by three months or more, as of 1 October 2013?

Answer—

Time frames for responsive repairs vary depending upon the urgency of the matter.

Approximately 90 per cent of works orders issued are completed within agreed time frames, with the balance being resolved shortly after. Delays may be a result of property access issues and unforeseen site conditions.

- \*4798 NEW WAR MEMORIALS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Did the Government fund and/or commission the erection of any new war memorials in the 2011-12 period?

Answer—

In 2011-12, approximately \$200,000 was funded to restore existing war memorials under the Community War Memorials Fund.

Further information can be found in Department of Education and Communities Annual Report at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

Further information in relation to war memorials can be found at [www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au).

- \*4799 COMMUNITY BUILDERS FIXED TERM FUNDING GRANTS—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Why were organisations that submitted unsuccessful tenders as part of the 2012-13 Community Builders Fixed Term Funding grants program not informed for more than eight months after submissions closed that their tenders were unsuccessful?
- (2) Why was the Community Builders Fixed Term Funding grants program halted in 2013-14?

Answer—

The Community Builders Fixed Term Funding program did not halt in 2013-14.

- \*4800 DOONSIDE RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will work on the construction of an Easy Access Upgrade at Doonside Railway Station commence before March 2015?
- (2) If not, when is work expected to commence on the construction of the Doonside Railway Station Easy Access Upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 23 April 2012, the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. The Transport Access Program includes funding of more than \$770 million over four years.

Since the beginning of the Program, 115 projects have either been delivered or are underway, including a commitment to build nine new commuter car parks, providing more than 1200 additional car spaces at train stations across the rail network.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next, centred on evidence based criteria including: current and future patronage, the needs and demographics of customers who use the location, whether important services such as hospitals or educational facilities are nearby and

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the accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities. Doonside Station will be considered as a part of this work.

\*4801 BIDWILL PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the needs based funding for Bidwill Public School been reduced?
- (2) What circumstances have changed that would warrant the reduction of over \$47,000 in needs based funding for this school?
- (3) What impact on Bidwill Public School will occur as a result of this reduction?

Answer—

- (1) In 2014, Bidwill Public School will receive \$904,682 through the two new equity loadings (socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds) of the Resource Allocation Model. This is a reduction of 4.9% or \$47,458 compared to the previous high levels of funding the school received from multiple equity funding sources.
- (2) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is introducing a fairer funding model for all schools, which reflects the characteristics of individual schools and their students. The new Family Occupation and Education Index captures the data on every student enrolled in every New South Wales public school. Schools with a high score on the Family Occupation and Education Index and the highest proportion of disadvantaged students will be funded at the highest level under the new equity loading for socio-economic background. This loading funds student need, not schools on a program and it considers all public schools across the state. For 2014, the needs based funding for Bidwill Public School has been allocated according to the new funding model.
- (3) In 2014, Bidwill Public School will continue to receive a significant level of equity funding and will be well placed to deliver quality educational programs and employ equity funded staff positions. The school is currently undertaking an evaluation of existing programs and planning for 2014. Key programs will remain with some minor adjustments to staffing. In the longer term, the new funding model will provide a more sustainable way for the school to plan over time, rather than make large adjustments in response to being 'on' or 'off' a program.

\*4802 SYDNEY TRAINS PATRONAGE IN MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many commuters caught city bound trains between 7am and 8am on 16 October 2013 from the following stations:
  - (a) Miranda;
  - (b) Gymea;
  - (c) Kirrawee;
  - (d) Jannali;
  - (e) Como?
- (2) How many commuters caught city bound trains between 8am and 9am on 16 October 2013 from the following stations:
  - (a) Miranda;
  - (b) Gymea;
  - (c) Kirrawee;
  - (d) Jannali;
  - (e) Como?

Answer—

Data is available for passenger station entries between the 6:00 to 9:30 AM peak period on a typical busy weekday in 2012. This data is publicly available from the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

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\*4803 WALLSEND JUSTICE ACCESS CENTRE OPENING HOURS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What are the current opening hours for the Wallsend Justice Access Centre?
- (2) Will the Wallsend Justice Access Centre opening hours be increased to meet public demand?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The current opening hours for the Wallsend Justice Access Centre (JAC) are 9.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm each Wednesday (excluding Public Holidays).
- (2) The Wallsend JAC opening hours will not be increased.
  - (a) Workload and client demand have been reviewed and show that there is an average of one face-to-face client per week accessing the services at this location.

\*4804 NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE SHERIFF'S OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many sheriff's officers are stationed at Newcastle Court House?
- (2) How does this number compare with 2010?
- (3) Are there plans to increase the number of sheriff's officers stationed at Newcastle Court House?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (2) I refer the Honourable member to my response to question on notice 4741.
- (3) Relevant staffing needs will be reassessed in due course to address the requirements of the new Newcastle Justice Precinct.

\*4805 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM REPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Have any of the recommendations regarding the NSW Police Force made in the Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2011-12 been acted on?
  - (a) If so, which recommendations have been acted on;
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me the recommendations of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report are being addressed through the Domestic and Family Violence Standard Operating Procedures being updated, the development of a new Police Risk Identification Tool, and through the statutory review of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act, which is being conducted by the Department of Attorney General and Justice.

\*4806 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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) Will Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) NSW relinquish all responsibility for people with disabilities in care now that the National Disability Insurance Scheme is in place?
  - (a) If so, when will ADHC relinquish responsibility;
  - (b) If so, what are the details of this change in responsibility;
  - (c) If not, what areas of care will the NSW Government be responsible for?

Answer—

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has commenced as a launch. Under the launch, ADHC retains responsibility for supporting people with disability across New South Wales, and within the launch site, supporting effective transition of people and providers into the NDIS. Within the launch site (Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland) ADHC continues to operate a number of services including Home Care services, Centre based day care, Group Homes and Large Residential Centres.

By mid 2018 the role and responsibility of the Government for the provision of disability supports will change.

The NDIS moves away from a 'one-size-fits-all' government system to create a disability sector in which people with disability make choices about the life they want to live. Fundamental to the design of the NDIS is that a single level of government takes responsibility for ensuring that people with disability receive the supports they need to live their lives with dignity and respect.

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Under the NDIS, the National Disability Insurance Agency will have responsibility to support people with disability to plan for their futures, to provide the resourcing they need to meet the costs of their reasonable and necessary supports, and to support them in accessing services that are able to meet those needs.

The Government will be contributing over \$3.1 billion each year to the NDIS. The Government is a partner in the implementation of the scheme and the Minister for Disability Services will remain responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Scheme within New South Wales, as do colleagues in other jurisdictions.

Following full rollout of the NDIS from 2018, the Government will not provide specialist disability services or basic community care services, with the focus being to enhance service capacity and diversify the non-government sector to build on the more than 60 per cent of services currently delivered by non government organisations to people with disability, their families and carers in New South Wales. That said, we have a responsibility to ensure we only transfer support arrangements for people when there are appropriate arrangements in place for them.

Post the full implementation of the NDIS across New South Wales, the Government will continue as a partner in the funding and governance of the NDIS. All governments also acknowledge that not all supports and responses for people with disability can or should be delivered through the NDIS. Communities and governments continue to have responsibility for promoting inclusion and undertaking appropriate reasonable adjustment to ensure people with disability can equitably access the full range of services and supports available to all members of the community.

\*4807 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME ACCOMMODATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked 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—

What role will the Government play in providing accommodation and care for people with a disability following the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme which does not provide accommodation for people with a disability?

Answer—

The National Disability Insurance Scheme moves away from a 'one-size-fits-all' government system to create a disability sector in which people with disability make choices about the life they want to live. Fundamental to the design of the NDIS is that a single level of government takes responsibility for ensuring that people with disability receive the supports they need to live their lives with dignity and respect.

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\*4808 HUNTER ABORIGINAL CHILDREN'S SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Where do referrals to the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service (HACS) go now that the Department of Community Services has suspended referrals to HACS due to the chief executive officer being charged with criminal offences?
- (2) What service has stepped in to help children previously helped by the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service?

Answer—

Since the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service (HACS) took the decision to cease operation, alternative Out Of Home Care providers have been identified by Community Services.

This Government is committed to the implementation of Justice Woods' recommendations relating to non-government Out Of Home Care (OOHC), and Aboriginal children are placed with Aboriginal OOHC providers wherever possible.

- \*4809 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Which services, including navigation and dredging, will be included in the Government's 99 year lease of the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

Functions relating to the collection of wharfage, site occupation, navigation charges and port lease charges will be included in the long-term lease. This includes dredging and commercial control of scheduling of shipping movements, subject to the safety and regulatory control of the Harbour Master.

The State will retain a number of important maritime functions and services, including: Harbour Master and related Port Safety Operating License functions; pilotage; responsibility for dangerous goods approvals, marine pollution and emergency response; and administration of the existing coal chain Capacity Framework Arrangements at the port.

- \*4810 EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER PAY INEQUITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

Is anything being done to address the pay inequity between teachers who teach in schools and those who teach in preschools or early childcare facilities?

- (a) If so, what is being done;
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government does not have a role in determining the wages and conditions of early childhood teachers or other workers in community based or private early childhood education and care settings. These are generally negotiated between employers and employees, and through Fair Work Australia.

- \*4811 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL EATING DISORDER PATIENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many beds are designated for patients with eating disorders at Newcastle's Calvary Mater Hospital?
- (2) Will the Calvary Mater Hospital be allocated more beds designated for patients with an eating disorder under the recent increased funding announcement?
  - (a) If so, how many more beds will be allocated;
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Responsibility for eating disorders falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western NSW, and the Member's question should be redirected accordingly.

- \*4812 ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Have tenders been called by Corrective Services NSW for the next generation of electronic monitoring devices?

- (a) If so, when will tenders close;

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(b) If not, when will tenders be called?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. Corrective Services NSW is finalising the processes to enable tenders to be called.

\*4813 YOUTH ON TRACK SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

How many young people have received case management services under the Youth on Track scheme since the commencement of that scheme?

Answer—

At 31 October 2013, 60 young people had been referred to Uniting Care Burnside, 30 young people had engaged with Youth on Track case management services, 21 had declined to participate, and 9 were still being contacted to provide consent.

\*4814 CORRECTIVE SERVICES PSYCHOLOGISTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) How many psychologists are employed by Corrective Services NSW?
- (2) How many senior psychologists are employed by Corrective Services NSW?
- (3) Have any employees referred to in (1) and (2) left the employ of Corrective Services NSW in the period 1 July 2012 to date?
  - (a) If so, how many in each category have left and have they been replaced?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 27 November 2013:

- (1) 101 staff are substantively employed in psychologist positions;
- (2) 38 staff are substantively employed in senior psychologist positions.
- (3) N/A
  - (a) N/A

\*4815 CORRECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAMS PARTICIPATION RATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

For each of these Corrective Services programs:

- (a) Custody Based Intensive Treatment (CUBIT);
- (b) CUBIT Outreach (CORE);
- (c) Self Management And Recovery Training (Getting SMART);
- (d) Violent Offenders Therapeutic Program (VOTP);
  - (i) What was the total number of participants as at 30 June 2013;
  - (ii) What was the highest number of participants in the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
  - (iii) What was the lowest number of participants in the period?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total number of participants in CUBIT, CORE, SMART Recovery, Getting SMART and VOTP as at 30 June 2013 was 416.

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) does not schedule programs every day of the week, therefore program participation would be negligible on days when programs are not scheduled.

As some programs allow participants to start at any time, providing the highest and lowest number of participants in a program during any given time period does not accurately reflect program participation rates.

For more detailed information on the number of participants in these programs please refer to the CSNSW section of the Department of Attorney General and Justice Annual Report.

\*4816 LONG SERVICE LEAVE LIABILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What are the accumulated long service leave liabilities of the Department of Attorney General and

Justice?

Answer—

I am advised:

Extended leave entitlements for Departmental staff is covered by the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

Information pertaining to leave liabilities is published in the Department of Attorney General and Justice Annual Report.

\*4817 RESPONSE REGARDING FORENSIC TRANSCRIPTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Does the Attorney General propose to respond to the email sent by Helen Fraser on 22 October 2013 regarding forensic transcription?

- (a) If so, what will the response be?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

A reply letter dated 15 November 2013 and signed by the Parliamentary Secretary for Justice was sent to Dr Fraser. The response encouraged Dr Fraser to further write to the Attorney General with additional detail about her specific proposals.

\*4818 COURT OF APPEAL INTERVENTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What were the legal costs incurred by your intervention in the Court of Appeal proceedings involving Alan Jones and ex-magistrate Pat O'Shane?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Matter was referred to the Court Of Appeal by Justice Lucy MacCallum for the purposes of interpretation of a constitutional issue. The Attorney General assisted the court in relation to the manner in which the constitutional point should be interpreted and consequently briefed the Crown Solicitor.

\*4819 T80 BUS SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport—

Has the new operator of the T80 bus service on the Liverpool to Parramatta Transit way been fined for inadequate performance of the service since it commenced operation?

- (a) If so, how much was the new operator fined and when were they fined;
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 1 May 2012, I announced private bus operators in Sydney will be required to competitively tender for existing metropolitan bus contracts. The new performance-based contracts will maximise customer service.

Under the new contracts, Transit Systems now operates bus services in the Liverpool, Fairfield and Holroyd areas, including T80 services. Services commenced under the new operator on 13 October 2013.

While most services ran to timetable, regrettably there were some initial issues during the contract handover period. However, service performance has improved markedly since 13 October 2013. On-time-running has improved from 70 per cent in Transit System's first week of operation to more than 95 per cent recently.

Transport for NSW is continuing to work closely with Transit Systems to address any further issues and minimise any inconvenience to customers. Transit Systems will address any late running as a matter of priority and Transport for NSW will continue to closely monitor services.

\*4820 SUMMER HILL ACCOMMODATION AND RESPITE CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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—



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Is there a proposal to privatise or in anyway alter the status of the Summer Hill Accommodation and Respite Centre?

Answer—

There is no current proposal to privatise or alter the status of the Summer Hill Accommodation and Respite Centre. The service provision for the people living at the Summer Hill Accommodation and Respite Centre will eventually be reviewed as part of the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). When the time comes to move into the NDIS, people with disability, with their circles of support including their families, will be able to make decisions about where and how they would like to live.

\*4821 WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Given the absence of the requested information at the website provided in your answer to LA Question 4201;

What is the residential postcode for each member of the Western Sydney Local Health District Board?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Local Health District Board Members have not consented to the release of details of their residential addresses.

\*4822 INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS FOR SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICERS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to the introduction of the Government Sector Employment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013:

Will the Minister guarantee that Senior Medical Officers in New South Wales, such as staff specialists, medical administrators, or career medical officers will not be placed on individual contracts?

Answer—

I am advised:

All employed staff in the New South Wales Health Service have individual contracts of employment, as has been the case for more than 20 years. These contracts are underpinned by the obligations contained within relevant NSW Health industrial instruments.

There are no present plans to vary the existing employment terms and conditions for medical staff employed in the New South Wales Health Service.

\*4823 CAMDEN HOSPITAL OBESITY AND METABOLISM CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many patients were seen at the Camden Hospital Obesity and Metabolism Clinic in the period;

- (a) April 2013 to June 2013;
- (b) July 2013 to September 2013?

(2) How many patients are on the waiting list to be seen at the Obesity and Metabolism Clinic as of 21 October 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Camden Hospital Metabolic Rehabilitation Clinic provided 343 occasions of service from April to June 2013 and 383 from July to September 2013. The number of patients on the waiting list to be seen at the Clinic as at 21 October 2013 was 221 patients. All patients are triaged according to clinical need.

\*4824 AUBURN HOSPITAL GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR NURSES—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Regarding the six new graduate positions for registered nurses and three new graduate positions for registered midwives at Auburn Hospital referred to in the response to LA Question 3915:

(1) How many of these positions have been filled as of October 2013?

(2) How many of the new graduates filling these positions have commenced work at Auburn Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) All nine positions have been filled as of October 2013.
- (2) Three graduates commenced work at Auburn Hospital in 2013.

\*4825 GYMEA TAFE BUDGET ALLOCATION—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the total budget allocation for Gymea TAFE in the financial years:
  - (a) 2009-10;
  - (b) 2010-11;
  - (c) 2011-12;
  - (d) 2012-13?
- (2) What is the total budget allocation for Gymea TAFE in the financial year of 2013-14?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) \$14,276,151
  - (b) \$13,871,386
  - (c) \$14,665,523
  - (d) \$14,368,013
- (2) The allocation has not been finalised for Gymea TAFE for the financial year of 2013-14 and will be dependent on 2014 enrolments.

\*4826 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many persons sought treatment at the Sutherland Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit in:
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012?
- (2) How many persons are expected to present themselves for treatment at the Sutherland Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit in:
  - (a) 2013;
  - (b) 2015;
  - (c) 2017;
  - (d) 2020?

Answer—

Publically available information on emergency department attendances and performance is available at the Bureau of Health Information website at: [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\*4827 MIRANDA FIRE STATION CLOSURES—Mr Barry Collier asked 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) How many times were each of the following fire stations closed in the six months to 19 October 2013:
  - (a) Miranda;
  - (b) Sutherland;
  - (c) Menia?
- (2) On which dates and for how long were these fire stations closed?

Answer—

I am advised by Fire & Rescue NSW that resources are always made available to respond to incidents in Miranda, Sutherland, Menai and surrounding suburbs.

\*4828 RAIL COMMUTERS WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

What arrangements have been made for Jannali commuters with disabilities who, following the introduction of the new train timetable, must now change trains and platforms at Hurstville in order to get to work at Kogarah before 9am on weekdays?

Answer—

I am advised:

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At Hurstville Station, lifts are available to and from all platforms. Staff are in attendance from the first service until the last train service of the day. Portable platform-to-train boarding ramps are available at all stations to assist customers with special mobility needs, including those travelling in wheelchairs, with prams or for any other valid need.

Sydney Trains recommends customers contact the staffed stations prior to travel, to advise of their needs and travel plans, so staff can be on hand to help board the train.

This information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*4829 BLACKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the needs based funding for Blackett Primary School been reduced?
- (2) What circumstances have changed that would warrant the reduction of over \$44,000 in needs based funding for this school?
- (3) What impact will this reduction have on the programs being run at Blackett Primary School?

Answer—

- (1) In 2014, Blackett Public School will receive \$605,096 through the two new equity loadings (socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds) of the Resource Allocation Model. This is a reduction of 6.8% or \$44,321 compared to the previous high levels of funding the school received from multiple equity funding sources.
- (2) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is introducing a fairer funding model for all schools, which reflects the characteristics of individual schools and their students. The new Family Occupation and Education Index captures the data on every student enrolled in every New South Wales public school. Schools with a high score on the Family Occupation and Education Index and the highest proportion of disadvantaged students will be funded at the highest level under the new equity loading for socio-economic background. This loading funds student need, not schools on a program and it considers all public schools across the state. For 2014, the needs based funding for Blackett Public School has been allocated according to the new funding model. The school also has a reducing enrolment pattern and this has affected total funding levels.
- (3) In 2014 Blackett Public School will continue to receive a significant level of equity funding and will be well placed to deliver quality educational programs and employ equity funded staff positions. The school is currently undertaking an evaluation of existing programs and planning for 2014. Key programs will remain with some minor adjustments to staffing. In the longer term, the new funding model will provide a more sustainable way for the school to plan over time, rather than make large adjustments in response to being 'on' or 'off' a program.

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\*4830 OLD DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) To which organisation did the Government sell the Old Dapto Public School site on Byamee Street?
- (2) What was the purchase price for the entire site?
- (3) What was the date of the sale?
- (4) Where any conditions placed on the use of the site?

Answer—

(1) - (3) The old Dapto Public School site was sold to the Anglican Church on 19 September 2007, for \$253,000 (GST inclusive). The remainder of the site was sold to the Illawarra Community Housing Trust Limited on 30 June 2009 for \$4,125,000 (GST inclusive).

(4) A covenant restricting the use of the land for non-government school purposes was placed on the part of the school site sold to the Illawarra Community Housing Trust Limited.

\*4831 SHELLHARBOUR SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why has the socio-economic equity loading funding for 2014 been reduced at:
  - (a) Lake Illawarra South Public School;
  - (b) Mount Warrigal Public School;
  - (c) Oak Flats Public School?
- (2) Will the Government provide additional funding to these schools?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Resource Allocation Model is a needs based funding model that will deliver resources to New South Wales public schools in a fairer and more transparent way.

In 2014, the Government will distribute \$300 million across all New South Wales public schools through the two new loadings for socio-economic background and Aboriginal background. \$100 million of this additional funding has been made possible by the National Education Reform Agreement.

The new equity loading for socio-economic background funds more than 390,000 students across 2,193 New South Wales public schools compared to 120,000 students in approximately 580 schools who were supported under the previous state equity program in 2013.

The new equity loading for Aboriginal background delivers significant additional funding to support all 49,000 Aboriginal students in 1,966 New South Wales public schools.

Lake Illawarra South Public School and Mount Warrigal Public School have previously been on state equity programs. These schools received transitional equity funding in 2013. For these schools and Oak Flats Public School the variations reflect the identified student need from the Family Occupation and Education Index.

The funding allocations to New South Wales public schools as announced on 22 October 2013 can be found on the Department of Education and Communities website at <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/plans-reports-and-statistics/key-statistics-and-report/sld-ram-stats.pdf>

- (2) The equity allocations for socio-economic background and Aboriginal background will be reviewed annually.

\*4832 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which preschools in the Shellharbour electorate will receive funding increases under reforms to early childhood education recently announced by the Government?  
 (2) Which preschools in the Shellharbour electorate will not receive funding increases under these reforms?  
 (3) Will any preschools in the Shellharbour electorate have funding reduced under these reforms?  
 (a) If so, which preschools?

Answer—

On 24 October 2013 the Government announced a new Preschool Funding Model that will make \$150 million available to the community preschool sector, which is a 20 per cent increase on current funding levels. It will also create a fairer funding system by targeting increased funding to children in their year before school and to disadvantaged and Aboriginal children aged three and over. As a result of these changes, 95 per cent of preschools will see an increase in their base funding rate for four and five year olds.

As a per-child funding model, allocations to community preschools are based on the annual enrolment profile of each service and, as such, vary from year to year. However, the implementation of the new Preschool Funding Model includes a three year transition period to give services time to adjust. Under these transition arrangements, no service will lose funding in the first two years as a result of the policy changes.

\*4833 SHELLHARBOUR SCHOOL UPGRADES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

What school upgrades will take place in the Shellharbour electorate over the 2013-14 financial year?

Answer—

The following capital works projects were funded in public schools in the electorate of Shellharbour in 2013/14:

Balarang Public School	Toilet upgrade
Dapto High School	Trade Training Centre
Kanahooka High School	Toilet upgrade
Lakelands Public School	Toilet upgrade

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Mount Brown Public School	Upgrade grounds
Oak Flats High School	Replacement of floor coverings
Warilla High School	Establishment of Uniform Shop
Warilla High School	Painting
Warilla High School	Trade Training Centre
Warilla Public School	Toilet upgrade

\*4834 OAK FLATS RAILWAY STATION CAR PARK—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When did Transport for NSW and Shellharbour City Council finalise contracts to acquire land for the Oak Flats Railway Station commuter car park project?
- (2) What was the cost of this transaction?
- (3) What is the scope of works required to commence and complete the car park project?
- (4) When will work commence?
- (5) When will work be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Last year the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

Oaks Flats commuter car park is being completed under the Transport Access Program. It will include construction of a new car park with approximately 150 commuter spaces; extension of the existing commuter car park with approximately 80 spaces, including eight accessible spaces; improvements to bus shelters; and improved lighting, landscaping and fencing.

Construction is underway and is due to be completed in 2014.

\*4835 SOUTH COAST LINE QUIET CARRIAGES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many train carriages on the South Coast Line have been designated as quiet carriages?
- (2) What is the definition of a quiet carriage?
- (3) Who is responsible for monitoring quiet carriages?
- (4) What penalties apply for breaches in quiet carriages?
- (5) How many breaches have been detected in South Coast Line quiet carriages?

Answer—

On 2 July 2013, I announced that NSW TrainLink customers will have double the number of quiet carriages, making intercity journeys more relaxing.

Quiet carriages were first introduced to the Newcastle & Central Coast, Blue Mountains and South Coast lines. They have now been expanded to the Southern Highlands Line, the South Coast Line between Kiama and Bomaderry (Nowra), and on the Bathurst Bullet express train between Bathurst and Central.

The first, last and two middle carriages of eight-car trains, the first and last carriage of four-car trains and the last carriage of a two-car train are designated quiet carriages.

The expansion reflects feedback from almost 90 per cent of respondents to a Transport for NSW survey who agreed travelling in a quiet carriage had improved their overall experience.

When travelling in a quiet carriage, customers are asked to respect fellow travellers by switching mobile phones to silent, turning the volume down on headphones and keeping chat to a minimum. Quiet carriages are customer regulated and there is still the opportunity to travel in other carriages.

Quiet carriage signs inside the carriages are being progressively rolled out and signs will also be placed on the doors of these services so customers can identify where quiet carriages are located before they board the train.

\*4836 POLICE RESPONSE TIME—Ms Anna Watson asked 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 is an appropriate response time for police in New South Wales to respond to reports of crime?
- (2) What is the average response time of police at:
  - (a) Lake Illawarra Local Area Command;

(b) Wollongong Local Area Command?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force has advised me that the New South Wales statewide target is for a response to 80% of urgent calls for service within 12 minutes. It should be noted that not all urgent calls are reports of crime.
- (2) During 2012-13, the average response time for Lake Illawarra Local Area Command was 12 minutes and 38 seconds. The average response time for Wollongong Local Area Command was 9 minutes and 40 seconds.

\*4837 DAPTO POLICE STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked 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 are the current operating hours for Dapto Police Station?
- (2) How many police officers are currently stationed at Dapto Police Station?
- (3) At what times can the public have face to face contact with police officers at Dapto Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Operating hours and staffing arrangements within a Local Area Command vary according to operational requirements. Local Area Commands provide a 24 hour mobile policing response to all those areas within the boundary of each Command and aim to have an adequate number of police officers rostered on duty to match expected demand.

Members of the community can contact Dapto Police Station on telephone 02 4262 9499 if they want to make an appointment with a police officer. There is also an Eaglephone at the station which can be used to contact police if required.

\*4838 REDUCED WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

How many workers in the following postcode areas have been advised that their workers compensation benefits have been or are able to be reduced since the introduction of the workers compensation system changes:

- (a) 2530;
- (b) 2529;
- (c) 2528;
- (d) 2527?

Answer—

Relevant information can be found in the 2012-13 WorkCover Scheme Report.

\*4839 LOCOMOTIVE NOISE MONITORING PROGRAM—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Australian Rail Track Corporation noise monitoring program referred to in the answer to LA Question 4345:

- (1) How many monitoring stations have been established to conduct the noise monitoring program?
- (2) Where are these monitoring stations located?
- (3) Are any of the monitoring stations located within close proximity to Paxton Avenue, Belmore?
- (4) Will the data collected at the monitoring stations be publicly available?
  - (a) If so, when and where will the information be published?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

As part of this program, one monitoring station is located at Metford, where the majority of freight locomotives in New South Wales pass during normal operations.

The data collected at the monitoring station is considered to be commercial in confidence and is not made publicly available. However, the Environment Protection Authority requires the Australian Rail Track Corporation to submit monitoring reports based on the data collected.

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\*4840 WILEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUND INJURIES—Mr Robert Furolo asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many student injuries have been reported to the Department of Education and Communities as a result of trips or falls on the asphalt surface of the playground at Wiley Park Public School?
- (2) How many WorkCover claims have been made by staff at Wiley Park Public School as a result of trips or falls on the asphalt surface of the playground?
- (3) What actions have been taken by the Department of Education and Communities to address concerns expressed by the school over injuries to students and staff caused by the asphalt surface of the playground?

Answer—

- (1) Between September 2009 and October 2013 there were twenty student playground injuries requiring accident reports.
- (2) Between June 2009 and October 2013 there have been five employees who reported a workplace injury as a result of trips or falls on the asphalt surface of the playground resulting in a workers compensation claim.
- (3) In November 2011 the Department of Education carried out minor repairs on uneven playground surfaces as Essential and Urgent Repairs.

Whilst access to play areas with uneven surfaces is managed by the school, a representative from the Department will inspect the site in Term 4, 2013 to develop options for works that will be done to keep the site safe until a nominated project can be carried out.

\*4841 SPEED AND RED LIGHT CAMERA REVIEW—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

In relation to the nine speed and red light cameras being reviewed to ensure they are still effective in improving road safety:

- (1) What action has been undertaken to review the effectiveness of each of the nine cameras?
- (2) When will these reviews be finished?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Community consultation is underway and the five fixed speed cameras were inspected in late November.

The review of the four red-light speed cameras involves a desktop review of the fatal crashes that have occurred at these locations. This has commenced and, if required, a more detailed site assessment will be undertaken.

- (2) February 2014.

\*4842 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE AND TUNNEL TRAFFIC—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

As a daily average, how many cars travel southbound on the Sydney Harbour Bridge or Sydney Harbour Tunnel between:

- (a) 6:30am and 9:30am and pay \$4.00 for the toll;
- (b) 9:30am and 4:00pm and pay \$3.00 for the toll;
- (c) 4:00pm and 7:00pm and pay \$4.00 for the toll;
- (d) 7:00pm and 6:30am and pay \$2.50 for the toll?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) 27,000.
- (b) 43,000.
- (c) 21,000.
- (d) 24,000.

\*4843 DAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the needs based funding for Dawson Public School in the Mount Druitt electorate been reduced?
- (2) What circumstances have changed that would warrant the reduction of approximately \$24,000 in funding for the school?

(3) What impact will this reduction have on the programs and staffing of Dawson Public School?

Answer—

- (1) In 2014, Dawson Public School will receive \$715,288 through the two new equity loadings (socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds) of the Resource Allocation Model. This is a reduction of 3.3 per cent or \$24,504 compared to the previous high levels of funding the school received from multiple equity funding sources.
- (2) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is introducing a fairer funding model for all schools, which reflects the characteristics of individual schools and their students. The new Family Occupation and Education Index captures the data on every student enrolled in every NSW public school. Schools with a high score on the Family Occupation and Education Index and the highest proportion of disadvantaged students will be funded at the highest level under the new equity loading for socio-economic background. This loading funds student need, not schools on a program and it considers all public schools across the state. For 2014, the needs based funding for Dawson Public School has been allocated according to the new funding model.
- (3) In 2014 Dawson Public School will continue to receive a significant level of equity funding and will be well placed to deliver quality educational programs and employ equity funded staff positions. The school is currently undertaking an evaluation of existing programs and planning for 2014. Key programs will remain with some minor adjustments to staffing. In the longer term, the new funding model will provide a more sustainable way for the school to plan over time, rather than make large adjustments in response to being 'on' or 'off' a program.

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\*4844 STRATHFIELD TO LIVERPOOL VIA REGENTS PARK TRAIN SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Minister's response on 29 August 2013 to Question Without Notice "Opal Card Electronic Ticketing System" in which the Minister stated "The Opal Card will then be rolled out to the Western Line, to Emu Plains and Richmond, and in stations from Strathfield to Liverpool via Regents Park.":

- (1) Why has the Strathfield to Liverpool via Regents Park train service been removed from the Sydney Trains timetable less than two months after announcing this service was a priority for the Opal Card implementation?
- (2) What consultation was undertaken prior to the decision to cancel the Strathfield to Liverpool via Regents Park service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 2013 timetable restructured services on the Inner West and Bankstown lines to fully utilise the Lidcombe and Homebush turnbacks.

This improved network capacity and reliability by separating Bankstown Line services from services on the Western, South and Inner West lines, which use the busy main Western rail corridor.

Inner West services now predominately operate between Homebush and the City.

- (2) The timetable was developed by experts and built around our customers' needs, taking into account all of the consultation undertaken and feedback received as part of the Long Term Transport Master Plan.

\*4845 BIRRONG TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government commit to upgrading the facilities at Birrong Train Station, including the provision of an easy access lift and new toilet facilities, now that Birrong is being utilised as an interchange on the Bankstown line since the implementation of the new train timetable?

Answer—

I am advised:

Last year the Government announced a new Transport Access Program which will deliver accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station



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upgrades, better interchanges, ferry wharf upgrades and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

More planning and design work will now occur to see which projects will come next. Birrong Station will be considered as part of this process.

- \*4846 SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE SERVICES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What involuntary detention, care, treatment, or stabilisation services are available for the health and safety of persons with a severe substance dependence in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Responsibility for this matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western NSW, and the Member's question should be redirected accordingly.

- \*4847 COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Where are the 80 Community Drug Action Teams coordinating the Community Engagement and Action Program across New South Wales located?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about Community Drug Action Teams can be found on the Your Room website, at [www.yourroom.com.au](http://www.yourroom.com.au)

- \*4848 POWER PRICE DECREASES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Noting the Minister's comments in the 17 October 2013 Daily Telegraph article "Pledge to cut power prices - NSW Energy Minister Chris Hartcher's keep-it-simple solution":

When can residents of Bankstown expect their power bills to decrease?

Answer—

The former Government watched electricity prices rise by over 70 per cent in its last five years in office.

Upon coming to office, the Government has been working hard to put a stop to the legacy of double-digit price hikes including identifying over \$4.3 billion in unnecessary capital expenditure and operating costs through the ongoing reform of the electricity businesses. These savings represent costs that will no longer flow through to household power bills.

The Member is encouraged to read the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's pricing determination for 2013-14.

Electricity prices have plateaued with rises less than CPI, rising by just 1.7% in 2013-14 compared with an 18% increase last year, and with prices expected to decline by 6.9% by 2015-16.

As the Member would be aware, IPART has confirmed that the former Government's carbon tax continues to add a significant cost impost to household power bills, with green schemes adding approximately \$332 to the average annual bill. The State Government looks forward to working with the Commonwealth Government to repeal the carbon tax effect on New South Wales households.

- \*4849 PLANNING BILL 2013 CONSULTATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

What consultation did the Minister undertake within the electorate of Bankstown regarding the Planning Bill 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has undertaken unprecedented community consultation on the proposed changes to the New South Wales planning system. The Government has heard from over 6,000 residents and many different stakeholder groups across New South Wales, in more than 50 locations and in 160 meetings.

The Government has participated in hundreds of stakeholder events to discuss the New South Wales planning reforms.

As part of the comprehensive and independent review of the New South Wales planning system led by the Hon Tim Moore and the Hon Ron Dyer, which began in July 2011, 91 community consultation events were held across New South Wales. In the Bankstown electorate a Community Forum was held at the Bankstown Sports Club on 20 October 2011.

The Green Paper, released in July 2012, also involved an extensive consultation process with the community, business and organisations, as well as planning and building industry practitioners.

As part of the consultation process for of the White Paper and Exposure Bills between 16 April and 28 June 2013, 40 community consultation events were held and almost 5000 submissions were received. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure carried out a broad community engagement strategy, which included community and practitioner discussion sessions, deliberative panels, stakeholder working groups and a telephone survey. All councils, including Bankstown City Council, were invited to participate in these practitioner sessions.

In addition, a community discussion session was held at the Bankstown Sports Club on 22 May 2013. The discussion session included short presentations as well as question and answer engagement. The Bankstown discussion session was one of 40 such events held at 18 locations across New South Wales.

\*4850 SYNTHETIC DRUG RETAILERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many retailers have been inspected under the Drugs and Poisons Legislation Amendment (New Psychoactive and Other Substances) Bill 2013 since it came into effect on 7 October 2013?
- (2) How many of those retailers inspected were found to be selling synthetic drugs?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force is responsible for enforcement under the new legislation, which commenced on 7 October 2013. Therefore, the Member should refer these issues to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*4851 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why has needs based funding for the following schools in the Bankstown electorate been reduced:
  - (a) Bankstown Girls High School reduced by \$48,332;
  - (b) Bankstown Public School reduced by \$8,258;
  - (c) Bankstown South Infants School reduced by \$12,157;
  - (d) Bass Hill Public School reduced by \$47,850;
  - (e) Punchbowl Boys High School reduced by \$49,172;
  - (f) Wattawa Heights Public School reduced by \$39,760?
- (2) Will the needs based funding for these schools be reinstated?

Answer—

- (1) The Resource Allocation Model is a needs based funding model that will deliver resources to New South Wales public schools in a fairer and more transparent way.

In 2014, the Government will distribute \$300 million across all New South Wales public schools through the two new loadings for socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds. \$100 million of this additional funding has been made possible by the National Education Reform Agreement. The Bankstown Electorate has gained \$842,957 in additional funding.

The new equity loading for socio-economic background funds more than 390,000 students across 2,193 New South Wales public schools compared to 120,000 students in approximately 580 schools who were supported under the previous state equity program in 2013.

The new equity loading for Aboriginal background delivers significant additional funding to support all 49,000 Aboriginal students in 1,966 New South Wales public schools.

Bankstown Girls High School, Bankstown Public School, Bass Hill Public School, Punchbowl Boys High School and Wattawa Heights Public School have been on state equity programs for at least 5 years. Bankstown South Infants School is new to state equity programs in 2013. For these schools the percentage loss across the two new equity loadings ranges from 2% to 32%. These variations reflect the identified student need from the Family Occupation and Education Index.

- (2) The equity allocations for socio-economic background and Aboriginal background will be reviewed annually.

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\*4852 WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) How many workers compensation claims have been made in the Bankstown electorate in 2013 to date?
- (2) How many workers compensation claims were made in the Bankstown electorate in:
  - (a) 2012;
  - (b) 2011;
  - (c) 2010?

Answer—

The table below shows the number of workers compensation claims made in the Bankstown electorate for:

Calendar year	No. of Claims
2010	2,094
2011	2,062
2012	1,936
2013	1,202

The figures for each of these calendar years use data collected to September 2013.

\*4853 REVIEW OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN MILLERS POINT, DAWES POINT AND THE ROCKS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Given the response to LA Question 3231 regarding the ongoing review of social housing in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks:

- (1) What role will the social impact assessments play in decisions about the future of social housing in this precinct?
- (2) What assessment of heritage impacts has been done as part of the review of social housing in this precinct?
- (3) What role will the assessment of social and built heritage play in decisions about the future of social housing in this precinct?
- (4) What consultation will be carried out with the Office of Environment and Heritage in reviewing social housing in this precinct?
- (5) How will the heritage assessment and recommendations of the review be made available to residents?

Answer—

Information relating to social housing in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks will be available once the Government's review is complete.

\*4854 NSW LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PARKING RESTRICTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

Noting that the NSW Land and Housing Corporation owns and manages some streets, lanes and parking areas on Housing NSW estates in the Sydney electorate, but does not have the legal authority to enforce parking restrictions in these locations:

- (1) How does the NSW Land and Housing Corporation currently prevent unauthorised parking and the dumping of vehicles in access ways, loading zones, lanes and parking spaces allocated to tenants?
- (2) What arrangements have been made with enforcement agencies such as councils and police to enforce parking restrictions on NSW Land and Housing Corporation property?
- (3) What arrangements has the NSW Land and Housing Corporation made regarding this matter with:
  - (a) The City of Sydney?
  - (b) Woollahra Municipal Council?
  - (c) NSW Police Local Area Commands covering the Sydney electorate?
- (4) What action can residents take when dumped or unauthorised vehicles are identified on NSW Land and Housing Corporation property?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to improve parking restriction enforcement on NSW Land and Housing Corporation property?

Answer—

As noted in the question, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) does not have legal authority to enforce parking restrictions and these questions are more appropriately directed to the enforcement authorities.

LAHC provides onsite parking, where possible, and provides signage to deter unauthorised parking in these areas. Tenants concerned about unauthorised parking, or dumping, onsite they are encouraged to contact the Housing Contact Centre.

\*4855 PRIVATE CARERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked 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) What data does the Government have on the number of paid carers available to inner city residents needing care?
- (2) How does the Government help people with disabilities and their families locate appropriate carers and assess their suitability?
- (3) What support does the Government provide to help people afford private carers where needed?
- (4) How does the Government regulate the quality and cost of private carers?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the adequacy of the current regulation of private care providers?
- (6) How does the Government support private carers to operate as small businesses?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to help increase the availability of private carers in the inner city of Sydney?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to provide training for private carers and promote employment as a private carer?

Answer—

- (1) New South Wales does not maintain specific information on the numbers of paid carers engaged in a private business capacity.
- (2) People can access information and services through a number of pathways, including:
  - Ageing, Disability and Home Care Information, Referral and Intake Services;
  - Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres;
  - the Community Care Access Point; and
  - non-government disability service providers and other organisations.
- (3) Engaging private carers is a personal expense for the individual.
- (4) Service providers funded to deliver specialist disability services by Ageing, Disability and Home Care are required to have a quality management system in place and to comply with the NSW Disability Services Standards. This must be independently verified by an approved third party. These requirements are now being implemented with the third party verification required by 30 June 2015. From 1 July 2015 these requirements will also apply to Community Care Support Program providers which are currently required to meet the Community Care Common Standards.
- (5) Ageing, Disability and Home Care does not have a role in regulating private providers except where they have a funding agreement to deliver disability or community care services.
- (6) - (7) The decision to open a small business is a matter for the individual.
- (8) Upon full implementation of the NDIS, this will be a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

\*4856 UNUSED LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many issued liquor licences are currently not being used in New South Wales?
- (2) How many of these licences apply to premises in the Sydney electorate?
- (3) How many of these licences apply to premises in:
  - (a) Kings Cross;
  - (b) Oxford Street, Darlinghurst;
  - (c) The Sydney central business district?
- (4) How does the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing monitor the number of unused liquor licences in New South Wales?
- (5) To what extent can these licences be traded?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made of cancelling liquor licences that remain unused after a period of time?

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- (7) What assessment has the Government made of cancelling liquor licences that remain unused in areas that already have large numbers of licensed premises such as Kings Cross?
- (8) What options has the Government considered to address this situation, given licences may have been issued under different circumstances and may create new impacts if reintroduced?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to prevent a market in liquor licences that bypasses proper assessment?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that as of early November 2013, of the more than 17,000 licences on issue, there are approximately 450 licensed premises that have notified the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority that they are not currently trading.
- (2) The licensee must notify the Authority when they intend to re-commence trade.
- (3) I am advised that there are 41 licences in the Sydney electorate for which a Cease to Trade notification is in effect.
  - (a) According to Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) records, there are 16 in the 2011 Kings Cross Postcode, 14 of which are in the Kings Cross Liquor Freeze Precinct.
  - (b) There are four (4) such licences in the Oxford Street/Darlinghurst liquor freeze precinct
  - (c) There are 42 such licences in the Sydney CBD with the 2000 postcode
- (4) New South Wales Liquor Laws say that if any licensed premise ceases to trade for a continuous period of more than 6 weeks, the licensee must notify the Authority in writing. Failure to do so may result in a fine.

Additionally, every two years the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing conducts a census which requires a licensee to confirm whether or not the licensed premises is trading.

- (5) These liquor licences can be transferred like any other liquor licence. The application follows the same approval process and is subject to the same legislative requirements as a licence transfer of a premise that is trading.
- (6) New South Wales liquor laws do not currently allow a licence to be cancelled because of inactivity.

Like most other Australian jurisdictions, New South Wales liquor licences are perpetual. In other jurisdictions, the liquor licensing regime incorporates a fee structure which would provide a disincentive for licensees to hold on to licences that are not operating.

When the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority determines an application for a new liquor licence, the number and type of all existing licences in the local and broader community are taken into consideration.

New South Wales liquor laws apply equally to all licences, trading or not.

- (7) As previously stated, New South Wales liquor laws do not allow a licence to be cancelled because of inactivity. However, Kings Cross is in a statutory liquor freeze precinct and is subject to stringent prohibitions. This prevents the proliferation of high risk in the authorisation of extended trading hours and limits changes to existing licences.
- (8) Many licensed premises cease to trade to refurbish and reopening does not normally create new impacts. It is also quite common for a licence to remain dormant as the licensee intends to move the licence to another location. In these circumstances, the Authority is entitled to treat the application as if it were an application for a new licence and the community consultation process prescribed by law must be followed.
- (9) I am advised that the Authority must properly consider all applications for liquor licences, whether trading or not and when determining a new application, the Authority must consider an application in accordance with the Act, especially its objectives and the relevant community impact test in the Act.

\*4857 STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) How many staff are employed by the State Library of New South Wales?
- (2) Are there plans to retrench half the current library staff?
  - (a) If not, how many staff will be retrenched?
- (3) How many physical books does the State Library of New South Wales hold?
  - (a) How does this figure compare with similar libraries in other states and universities?
- (4) What is the current budget for new book acquisitions?
- (5) Have funds for new book acquisitions been reduced?
- (6) How does the State Library of New South Wales acquisitions budget compare with similar libraries in other states and universities?

- (7) Does the State Library of New South Wales accept new book donations where it does not have an existing collection?
- (8) Does the Mitchell Library accept new Australian donations?
- (9) Does the State Library of New South Wales have resources to finish the computerisation of card files?
- (10) Will parts of the Mitchell Library be reallocated for commercial use to provide income to the library?
- (11) What plans does the Government have to provide adequate funding for the State Library of New South Wales?
- (12) What further action will the Government take to bring the State Library of New South Wales up to modern standards and capacity?

Answer—

- (1) At 30 June 2013, the State Library of New South Wales had 360.55 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff and 373 headcount staff.
- (2) No.
  - (a) In order to meet its budget savings targets, the Library needs to reduce its staffing level to approximately 312 Full Time Equivalent staff by the end of financial year 2016-17.
- (3) The State Library of New South Wales has 2,358,406 physical volumes.
  - (a) Physical Volumes as at June 30, 2012:

Organisation	Number of physical volumes
State Library of New South Wales	2,358,406
National Library of Australia	3,850,000
State Library of Victoria	2,243,578
University of Sydney	4,661,396

- (4) The State Library of New South Wales receives a total capital allocation or 'book vote' of \$6.6 million for the collection annually.
- (5) The Treasury budget allocation for State Library acquisitions or 'book vote' has not been reduced. The State Library of NSW has received a total capital allocation of \$6.6 million for the collection in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.
- (6) Budget allocations 2012-13:

Organisation	Budget allocation
State Library of New South Wales	\$6.6M for physical resources and \$1.025M for electronic subscriptions
National Library of Australia	\$9.3M for physical resources and electronic subscriptions
State Library of Victoria	\$1.7M for physical resources and \$.65M for electronic resources
University of Sydney	\$13.5M for physical resources and electronic subscriptions

- (7) The State Library of New South Wales welcomes new book donations in accord with Library's Collection Donations Policy.
- (8) The Mitchell Library welcomes new Australian donations in accord with the Library's Collection Donations Policy. The State Library also receives many items under legal deposit in accordance with the NSW Copyright Act.
- (9) Yes, the State Library has the resources to complete the eRecords Project. It will be completed by the end of this year and has exceeded the original targets.
- (10) No. The Mitchell Library will continue to function as a public reading room.
- (11) The Government has committed \$32.6 million over four years on a major digital renewal through the Digital Excellence Program.
- (12) The Digital Excellence Program will bring the Library's digital infrastructure to contemporary standards and will make 20 million pages and images from the Library's unique collections available online.

\*4858 SMOKE FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT STOPS AND STATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport—

Noting that Section 6A of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 has banned smoking at all public transport stops and stations since 7 January 2013:

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- (1) What education has been carried out with public transport staff and operators regarding this legislation?
- (2) What education has been carried out with passengers regarding this legislation?
- (3) Who is responsible for enforcing this legislation on public transport and at public transport stops and stations?
- (4) What enforcement role do public transport staff have in enforcing this legislation?
- (5) How many warnings and fines have been issued on public transport or at public transport facilities for noncompliance with this legislation?
  - (a) How many of these incidents occurred in the inner city of Sydney?
- (6) What ongoing education and enforcement is carried out at public transport stops and stations regarding this legislation?
- (7) What further plans does the Government have to ensure compliance with this legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Rail employees were briefed on the new smoking bans in December 2012 and on the day the legislation was enacted in January 2013.
- (2) Digital voice announcements are made at stations and the "No Smoking" pictogram is displayed on information screens across the Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink networks.

The State Transit Authority lets customers know smoking is not permitted at bus stops, including via its website.

- (3) The NSW Police Force and Transport Officers enforce the smoking ban on the rail network. NSW Health Officers enforce the ban at other locations.
- (4) See (3)
- (5) Questions regarding infringements issued by the Police Transport Command for smoking offences on public transport should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Questions regarding infringements issued by NSW Health Officers should be directed to the Minister for Health.

Since the commencement of the Sydney Trains Transport Officers in July 2013, 45 infringements have been issued for smoking offences on public transport. Of these, 7 were issued in the Sydney inner city area.

- (6) Digital voice announcements are made at stations and the "No Smoking" pictogram is displayed on information screens across the Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink networks.
- (7) Agencies across the transport cluster are working with NSW Health and NSW Police Force to enforce smoking bans at public transport stops and stations.

\*4859 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON ROADS AND FOOTPATHS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) How many pedestrians were killed or injured due to road safety incidents over the past five years?
  - (a) Are these numbers increasing or decreasing?
- (2) How many pedestrians were killed or injured due to footpath safety incidents over the past five years?
  - (a) Are these numbers increasing or decreasing?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that incidents where victims attend hospitals but do not report to police are counted and assessed for road safety analysis?
- (4) What direction does Roads and Maritime Services provide regarding signage about cycling on footpaths being illegal?
- (5) What direction does Roads and Maritime Services provide about shared path signage?
- (6) What education and enforcement programs does the Government provide directed specifically about pedestrian safety?
- (7) What current plans does the Government have to improve education about pedestrian safety?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to increase safety for pedestrians?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between 2008 and 2012, there were 271 pedestrian fatalities and 9,447 injuries in New South Wales.

In 1960 there were 367 pedestrian fatalities, which has since trended downwards, with 49 fatalities on New South Wales roads in 2011. This was the equal lowest annual total since records began in 1928. However, in 2012 there was a slight increase, with 55 pedestrians killed.

Preliminary fatality data collected to midnight 13 November 2013 indicates 39 pedestrians have been killed on New South Wales roads this year, 10 (20 per cent) fewer fatalities than the same period last year.

(2) Between 2008 and 2012, there were 246 pedestrian casualties (four fatalities and 242 injuries) on footpaths. This is a 38 per cent decrease on the previous five years.

(3) Transport for NSW commissioned a data linkage between NSW Health Hospital Admission records, Australian Bureau of Statistics Births, Deaths and Marriages and New South Wales crash data, and is currently working towards the routine matching of serious injury data. This information will include pedestrians who have reported only to hospital for treatment.

(4) - (5) The Road Rules 2008 prohibit people riding bicycles on footpaths. Exceptions to this rule are if the rider is under 12 years old or accompanying a child under 12 years old who is riding on the footpath, or is carrying a child as a passenger on the bicycle or in an attached trailer.

The Road Rules 2008 also provide direction about signage on shared paths. However, councils are responsible for footpaths and shared paths, and have the option of erecting signs to reinforce the Road Rules.

Roads and Maritime Services provides advice and information about bicycle and pedestrian safety on shared paths on the Bicycle info website, <http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/>.

(6) Transport for NSW established the NSW Police Force Motorcycle Response teams in the Sydney and Parramatta CBDs. Part of their role is improving pedestrian safety, with dedicated operations conducted in these locations.

Other programs include advertising and awareness raising, school education, road rules awareness, and partnering with Road Safety Officers in local governments to implement localised programs. This is in addition to engineering treatments, such as safety barriers, traffic light phasing and low speed high pedestrian activity environments.

(7) - (8) Transport for NSW is currently finalising a Pedestrian Safety Strategy and Action Plan for 2014-16, and undertaking a major research project on shared path safety.

\*4860 SMOKE FREE PUBLIC BUILDING ENTRANCES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Noting that Section 6A of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 has banned smoking within four metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building since 7 January 2013:

- (1) What education has been carried out with inner city owners and operators of public buildings regarding this legislation?
- (2) What action has been taken to date against noncompliance with this legislation?
- (3) What is the number of warnings and fines issued regarding noncompliance of this legislation in the inner city?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made about the provision of ashtrays at the entrances to public buildings which provides an incentive for people to illegally smoke at these locations?
  - (a) What action has been taken to address this issue?
- (5) What ongoing education and enforcement is carried out in high pedestrian activity areas in the Sydney central business district regarding this legislation?
- (6) What further plans does the Government have to ensure compliance with this legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A public information campaign was run in December 2012 and January 2013 and included radio and press advertisements. Since December 2012, the NSW Ministry of Health has continued to promote education resources including online fact sheets and information, posters and 'No Smoking' signage.

During the development of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2012, consultation was undertaken with stakeholders including local councils and hospitality industry groups, which represent owners of cafés, restaurants, hotels and clubs.



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Correspondence was sent to local councils across New South Wales and major commercial property owners/managers, who own and/or manage many of the commercial buildings in Sydney, about the legislative changes, advising them of the resources available from NSW Health to assist them to educate the public about these changes. This includes 'No Smoking' signage and a fact sheet outlining the legislation as it applies to pedestrian access points to public buildings.

(2) - (3) The initial focus of implementing the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 has been on ensuring high levels of community awareness of the new legislation. This has included a state-wide targeted education campaign and compliance monitoring activity between March and May 2013, during which 341 public buildings were visited. Out of the almost 9000 members of the public observed in these settings across New South Wales, a total of 169 smokers were observed and 118 cautionary notices issued to people breaching the legislation.

(4) Correspondence has been sent to commercial building operators and local councils asking them to reconsider placement of ashtrays or butt bins in areas where smoking is prohibited as they attract smokers to that area.

(5) NSW Health Authorised Inspectors conduct activity at the local level to educate members of the public in public buildings and high pedestrian activity areas of the CBD, including conducting compliance monitoring.

The NSW Ministry of Health is aware of community concerns about smoking in public outdoor settings and is working across relevant government agencies to increase community awareness and to strengthen enforcement efforts in these locations. The initial focus of enforcement activity is on public transport stops and stations. All other settings, including within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building, are investigated in response to complaints.

(6) The NSW Ministry of Health will continue to encourage public building owners/managers and local councils to erect signage and make fact sheets available to members of the public. Further public advertising is planned for 2014 focussing on public transport sites, sporting grounds and commercial outdoor dining areas. The Ministry will, in 2014, broaden enforcement activity to settings outside public transport stops and stations to improve compliance.

\*4861 TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—

- (1) What information does the Government have about the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement currently being negotiated by the Federal Government?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made about costs and benefits of the agreement to New South Wales?
- (3) What liaison has the Government had with the Federal Government about these costs and benefits?
- (4) What liaison has the Government carried out with New South Wales agencies, organisations, stakeholders and the wider community about this agreement?
- (5) Does the Government support the Federal Government signing this agreement?
- (6) How will the Government provide the Parliament with information and discussion about the costs and benefits of this agreement?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has been consulted by the Federal Government on areas of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- (2) The NSW Government maintains that any access to New South Wales market sectors must be matched by reciprocal opportunities in partner countries.
- (3) Officials from the NSW Government have been involved in discussions with Federal Government officials on Trans-Pacific Partnership issues
- (4) The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has an ongoing stakeholder consultation and submission process in place which is publicly accessible at:

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/fta/tpp/>.

As part of the Federal Government's ongoing public consultation process the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiating team visited Sydney on 30 October 2013 to meet with interested members of the public, business and civil society stakeholders. DFAT provided an update on the negotiations and an opportunity for further stakeholder input.

- (5) The NSW Government supports the Federal Government negotiating a Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement which is broadly consistent with Australia's commitments in the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) and the Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

(6) Information about the Trans-Pacific Partnership is subject to strict confidentiality provisions and cannot be made public until the confidentiality provisions expire.

\*4862 SOCIAL HOUSING IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many social housing properties have been purchased in the Cessnock electorate since July 1 2012?

(2) How many social housing properties have been sold in the Cessnock electorate since July 1 2012?

Answer—

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation has an ongoing program to review its public housing assets to ensure they meet the needs of public housing tenants. If an asset is sold, proceeds are reinvested into the public housing system.

\*4863 SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many public housing properties will be sold in the Hunter region in the 2013-14 financial year?

(2) How many bedrooms does each of these properties have?

(3) How much revenue will be raised from the sale of these properties?

(4) Will this revenue be used to construct additional housing in the Hunter region?

(5) How many new facilities will be constructed in the Hunter region with revenue raised from sale of other properties?

Answer—

The number of properties sold will depend on the demand for housing in the area, market conditions, tenant relocations, the specific needs of people on the waiting list and whether the property has reached the end of its economic life. Proceeds from the sale of assets are re-invested into the public housing system.

\*4864 HOUSING NSW VACANT PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) How many Housing NSW properties in the electorate of Cessnock were vacant as at 30 September 2013?

(2) How many of these properties were uninhabitable due to damage caused by previous tenants?

(3) How many of these properties were uninhabitable due to maintenance issues?

Answer—

NSW Land and Housing Corporation properties become vacant for many reasons. As properties are vacated by tenants, NSW Land and Housing Corporation restores them to a clean, safe and habitable standard as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW) and they are then re-let.

\*4865 VISIONCARE PROVIDERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) Which electorates in New South Wales have a VisionCare provider?

(2) Which electorates in New South Wales do not have a VisionCare provider?

Answer—

VisionCare is funded to provide a service across New South Wales. Information regarding providers is publicly available on its website.

\*4866 AMBULANCE OFFICER ROSTERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Are there instances where an ambulance station would have three officers rostered on to a single shift?

(2) Is it Ambulance NSW policy that two ambulance officers attend a scene as a standard response?

(3) Is it ever the case that a third officer from one station is deployed with an officer from a neighboring station?

(a) If so, how does this happen in practice;

(b) If so, how is the deployment of both staff recorded in terms of the station listed as responding?

Answer—

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I am advised that:

Wherever possible, a double crewed ambulance attends all responses. However, there are circumstances where a single paramedic will be dispatched to a case with back up provided by another paramedic or double crew.

Where there are three paramedics rostered on, the extra paramedic may be deployed to another station to form a double crewed ambulance. This practice occurs from time to time depending on roster requirements.

\*4867 BACK BURNING IN THE HUNTER CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Clayton Barr asked 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) How many official hazard reduction and back burning exercises took place in the Hunter catchment area between 1 April 2011 and 13 October 2013?
- (2) At which specific locations within the Hunter catchment area did these exercises occur?
- (3) What were the specific dates of these exercises?
- (4) Has your agency received requests from the community to carry out back burning and hazard reduction in these areas?
- (5) What amount of funding was allocated by your agencies to back burning and hazard reduction in the Hunter area in each of the past two financial years?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service has advised me while it did conduct hazard reduction works within the Hunter catchment area, the specific information requested is unable to be extracted from its database in these terms.

\*4868 CESSNOCK SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What is the funding increase or decrease for each of the schools in the Cessnock electorate under the Resource Allocation Model announced on 22 October 2013?

Answer—

The funding allocations to New South Wales public schools as announced on 22 October 2013 can be found on the Department of Education and Communities website at <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/plans-reports-and-statistics/key-statistics-and-report/1sld-ram-stats.pdf>

\*4869 RENTAL PROPERTY SWIMMING POOL REGISTRATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

Whose responsibility is it to register an above ground swimming pool installed on a rental property - the tenant who purchased and owns the swimming pool or the property owner?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

The Swimming Pools Act 1992 requires that the owner of the premises on which a swimming pool is situated must ensure that the required information is entered on the Register. The owner's agent (for example, a real estate property manager) may register a pool or spa on the owner's behalf.

\*4870 FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION CLOSURE—Mr Guy Zangari asked 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) Since 1 July 2013, has the Fairfield Fire Station been closed for any period during times of state wide fire bans or severe weather warnings?
- (2) If yes, on which dates was the station closed?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that fire stations are not closed on total fire ban days or when severe weather warnings are issued.

\*4871 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government conduct a review of the new Sydney Trains timetable in light of the concerns raised by Fairfield residents?

Answer—

Customer feedback is always appreciated. We will continue to monitor the performance of the timetable and consider the views of customers.

Residents of the Fairfield electorate are now benefiting from more services on the South Line, the Cumberland Line and the Bankstown Line. These services provide improved travel times to the City and Parramatta, with simpler, more consistent service patterns improving the customer experience across the network.

\*4872 CENTENARY OF FIRST ANZAC DEPLOYMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) When will the Government commit funding to commemorate the centenary of ANZAC in August 2014?
- (2) How much funding will be committed?
- (3) What event will be held to mark the deployment of the first ANZAC troops in 1914?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is committed to supporting a program of activities to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC from August 2014 through to 2018. The amount of funding to be committed will depend on the final scope of the Commemoration Program. Details of the Program are currently being developed by the whole-of-government committee of senior officers.
- (2) Refer to answer to Question (1)
- (3) Refer to answer to Question (1)

\*4873 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Minister's answer to Question Without Notice "Miranda Electorate Train Timetables" asked on 23 October 2013:

What factors does the Minister take into account in assessing the transport "experience" of passengers travelling on peak hour train services to the city?

Answer—

I am advised:

Our customers have told us that travel time, frequency and reliability is important to them. Other important factors include safety, comfort and system efficiency.

Residents of the Miranda electorate now benefit from reduced journey times, additional fast services, a more consistent clock-face timetable, simplified stopping patterns and reduced crowding. Across the Illawarra Line the new timetable delivers 149 extra weekly services including 55 in the peak.

\*4874 STUDENT AND TEACHER NUMBERS AT GYMEA TAFE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students attended Higher School Certificate courses at Gymea TAFE in:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010;
  - (c) 2011;
  - (d) 2012;
  - (e) 2013?
- (2) How many teachers were employed to teach Higher School Certificate courses at Gymea TAFE in:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010;
  - (c) 2011;
  - (d) 2012;
  - (e) 2013?

Answer—

- (1) Number of students attending Higher School Certificate courses at Gymea TAFE:
  - (a) 116
  - (b) 119
  - (c) 103
  - (d) 117

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- (e) 88
- (2) Number of teachers employed to teach Higher School Certificate courses at Gymea TAFE:
- (a) 15
  - (b) 15
  - (c) 15
  - (d) 16
  - (e) 15
- \*4875 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT UPGRADE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Does the Government plan to upgrade the Sutherland Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit?
  - (2) If so, what funding has been allocated to upgrading the Sutherland Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit for:
    - (a) 2013-14;
    - (b) 2014-15;
    - (c) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 10 October 2013, the Government announced funding of \$400,000 for the planning of a major redevelopment of the Sutherland Hospital. This planning will consider any new and additional requirements of the ward areas and the Emergency Department to meet the needs of the Sutherland community.

- \*4876 CABRAMATTA FIRE STATION CLOSURE—Mr Nick Lalich asked 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) Since 1 July 2013, has the Cabramatta Fire Station been closed for any period during times of state wide fire bans or severe weather warnings?
  - (2) If yes, on which dates was the station closed?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that fire stations are not closed on total fire ban days or when severe weather warnings are issued.

- \*4877 BONNYRIGG FIRE STATION CLOSURE—Mr Nick Lalich asked 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) Since 1 July 2013, has the Bonnyrigg Fire Station been closed for any period during times of state wide fire bans or severe weather warnings?
  - (2) If yes, on which dates was the station closed?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that fire stations are not closed on total fire ban days or when severe weather warnings are issued.

- \*4878 HEAVY VEHICLE DANGEROUS GOODS OFFENCES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Since 1 April 2011, how many heavy vehicles transporting dangerous goods in tunnels have received infringement notices?
  - (2) What is the maximum penalty drivers can receive for this offence?
  - (3) How many drivers have received this maximum penalty?
  - (4) Can vehicles, such as fuel tankers, go into tunnels if they are not fully loaded?
    - (a) If so, what is the maximum percentage of their load they can carry into these tunnels?

Answer—

The Minister for Roads and Ports is not responsible for the administration of legislation relating to the Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act 2008.

Information on the transportation of dangerous goods by heavy vehicles in New South Wales is available at <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/dangerousgoods/>

\*4879 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING IN KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which preschools in the Keira electorate will receive funding increases under reforms to early childhood education recently announced by the Government?
- (2) Which preschools in the Keira electorate will receive a decrease in funding as a result of these reforms?
  - (a) By how much will each of these preschools' funding decrease?

Answer—

On 24 October 2013 the Government announced a new Preschool Funding Model that will make \$150 million available to the community preschool sector, which is a 20% increase on current funding levels. It will also create a fairer funding system by targeting increased funding to children in their year before school and to disadvantaged and Aboriginal children aged three and over. As a result of these changes, 95% of preschools will see an increase in their base funding rate for four and five year olds.

As a per-child funding model, allocations to community preschools are based on the annual enrolment profile of each service and, as such, vary from year to year. However, the implementation of the new Preschool Funding Model includes a three year transition period to give services time to adjust. Under these transition arrangements, no service will lose funding in the first two years as a result of the policy changes.

\*4880 FIRE STATION CLOSURES—Mr Jamie Parker asked 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) Were any New South Wales fire stations closed due to "TOLing" on:
  - (a) 16 October 2013?
    - (i) If so, which fire stations?
  - (b) 17 October 2013?
    - (i) If so, which fire stations?
  - (c) 18 October 2013?
    - (i) If so, which fire stations?
- (2) Were any New South Wales fire stations short of staff on:
  - (a) 16 October 2013?
    - (i) If so, which fire stations?
  - (b) 17 October 2013?
    - (i) If so, which fire stations?
  - (c) 18 October 2013?
    - (i) If so, which fire stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 16 October 2013, a small number of trucks were TOLed after a risk assessment was conducted by Fire and Rescue NSW and assessed as minimal. This is a well practised system which gives Fire and Rescue NSW the capacity and capability to routinely move fire engines and crews to areas of highest need. TOLing has been occurring for over 100 years.

On 17 and 18 October 2013, a Total Fire Ban was declared, and Fire and Rescue NSW does not TOL on these days.

\*4881 NOUMEA PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the needs based funding for Noumea Public School in the Mount Druitt electorate been reduced by over \$48,000?
- (2) What circumstances have changed that resulted in this reduction of funding for Noumea Public School?
- (3) What impact will this reduction have on the programs and staff at this school?

Answer—

- (1) In 2014, Noumea Public School will receive \$564,256 through the two new equity loadings (socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds) of the Resource Allocation Model. This is a reduction of

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- 7.9% or \$48,521 compared to the previous high levels of funding the school received from multiple equity funding sources.
- (2) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities is introducing a fairer funding model for all schools, which reflects the characteristics of individual schools and their students. The new Family Occupation and Education Index captures the data on every student enrolled in every New South Wales public school. Schools with a high score on the Family Occupation and Education Index and the highest proportion of disadvantaged students will be funded at the highest level under the new equity loading for socio-economic background. This loading funds student need, not schools on a program and it considers all public schools across the state. For 2014, the needs based funding for Noumea Public School has been allocated according to the new model. The school also has a reducing enrolment pattern and this has affected funding levels.
- (3) In 2014 Noumea Public School will continue to receive a significant level of equity funding and will be well placed to deliver quality educational programs and employ equity funded staff positions. The school is currently undertaking an evaluation of existing programs and planning for 2014. Key programs will remain with some minor adjustments to staffing. In the longer term, the new funding model will provide a more sustainable way for the school to plan over time, rather than make large adjustments in response to being 'on' or 'off' a program.

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- 4882 HUNTER REGION COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR MEN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4883 HUNTER REGION CHILDREN IN CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4884 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—
- 4885 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4886 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4887 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4888 PARRAMATTA COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4889 FADED SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4890 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL THEATRE NURSE VACANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4891 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT GANGS ACT PROSECUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4892 INMATE SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4893 ROSS SELLER JUDGMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4894 NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGIST EXPERT ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4895 NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGIST EXPERT ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 4896 SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 4897 SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4898 MOTORISED BICYCLES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4899 PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4900 PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL TENDER COMPANIES—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4901 PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND CAR PARK—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4902 PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND CAR PARK TENDER COMPANIES—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4903 PROPOSED WOLLONGONG PRIVATE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCEMENT—Ms Noreen Hay to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4904 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4905 PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER REQUESTS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4906 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL SERVICE PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4907 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4908 YALLAH TO OAK FLATS ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4909 HARBOUR MOORING AT SNAILS BAY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4910 FORT STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONCERNS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4911 FLOOD PRONE AREAS IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

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- 4912 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST STOP UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4913 MOUNT KEIRA DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4914 SPEED CAMERA TOLERANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4915 MALDON TO DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—



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- 4916 MALDON TO DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4917 TAFE NSW DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4918 ILLAWARRA YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—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—
- 4919 RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS—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—
- 4920 COMPULSORY DRUG TREATMENT CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4921 SHALVEY PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4922 WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4923 BALMAIN PRESCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—

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(Paper No. 192)

- 4924 SALE OF ILLEGAL TOBACCO IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4925 REAL ESTATE LICENCE REGULATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4926 UNLICENSED TRADESPEOPLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 4927 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4928 MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4929 LIQUOR LICENCES IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4930 FOOD SAFETY BREACHES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4931 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION OPERATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 4932 INTERSECTION OF STACEY STREET AND GRIFFITHS ROAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4933 NUMBER OF AMBULANCES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4934 OUT OF AREA AMBULANCE RESPONSE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4935 PATIENT TRANSPORT UPON DISCHARGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4936 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- 4937 POLICE OFFICER FIRST RESPONSE AGREEMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 4938 MARITIME REGISTRATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4939 MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2014—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 4940 ABORIGINAL PLACES DEVELOPMENT BUFFER ZONES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4941 PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- \*4942 FILIPINO MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Filipino Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

- \*4943 CROATIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Croatian Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

- \*4944 VIETNAMESE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Vietnamese Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

- \*4945 MAORI AND PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITIES MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Maori and Pacific Island Communities Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

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\*4946 MACEDONIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Macedonian Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

\*4947 GREEK MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Greek Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

\*4948 CHINESE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Chinese Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

\*4949 ITALIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Italian Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

\*4950 SRI LANKAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Sri Lankan Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

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- 4951 CONCESSION TICKETS FOR OLDER PEOPLE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4952 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT IN SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4953 CYCLING AND ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4954 ELIZABETH BAY MARINA LEASE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4955 DISEASED DUCK MEAT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4956 DUCK FARMING PRACTICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 4957 PRIVATISED DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—
- 4958 PUBLICATION OF PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4959 WOLLI CREEK TRAIN STATION—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4960 OATLEY TRAIN STATION—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4961 TRAIN COMMUTER PATRONAGE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4962 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4963 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4964 OVERHEIGHT TRUCK DAMAGE TO ROADS AND TUNNELS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4965 HEAVY VEHICLE DIESEL RETROFIT PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4966 PARTICULATE MATTER READINGS IN M5 EAST TUNNEL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4967 WILLMOT PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4968 SCHOOL TEACHER NUMBERS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 4969 IT STOPS HERE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REFORMS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4970 NEWCASTLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4971 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FUNDING PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4972 NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE CLOSURE DATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

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- 4973 NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE CLOSURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4974 LEGAL AID IN LOCAL COURT MATTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4975 HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM DEBATING COMPETITION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 4976 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 4977 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- 4978 REDUCED WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4979 NSW STATE PAROLE AUTHORITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4980 REVIEW OF WHELAN CASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4981 GRAHAM HARRISON—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 4982 VANDALTRAK GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT SYSTEM—Mr Paul Lynch 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—
- 4983 EMPLOYMENT OF MATT DANIEL BY LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4984 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4985 VACANT LAND ON HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4986 COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch 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—
- 4987 HOXTON PARK ROAD BP SERVICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4988 NUMBER OF EXTRA ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4989 ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN SERVICE TO MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4990 TIME AND DESTINATION OF EXTRA ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4991 PLANNING FOR NEW CEMETERIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 4992 LEGACY PAYMENTS FOR OLYMPIC FACILITIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 4993 MOUNT DRUITT SWIMMING POOL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4994 DAPTO TAFE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—

- 4995 RENAMING OF FLINDERS RAILWAY STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 4996 LIVE TRAFFIC NSW APP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 4997 TENDERS FOR PROVISION OF HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 4998 NEWINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT TRAVEL PASS—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4999 CRITICAL INDUSTRY CLUSTERS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

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- \*5000 LEBANESE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Lebanese Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;  
(b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

- \*5001 INDIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Indian Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;  
(b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

- \*5002 KOREAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Korean Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;  
(b) 2013?

Answer—

The Ministerial Consultative Committees are representative of the local community and aim to work with the Government on the needs, interests and concerns of the multicultural community in New South Wales.

- \*5003 JEWISH MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Jewish Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;  
(b) 2013?

Answer—

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\*5004 EGYPTIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What have been the achievements of the Egyptian Ministerial Consultative Committee for the period:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013?

Answer—

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- 5005 IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 5006 LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5007 CHANGES TO ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5008 ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS LOCAL DECISIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5009 BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5010 BATHURST BASE HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5011 PLAYMATES COTTAGE CHILD CARE CENTRE DUBBO—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5012 ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5013 INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5014 WAGGA WAGGA PARAMEDICS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5015 OUT-OF-HOME CARE ADOPTION—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5016 SIBLINGS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5017 CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATIVE REFORM DISCUSSION PAPER—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5018 NEW ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES LOGO—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 5019 PLANNING FOR NEW CEMETERIES IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

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- 5020 CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA EDUCATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 5021 NEW SOUTH WALES CEMETERIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 5022 NEW SOUTH WALES CREMATORIUMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 5023 STOCKTON HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 5024 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 5025 TRAIN AND STATION ANNOUNCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5026 PRISON FARM VEGETABLE GARDENS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5027 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL NEUROSURGEON WAITING TIME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5028 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5029 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS TO SYDNEY TRAINS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5030 NEW TRAIN TIMETABLE COMPLAINTS TO MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5031 ILLEGAL STREET DRAG RACING—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 5032 RAISING AWARENESS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 5033 RAISING AWARENESS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL RISKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 5034 PAWNBROKER INTEREST CHARGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5035 LICENSED PAWNBROKERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 5036 DUNC GRAY OLYMPIC VELODROME—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 5037 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5038 LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE ACTION PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 5039 OXFORD STREET LIQUOR LICENCE FREEZE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 5040 SYDNEY HARBOUR CLEAN UP—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—



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- 5041 NATIVE VEGETATION ACT COMPLIANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 5042 ILLEGAL HUNTING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 5043 BACKPACKER IMPACTS ON KINGS CROSS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5044 MARDI GRAS POLICING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5045 ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5046 SYDNEY ELECTORATE SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5047 COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5048 CASE WORKER VACANCIES—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5049 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5050 HOUSING NSW PROPERTY NUMBERS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5051 NEW PUBLIC HOUSING IN CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5052 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5053 DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5054 DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5055 PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDING THE DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2013—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5056 PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5057 OPEN SPACE IN DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5058 REDUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL LAND UNDER THE DRAFT BLACKTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- 5059 REDUCTION IN SCHOOL STAFF AND SERVICES IN THE MARRICKVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5060 NATIONAL PLAN FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 5061 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5062 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5063 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS MARRICKVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Carmel Tebbutt to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5064 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL TENDER HEALTHSCOPE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5065 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL TENDER RAMSAY HEALTH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5066 CONRAD CAPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5067 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB GAMES AT WIN STADIUM—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 5068 EATING DISORDER SERVICES IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 5069 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5070 SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANCY CONTACTS KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 5071 LAKEMBA ELECTORATE FIRE STATIONS—Mr Robert Furolo 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—
- 5072 SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL INQUIRY—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5073 F6 FREEWAY EXTENSION FROM LOFTUS TO ST PETERS—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- 5074 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5075 SHOOTINGS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5076 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 5077 NURSING HOME AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5078 CRONULLA FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE SITE—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 5079 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
- 5080 CEMETERY SPACE IN SYDNEY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
- 5081 LIVERPOOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS VANDALISM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 5082 RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—

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