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- 4526 POLICE STATION OPEN HOURS LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—

What hours are the following Police Stations in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command open each day?

- (a) Cardiff;
- (b) Morisset;
- (c) Swansea?

- 4527 POLICE STATION OPEN HOURS HUNTER VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—

What hours are the following Police Stations in the Hunter Valley Local Area Command open each day?

- (1) Branxton;
- (2) Bulga;
- (3) Cassilis;
- (4) Denman;
- (5) Jerrys Plains;
- (6) Merriwa;
- (7) Moonan Flats;
- (8) Murrurundi;
- (9) Scone;
- (10) Singleton;
- (11) Willow Tree?

- 4528 NEW SOUTH WALES CRIMINAL APPEALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

With regard to sentences handed down by the NSW Court System to criminals who plead guilty to the charges against them and then appeal their sentences

- (1) Does the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) have sufficient funding available to ensure they can lodge their own appeal when a penalty is reduced?
- (2) Is the DPP advised of all sentences handed down by the NSW Court System?
 - (a) If not, how is the DPP made aware of sentences that do not appear adequate to the history of the offender?
- (3) Who oversees the sentencing decisions to ensure that the victims are protected?

- 4529 LOCAL COUNCIL PREVENTING PETITION SIGNING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—

Do local councils in New South Wales have the authority to prevent residents from using public streets to obtain signatures for petitions?

- (a) If so, what legislation gives this authority?
- (b) If not, what avenues are available to residents to hold local councils accountable?

- 4530 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

How many people in the Hunter region are on the Public Housing waiting list as at 30 June 2013?

- 4531 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is community consultation undertaken prior to a decision being made to close a public school due to insufficient student numbers in a given year?
- (2) Does the Department of Education and Communities proactively advertise for more students at schools with insufficient student numbers?
- (3) Are closed schools retained by the Department of Education and Communities to be opened at a later

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date should the need arise or are the facilities sold?

- 4532 REGIONAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS—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—
- (1) What venues will be used to stage the 2013 regional community Christmas concerts in Nowra, Penrith, Newcastle and Tamworth?
 - (2) How many patrons per concert does each venue in Nowra, Penrith, Newcastle and Tamworth hold?
 - (3) How many patrons did each concert at the Sydney Entertainment Centre hold?
 - (4) What additional public transport will be provided to venues in Nowra, Penrith, Newcastle and Tamworth to enable patrons to attend?
- 4533 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services—
- (1) Has the Government conducted any modelling or impact studies to estimate the value and benefit to industry in New South Wales of the National Broadband Network (NBN) initiated by the former Federal Government?
 - (2) Has the Government conducted any modelling or impact studies to estimate the value and benefit to industry in New South Wales of the NBN proposed by the current Federal Government?
 - (3) What is the productivity impact to regional New South Wales as shown from any modelling in (1) and (2)?
 - (4) Does the Government have any plans to use the NBN as a platform to promote regional industry and growth?
 - (5) Will the Government offer any subsidies to residents of regional New South Wales who will be required to fund the node to home costs under the Federal Government plan?
- 4534 BUDGET PAPER 2013-14 SALARY INCREASES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- With regard to Budget Paper 2, Table A.2 (page A-7):
- Why are expected salary increases listed as 2.00% in 2015-16 and 2016-17?
- 4535 TATTOO PARLOUR LICENSING APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) How many tattoo parlours are estimated to be in New South Wales?
 - (2) How many applications have been received from tattoo parlours for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws?
 - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
 - (3) How many applications have been received from tattoo artists for licensing under the new tattoo parlour licensing laws?
 - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
- 4536 PHONE AND CARD SKIMMING SCAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- What programs are in place to protect vulnerable people such as the elderly from falling victim to phone scams and card skimming scams?
- 4537 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Will the Community Building Partnership Program allocation for the Bankstown electorate be increased to \$400,000 in 2013-14?
 - (2) If not, will the Bankstown electorate receive \$300,000 in 2013-14??
- 4538 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE HERITAGE LISTED SITES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How much funding has the Government committed towards the maintenance of heritage listed sites in the Bankstown electorate?
 - (2) Which sites in the Bankstown electorate have received this funding?
- 4539 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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- (1) How many people from the Bankstown electorate applied for a Working With Children Check this year?
- (a) How many of these applications were approved?
- (b) How many of these applications were refused?
- (2) How do the figures listed in 1(a) and 1(b) compare with the rest of New South Wales?
- 4540 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL SPEED CAMERA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) Is the Minister reviewing the speed camera in the school zone on the Hume Highway near Bankstown North Public School?
- (a) If so, why?
- (2) Has the Minister consulted with Bankstown North Public School regarding pedestrian safety at this site?
- 4541 TATTOO PARLOURS ACT CLOSE ASSOCIATES—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—
- How has the declaration of "close associates" by operators as outlined in section 4 of the Tattoo Parlour Act 2012 been monitored?
- 4542 BANKSTOWN SOUTH INFANTS SCHOOL FENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- Will the Government contribute the remaining \$2,500 needed by Bankstown South Infants School to install a security fence?
- 4543 STACEY STREET SPEED CAMERA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- Will the revenue raised from the recently installed red light speed camera on Stacey Street Bankstown be directed to improving the Stacey Street and Hume Highway intersection?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 4544 FAIRFIELD TAXI RANKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Does the Government plan to provide additional taxi ranks in the Fairfield Central Business District to compensate for the reduction in taxi spaces as a result of the upgrade to the Fairfield interchange?
- 4545 BUS MANUFACTURING CONTRACTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Why has the Government awarded major bus manufacturing contracts to Queensland businesses instead of supporting local New South Wales businesses?
- 4546 THE HORSLEY DRIVE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- What data and crash statistics were used to determine the need for three new speed cameras along The Horsley Drive?
- 4547 NUMBER OF SENIOR PROSECUTORS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) How many senior prosecutors were employed by the Director of Public Prosecutions for the 2012-13 period?
- (2) How many senior prosecutors were employed by the Director of Public Prosecutions in the following periods:
- (a) 2010 -11;
- (b) 2011-12?
- 4548 TEMPORARY SHUT DOWNS OF FIRE STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari 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) Which fire stations were subject to temporary shut downs on Tuesday 10 September 2012?

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- 4549 STREET TEAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—
Will the Government reinstate Street Teams to ensure troubled local teenagers have access to social support services?
- 4550 FAIRFIELD EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
What safeguards will be implemented by the Government to assure early education and care services in the Fairfield electorate will not be compromised as a result of the implementation of the funding model as proposed in the Brennan Review?
- 4551 ORIENT STREET GRETA ROAD SURFACE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
In relation to concerns about the road surface of Orient Street in Greta:
Will the Government contribute funds for the road surface to be tarred?
(a) If so, when will this work commence?
(b) If not, why not?
- 4552 INTELLIGENT ACCESS PROGRAM INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
(1) Since March 2011, how many warning letters have been sent by the Intelligent Access Program to heavy vehicle drivers who have incorrectly accessed roads they were not permitted to travel on?
(2) How many infringement notices have been issued by the Intelligent Access Program since March 2011?
(3) For each notice issued what was the specific penalty?
- 4553 TWO MINUTE TAXI DROP OFF ZONE PROPOSAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
(1) Has the Minister considered implementing the proposed "two minute" drop off zone scheme that would allow taxis to set down passengers in no stopping and no standing zones?
(2) What advice has Roads and Maritime Services provided in relation to this issue?
- 4554 LICENCE TEST PASS RATES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
(1) What were the outcomes of the investigation into variations in licence test pass rates between testing centres in New South Wales?
(2) What are the pass rates for licence tests in each testing centre over the last two financial years?
- 4555 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB CROWN LAND DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—
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?
- 4556 SURRY HILLS SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
(1) Has Transport for NSW assessed the proposal to use Foveaux Street rather than Devonshire Street for the South East Light Rail in Surry Hills?
(2) Are there any technical problems with using Foveaux Street for the South East Light Rail?
(a) If so, what are they?
(3) Are there any technical problems with the South East Light Rail crossing the Eastern Distributor?
(a) If so, what are they?

- (4) What changes could be made to resolve any technical problems mentioned in (2) and (3)?
- (5) What further assessment could be carried out on the proposal to use Foveaux Street rather than Devonshire Street for the South East Light Rail in Surry Hills?
- (6) Will the Government ensure that Foveaux Street is considered before the Environment Impact Assessment is released later this year?

4557 OWNER AND OCCUPIER RIGHTS AGAINST OWNERS CORPORATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—

The New South Wales Court of Appeal decision in "the Owners of Strata Plan 50276 v Thoo (2013) NSWCA 270" now excludes owners or occupiers from claiming for financial loss or damages incurred because an owners corporation did not fulfil its statutory duty to maintain and repair common property:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the implications of this part of the decision?
- (2) What discussions has the Government had with lawyers and strata managers about how the threat of litigation can encourage owners corporations to fulfil their obligation to repair and maintain common property?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the increased financial burdens facing owners or occupiers in seeking orders in the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal or adjudication for owners corporation to repair or maintain common property?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to restoring owner and occupier rights to claim for loss or damages when common property is not maintained or repaired?

4558 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL TRANSFERS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many persons were conveyed by ambulance to the Mount Druitt Hospital in the twelve month period ending 31 August 2013?
- (2) How many of these patients were transferred to:
 - (a) Blacktown Hospital;
 - (b) Other hospitals?

4559 PUBLIC HOUSING CONCESSION RENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many public housing tenants claim a concession rent for their dwelling in the Mount Druitt area?
- (2) What percentage of the total public housing stock in Mount Druitt does this figure represent?

4560 WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING SECURITY SERVICES TRIAL—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Has the trial of concierge and security services in the Waterloo high rise public housing premises been evaluated?
- (2) If so, when will the results of the evaluation be publicly available?

4561 BUILT ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN PHASE TWO—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women—

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?