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- 3337 FIRST HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many persons have been granted First Home Buyer Assistance by the Government during the current financial year, to persons living in the following postcodes:
    - (a) 2770
    - (b) 2766
    - (c) 2761?
  - (2) In relation to the above, how much money was expended in providing these benefits?
  - (3) How do these figures compare to the same period during the previous three financial years?
- 3338 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- In relation to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund:
- (1) What projects have been funded to date?
  - (2) What was the total sum allocated to each of these projects?
  - (3) How many applications have been unsuccessful?
  - (4) What is the process by which the fund determines whether or not a project has "strong prospects of securing funding through their own capital expenditure programs"?
  - (5) What is the fund's current balance?
- 3339 MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

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Since the inception of the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs:

- (1) When and where has the taskforce met?
- (2) What was the duration of each of these meetings?
- (3) Who attended (including position title of any staff representing substantive members)?
- (4) What is the total budget allocation for the taskforce for 2012-13?

3340 IT ASSIST PROJECT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many staff of the Department of Family and Community Services attended the one day consultations for the IT Assist project?
- (2) How many of these staff were case workers?

3341 PRACTICE FIRST TRIAL—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

In relation to the Bathurst/Mudgee Practice First trial:

- (1) At the time of commencement, what was the proposed duration of the trial?
- (2) On what date did the trial commence?
- (3) When was the evaluation of the trial completed?
- (4) When was the evaluation completed?
- (5) When was the evaluation report noted by the Minister?
- (6) When was the decision made to extend the trial to fifteen new sites?
- (7) How has the KiDS system been modified to support the Practice First model?
- (8) What is the budget allocation for modifying/updating the KiDS system in 2012-13 and 2013-14?

3342 SAFE SHOOTING PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

With respect to the Safe Shooting Program:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a list of successful applicants for 2013 including a brief description of the funded projects and the grant awarded to each organisation?
- (2) How many applications were unsuccessful?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a list of successful applicants for 2012 including a brief description of the funded projects and the grant awarded to each organisation?
- (4) Why are these projects not listed on the Sport and Recreation website?
- (5) Do departmental staff make any site inspections or visits to potential recipient clubs?

3343 SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—

- (1) In 2012, how many staff at Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) were employed as consultants or on short-term contracts?
- (2) What was the total expenditure on these contracts in 2012?
- (3) How many FTE positions were made redundant in 2012?
- (4) How many staff (expressed as FTE positions) left the organisation in total (including resignations and retirements)?
- (5) What was the total value (expressed in dollars) of the positions that were made redundant in 2012?
- (6) How many people were employed at SHFA on 1 January 2011?
- (7) How many people were employed at SHFA on 1 January 2013?

3344 NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the National Mental Health Commission's November 2012 report card on mental health and suicide prevention services in Australia, A Contributing Life:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this report and its recommendations;
- (2) What action has the Government taken to:
  - (a) independently survey experience of and access to mental health services (Recommendation 1);
  - (b) increase access to mental health services (Recommendation 2);
  - (c) reduce involuntary practices, seclusion and restraint (Recommendation 3);
  - (d) set targets and reduce early death and physical illness of people with mental illness (Recommendation 4);

- (e) include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health in 'Closing the Gap' targets (Recommendation 5);
- (f) commit to the same safety and quality of care in mental health services as in general health services (Recommendation 6);
- (g) invest in healthy families and communities to increase resilience and reduce the need for crisis services (Recommendation 7);
- (h) increase the number of people with mental health difficulties in work (Recommendation 8);
- (i) prevent discharge from mental health or drug and alcohol services into homelessness (Recommendation 9); and
- (j) prevent and reduce suicides through timely local responses and reporting (Recommendation 10)?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to improve mental health services and support in the inner city based on this assessment and recommendations?
- 3345 ENERGY PRICES REFORM AGENDA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- In regards to the agreement at the Council of Australian Governments December Standing Council on Energy and Resources meeting to a reform agenda to reduce energy prices caused by network investments for peak demand:
- (1) What action will the Government take to make it easier for retailers to give consumers choice to manage their energy use and reduce costs, like providing smart meters, in-home displays, and time-of-use pricing?
- (2) What action will the Government take to provide for greater demand-side participation to make it easier for consumers to cut their demand, particularly at peak periods?
- (3) How will the Government work to ensure that investment by network businesses is more efficient?
- 3346 BARANGAROO CONSTRUCTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- With regards to the Barangaroo construction:
- (1) Why were construction hours extended on weekdays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for work associated with excavation for the commercial towers?
- (2) What guarantee will the Government give to local residents that times will not be extended further?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure work does not occur outside approved construction hours?
- (4) What assessment does the Government give when considering a request to extend permissible construction hours to the noise impacts on local residents in terms of:
- (a) the number of years construction will occur;
- (b) other projects occurring and to occur on the site over the long term; and
- (c) The number of trucks travelling to and from the site before and after construction time?
- 3347 324/325 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- With regards to 324/325 bus services:
- (1) Since the Eastern Suburbs Bus Review what is the patronage patterns on these routes?
- (2) What are the monthly patronage numbers for this bus service for 2012?
- (3) What measures have been considered to improve service reliability, and which of these have been implemented?
- (4) What changes have been made to these bus services since an additional 6:42 am 324 route from Edgecliff was added?
- (5) What changes have been made to improve reliability of peak hour travel on the 324/325 services?
- (6) What complaints has the Government received about the 324/325 bus services during 2012 and 2013?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve these bus services?
- 3348 EASTLAKE SHOPPING CENTRE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- In relation to the development application pending for Eastlakes Shopping Centre pursuant to Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979:

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- (1) Why, after the Planning and Assessment Commission in September 2010 rejected a recommendation from the Department to authorise the submission of a concept plan, did the Department of Planning continue to deal with the application and allow the submission of a development application without a further concept plan being submitted to the Planning and Assessment Commission?
  - (2) Was it the Minister or the Minister's predecessor that made decisions in relation to how this Development Application was to be received and assessed by the Department of Planning?
  - (3) Has any Member or former Member of Parliament made representation to either the Minister or the Minister's predecessor, or the Director General of the Department, or any officer of the Department on behalf of Iwan Sunito of the Crown Group?
  - (4) What was the nature of those representations?
  - (5) What was communicated to that member or former member of parliament and what action was taken by the department as a result of those representations?
- 3349 BASKETBALL NSW COMPLIANCE RULE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- As Minister for Western Sydney where basketball has a significant following and number of players, does the Premier support the Compliance Rule of Basketball NSW as to the number of teams a basketball club can enter into state competitions being based on a previous year's numbers of players rather than the numbers of players for the current year?
- 3350 BUILDING ASSESSMENT AND BACKLOG MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Given that the NSW Auditor General recommends (Volume 11, 2012, page 37) that all Local Health Districts should complete a condition based assessment of buildings and determine the backlog maintenance requirements by 30 June 2013:
- (1) What directive, if any, to make this happen, has been released by:
    - (a) The Minister's office?
    - (b) NSW Health?
  - (2) When was this directive released?
  - (3) In what way?
  - (4) In what forum will this report be publicly released?
- 3351 OUTPATIENTS AT PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regard to outpatients at Prince of Wales Hospital:
- (1) How many clinics at Prince of Wales Hospital exist as of 1 January 2013?
  - (2) Is there any plan to reduce the number of these clinics?
  - (3) If payment is required what mechanism will be used?
- 3352 SMOKING ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What are the maximum and minimum fines for smoking on a Railway platform under the Tobacco legislation Amendment Bill 2012?
  - (2) How many charges have been laid in NSW under this act since the Bill was passed in 2012:
    - (a) in total;
    - (b) on railway platforms?
- 3353 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- With regards to the Ophthalmology Clinic at Liverpool Hospital:
- (1) Given that patients require a referral from private ophthalmologists who do not bulk bill, what options are there for patients in the Liverpool area who need to see an ophthalmologist and cannot afford to pay to see one?
  - (2) What other clinics that take referrals from GPs or optometrists are available for patients from Liverpool?
- 3354 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL SPINAL UNIT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the Spinal Unit at Prince of Wales Hospital:

- (1) How many beds are funded as of 15 January 2013?
- (2) How many beds are open and available for patients at this time?

3355 ASH—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is there a product called Ash available in tobacconists?
- (2) In what forms is this available?
- (3) What drug is contained in this preparation?
- (4) Have concerns been raised with your office about this product?
- (5) What role does NSW Health have in regulating this product?

3356 BULAHDELAH HOSPITAL—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regards to Bulahdelah Hospital:

- (1) How many days per week is Bulahdelah Hospital covered by locum medical officers?
- (2) How many days of medical locum cover in total were:
  - (a) advertised for; and
  - (b) provided to Bulahdelah hospital from 1 July to 31 December 2012?
- (3) When was an advertisement for a new GP last placed?
- (4) In what media?
- (5) Has the help of local or international recruitment agencies been sought?

3357 NOISE ABATEMENT IN CASULA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—

With regards to noise abatement in Casula and the opening of the Southern Sydney Freight Line:

- (1) When were noise barriers last investigated as an option?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of noise barriers in the Casula region?
- (3) (a) In the last 12 months, how has the financial evaluation of all the options progressed?  
(b) If so, when and where will these costing be made available?
- (4) When will a decision be made communicated to the people of Casula about the decisions taken by the Government about noise mitigation?

3358 NOISE MEASUREMENTS AND BARRIERS IN CASULA—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport—

With regards to noise abatement in Casula and the opening of the Southern Sydney Freight Line:

- (1) When were noise measurements last conducted?
- (2) When will this next be conducted?
- (3) What options for noise abatement have been investigated by Railcorp?
- (4) (a) What plans exist for noise barriers?  
(b) If plans exist, what is the timeframe for their erection?

3359 SUN SAFE HATS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—

Will the revised sun protection guidelines for primary schools require students to wear a sun safe (broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style) hat?

3360 MT OUSLEY ROAD AND F6 INTERSECTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Over the last 10 years, how many accidents have taken place at the intersection of Old Mt Ousley Road and the F6 (Mt Ousley Road)?
- (2) Are there any plans to improve this intersection?
- (3) If so, what is planned and what is the timeline for completion?

3361 ABUSE BY DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many reports of abuse or neglect by disability service provider staff have there been between June 2011 to June 2012?
- (2) How many reports of abuse or neglect by disability service provider staff have there been between June 2012 to the present?



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- (3) How many official investigations have there been of allegations of abuse by disability service provider staff between June 2011 and June 2012?
- (4) How many disability service provider staff members have faced disciplinary action or lost their employment as a result of allegations of abuse between June 2011 and June 2012?
- (5) What monitoring mechanisms do Ageing, Disability and Home Care have to investigate any reports of abuse and neglect by service provider staff?
- 3362 PROCEDURES FOR ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- Given the Minister's statement on September 2012 that asks for Ageing, Disability and Home Care to review procedures around allegations of abuse:
- (1) What, if any, changes have occurred around the handling of allegations of abuse?
- (2) When will information about any changes to procedures be made publically available?
- (3) How many reports of abuse by staff have there been between June 2011 to June 2012 by region?
- (4) (a) How many reports of abuse by staff have there been between June 2012 to the present by region?
- (b) How have they been dealt with by region?
- (5) (a) How many internal ADHC investigations have there been of allegations of abuse or neglect between June 2011 and June 2012 by region?
- (b) What were the outcomes of these investigations by region?
- (6) How many staff members have faced disciplinary action or lost their employment as a result of allegations of abuse between June 2011 and June 2012 by region?
- 3363 DENIAL OF RIGHTS REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- In line with the Ombudsman's 'Denial of Rights' report outlining the lack of services and supports for people with psychiatric disability:
- (1) Will Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) amend its Allocation of Places in Supported Accommodation policy so that people with a primary diagnosis of mental illness are able to access accommodation?
- (2) What actions will ADHC take to meet the needs of people with psychiatric disability as outlined in the Ombudsman's report?
- (3) When will ADHC be reporting on their response to the Ombudsman's report and will this be publically available?
- 3364 ABUSE BY DISABILITY SUPPORT STAFF—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many incidents of abuse by Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC) staff have been reported to NSW Police between June 2011 and June 2012?
- (2) How many incidents of abuse by ADHC staff or support staff have been reported to NSW Police from June 2012 to the present?
- (3) How many investigations have there been of any allegations of abuse by ADHC staff between June 2011 and June 2012?
- (4) How many ADHC staff have been charged with offences relating to abuse between June 2011 and June 2012?
- (5) How many charges have been laid against any ADHC staff between June 2011 and June 2012?
- 3365 PARRAMATTA GIRLS HOME SITE OF CONSCIENCE—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Will the Minister support the Parramatta Girls Home/Parramatta Female Factory precinct being designated a "site of conscience"?
- (2) If not, why not?
- 3366 STOCKTON AND TOMAREE CENTRES—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Given Stronger Together 2 commits to the Stockton and Tomaree Centres to be closed by 30 June 2018, what plans have been developed to do this?
- (2) What consultation has occurred around the devolution and when will plans be available to the

- public?
- (3) How much money has been budgeted, specifically in the 2012-13 financial year and in the forward estimates, for:
- (a) Stockton; and
  - (b) Tomaree
- (4) What is the amount of money allocated for 3(a) and (b) above?
- 3367 OMBUDSMAN'S DENIAL OF RIGHTS REPORT—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- In line with the recent Ombudsman's Denial of Rights report outlining the lack of services and supports for people with psychiatric disability:
- (1) What actions will the Minister be taking to improve services and to meet the needs of people with psychiatric disability as outlined in the Ombudsman's report?
  - (2) When will the Minister be reporting on his response to the Ombudsman's report and will the response be publicly available?
- 3368 NORMA PARKER CENTRE BUILDING—Mrs Barbara Perry to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- Following the fire at the former Norma Parker Centre in the Parramatta Girls Home precinct:
- (1) What is being done to preserve the building from the elements?
  - (2) Why hasn't a cover been placed over the building to ensure that no further damage occurs?
  - (3) Has the Minister liaised with the Minister for Heritage about the preservation of this historic building?
- 3369 NATIONAL PARKS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) (a) Are all National Parks offices in regional NSW staffed during normal working hours?
  - (b) If not, are phone messages relayed to a central contact point in case of fire notification within the parks?
  - (c) If this not the case what measures are in place?
  - (2) Can the Minister advise who is responsible for the control of fires within National Parks boundaries?
  - (3) What annual hazard reduction measures are in place to contain and extinguish fires in national parks?
  - (4) Is it possible to appoint neighbouring property owners as local contact officers during times of fire?
  - (5) Does the Department make any financial contribution to the local Rural Fire Service and other local services for any disadvantage caused by National Parks?
  - (6) If negligence of fire control is proved within the National Park boundaries are National Parks responsible for damage caused to neighbouring properties?