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*6342 BUSES REPLACING TRAINS INTO NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many car parks will be lost at Hamilton to accommodate the buses transporting passengers following the truncation of the rail line into Newcastle?
- (2) How long will the trip from Cardiff to Newcastle Railway Station take under the new train and bus system?
 - (a) How long did this trip previously take by train alone?
- (3) How long will the trip take from Maitland to Newcastle Railway Station under the new train and bus system?
 - (a) How long did this trip previously take by train alone?
- (4) How often will buses run from Hamilton Railway Station in off peak times?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No commuter car parking will be lost at Hamilton.
- (2) and (3) Customers will be able to plan their journey, including travel times, by visiting transportnsw.info or calling 131 500.
- (2) (a) and (3) (a) Current timetable information is available at transportnsw.info or by calling 131 500.
- (4) Buses will run every 10 to 15 minutes to meet every train.

*6343 2014 HUNTER REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Lake Macquarie LGA with the description "Fernleigh Track extension: strategic concept development of cycleway provisions connecting the Fernleigh Track and the Pacific Highway cycleway (Belmont)", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced October 2013" and a cost of \$100,000?
- (2) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Newcastle LGA with the description "Griffiths Road and Lloyd Road, Lambton", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced July 2013" and a cost of \$1,000,000?
- (3) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Newcastle LGA with the description "Install incident response shed Hexham on Pacific Highway", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced August 2013" and a cost of \$100,000?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Lake Macquarie City Council has completed design work and has not yet submitted a proposal for construction to Roads and Maritime Services.
- (2) and (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Roads and Freight.

*6344 WICKHAM BUS TIMETABLES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has the Minister determined the timetables for buses that will replace trains following the truncation of the rail line at Wickham?
 - (a) If not, when will these timetables be available?

Answer—

The replacement bus plan was released on 21 October.

*6345 MEDIAN WAITING TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the median waiting time for New South Wales hospital patients for key procedures considerably longer than the national median waiting time?

- (2) What action is being taken to improve waiting times for key procedures such as knee replacement, tonsil removal, cataract removal, ear, nose and throat surgery, and general orthopaedic surgery at the John Hunter, Belmont and Maitland Hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Australian Institute for Health and Welfare's report into 2012-13 elective surgery waiting times revealed New South Wales was the best performing state for the total combined percentage of surgeries performed on time.

The Hunter New England Local Health District is implementing a number of strategies to further reduce wait times for patients requiring surgery.

- *6346 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the eye clinic at the John Hunter Hospital now fully operational?
 (a) If so, how many days per week does it operate?
 (2) How many ophthalmologists are working at the eye clinic?
 (3) How many patients have been seen by the eye clinic since it re-opened?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The John Hunter Hospital outpatient ophthalmology clinic reopened on 26 August 2014.
 (2) Eight ophthalmologists are currently providing services.
 (3) Since it's reopening, 627 patients have been seen.

- *6347 FUTURE LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the future Lower Hunter Hospital be a public hospital fully funded by the New South Wales and Federal Governments?
 (a) If not, how will it be funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will make a determination on the procurement model once the final business case has been submitted.

- *6348 TAFE FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government support capping TAFE fees at the 2014 rate?
 (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) From 1 January 2015, Smart and Skilled will introduce new fees for students enrolled in government subsidised qualifications. All approved training organisations delivering government subsidised training, including TAFE NSW, will charge the same fees.

- *6349 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME TRIAL SITES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Has all of the funding previously allocated under the Home and Community Care program via the Community Care Support Program now been allocated to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) trial sites?
 (a) If so, why?
 (2) What funding or programs are now available at the trial sites for the NDIS for those under 65 that need support for showering and house cleaning?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) As individuals transition to the NDIS in the Hunter, the funding associated with the services accessed by that individual, including services under the Community Care Supports Program

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(CCSP), will be used to contribute to the Scheme. There is no change in funding arrangements for people in receipt of CCSP funded supports who have not yet transitioned to the NDIS.

The NDIS is based on the principle of each person with disability being able to have full choice and control over their life. The types of supports provided through the CCSP will form a key part of the NDIS.

As people with disability transition into the NDIS they will be able to access the reasonable and necessary supports that they require.

*6350 DRIVER LICENCE TESTING OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

- (1) Has there been a reduction in the number of testing officers conducting driving tests for P1 licences at the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) centres in the Newcastle, Charlestown and Wallsend electorates?
- (2) Has the reduction in full-time equivalent (FTE) RMS staff from 3900 in 2011-12 to 3074 in 2013-14 resulted in a reduced number of testing officers?
 - (a) If so, is this reduction in testing officer numbers a result of efficiency savings?

Answer—

There has been some natural attrition in driver tester ranks in the Hunter region. Importantly customers have not been impacted.

*6351 RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

What is the Attorney General's response to the recommendations in the Report of the Ombudsman dated August 2014 entitled "Policing Intoxicated and Disorderly Conduct: Review of Section 9 of the Summary Offences Act"?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently considering these recommendations.

*6352 LIVERPOOL LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

When will five magistrates sit at the Local Court at Liverpool thus utilising the five court rooms there?

Answer—

I am advised:

The sittings of the Local Court are a matter for the Chief Magistrate pursuant to the Local Court Act 2007.

*6353 JOHN MORONY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Will the new fence at John Morony Correctional Centre be completed?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no plan for a new fence at the John Morony Correctional Centre. Installation of an additional maximum security fence with anti-climb barrel top is currently underway at the Outer Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Correctional Centre, located within the John Morony Correctional Complex near Windsor. This fencing is due to be completed shortly.

*6354 PROTECTION FROM CONVICTED TERRORISM OFFENDERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) What steps have been taken by Corrective Services NSW in relation to convicted terrorism offenders to protect staff from any special risks arising from such offenders?
- (2) What special steps, if any, will Corrective Services NSW take to ensure the secure imprisonment of convicted terrorism offenders?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Inmates received into Corrective Services NSW custody who have been charged or convicted of an offence connected with terrorist activities are initially classified and managed under the regime developed for that classification (AA male or Category 5 female). The management regime, which was developed to ensure the safety of staff and the security of the correctional centre, places strict controls on the inmate's cell placement, movements, mail and telephone contact and visits.
- (2) Inmates convicted of terrorism related activities who are classified as AA or Category 5 are at all times confined in special facilities within a secure physical barrier that includes towers or electronic surveillance equipment.

*6355 COMPUTERISED OPERATIONAL POLICING SYSTEM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why don't Sheriff's Officers have access to the Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) where appropriate to enable them to carry out their duties?

Answer—

I am advised:

Although COPS is the property of the NSW Police Force, Sheriff's Officers can receive relevant information from COPS through the NSW Police Force regarding a person of interest.

*6356 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) Has the budget of the Sheriff's Office been reduced by \$3.2 million?
 - (a) What will this mean?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.

*6357 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Why can't Sheriff's Officers be trained and sworn in as Special Constables?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Court Security Act 2005, the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005, the Civil Procedure Act 2005 and the Sheriff Act 2005 provide Sheriff's Officers with sufficient powers and authorities appropriate to their functions.

*6360 BARBED WIRE FENCING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Do any schools in New South Wales have barbed wire fencing?
 - (a) If so, which schools?

Answer—

The Department does not hold this data centrally.

*6361 COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much did the Government pay in compensation to victims of bullying and other forms of harassment which occurred in New South Wales public schools in the 2013-14 financial year?
- (2) How much did the Government pay for psychological injury compensation claims to current and former staff in the 2013-14 financial year?
- (3) What was the largest monetary compensation payment awarded in the New South Wales public school system in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (a) What incident led to this payment?

Answer—

- (1) Compensation paid does not necessarily correlate with substantiated complaints of bullying or harassment.
- (2) An accurate figure cannot be given as costs include the amount paid to date and an estimated future cost.
- (3) The Department's largest monetary workers compensation payment was a lump sum whole person

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impairment payment of \$265,000 paid on 16 December 2013.

- (a) This lump sum payment arose from an injury sustained by an employee while travelling to their place of employment.

*6362 CAR SHARING APPLICATIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) When will the Minister undertake formal consultation with the community regarding car sharing applications such as Uber?
- (2) How will the Government regulate these types of applications?

Answer—

I am advised:

Consultation will occur as part of the development of regulations for the Passenger Transport Act 2014.

*6363 CANE TOADS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the estimated size of the cane toad population at Taren Point in the Sutherland Shire?
- (2) What is the estimated size of the area covered by the cane toad population at Taren Point in the Sutherland Shire?
- (3) Are there any other known cane toad colonies in the Sutherland Shire?
- (4) What action is the Government taking to eradicate the presence of cane toads in the Sutherland Shire?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) It is not possible to provide a definitive size for the Taren Point population however I am advised that no cane toads have been detected in the eight monitoring events that have taken place since 30 July 2014. As such, the population of Cane Toads appears to be small and no breeding appears to have occurred in 2014.
- (2) The Cane Toads have been found within an area of approximately 1.5 square kilometers.
- (3) No.
- (4) A Cane Toad Working Group was established in 2010 comprising specialists from relevant state government agencies and Sutherland Shire Council. The working group prepared a strategy for the containment and control of Cane Toads at Taren Point. Key actions include regular monitoring of potential shelter sites and breeding areas and the removal of any detected animals.

*6364 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry that reported on 2 July 2014?
- (2) How much has been spent on the action taken, including the cost of staff time and other resources, as at 21 October 2014?

Answer—

The Government is currently actively considering the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry. A Government's response to the Inquiry is due to be provided by 2 January 2015.

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*6365 SALE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN MILLERS POINT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Are the Conservation Management Plans that apply to social housing properties being sold in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks legally binding?
- (2) Do purchasers of these properties have a legal obligation to undertake specific heritage conservation works on individual properties?

- (3) What legal requirements apply for new owners of these properties to restore and conserve individual properties?
- (4) What provisions apply to prevent these properties from being purchased and left to fall into disrepair or be demolished?
- (5) Will the Government legislate against the sale of the registered freehold title of each of these properties to protect the heritage of the buildings?
- (6) What other action will the Government take to protect heritage buildings in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that the heritage properties in Millers Point are sold with approved Conservation Management Plans (CMPs). The CMPs, which are endorsed by the Heritage Council, are attached to contracts of sale and detail the restorations and improvements permissible to the properties. Any changes to properties outside that specified in the CMPs require the approval of the City of Sydney and the Heritage Council.

*6366 INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Will the Government halt tenant relocations and property sales in the Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks precinct until the development of the assets portfolio strategy recommended by the Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that sale decisions are consistent with strategic policy, make the best use of public assets and comply with obligations under the Housing Act to provide housing to those in need?
- (3) How will the Government ensure all funds from the sale of these properties are used to buy or build additional social housing as recommended in the Inquiry?
- (4) Will the Government retain community housing properties in this precinct as listed in recommendation 21 of the Inquiry report?
- (5) Will the Government transfer management of social housing properties in this precinct to Community Housing providers?
- (6) Will the Government retain multi-unit dwellings such as the Sirius building for social housing, as indicated in recommendation 3 of the Inquiry report?
- (7) Will the Government retain purpose-built social housing such as the Cumberland and High Street properties, as indicated in recommendation 4 of the Inquiry report?
- (8) What other action will the Government take to implement the recommendations resulting from the Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing report in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks?

Answer—

The Government's response to the Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing is due by March 2015. The Government is considering the Inquiry Committee's recommendations.

*6367 DARLING HOUSE AGED CARE FACILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Will there be a substantial increase in rent for the Darling House Aged Care facility in Dawes Point?
 - (a) If so, what will be the size of the rent increase?
 - (b) If so, when will this rent increase apply?
 - (c) If so, what notice was given regarding this rent increase?
- (2) When did the lease for the Darling House Aged Care facility expire?
- (3) Will the rent increase make the service of the Darling House Aged Care facility unviable and thereby result in the closure of the facility?
 - (a) If so, what are the reasons for allowing the closure of this facility?
- (4) How has the Government helped Darling House identify ways to continue to provide the service?
- (5) How has the Government helped to ensure that the frail aged residents at Darling House retain their homes?
- (6) Will the Government review this rent increase in order to allow the service to continue?
- (7) What other action will the Government take to help the Darling House Aged Care facility?

Answer—

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I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services that Darling House intends to close its facility in early 2015. Further matters relating to Darling House should be directed to the Board of Darling House.

*6368 TAFE OUTREACH PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students in New South Wales took part in TAFE Outreach programs from 2010 to 2014?
- (2) How many students took part in TAFE Outreach programs through Ultimo TAFE from 2010 to 2014?
- (3) How many students are expected to participate in TAFE Outreach programs in 2015?
- (4) What changes will the Government make to these Outreach programs and the teaching of these courses?
- (5) How will the Government ensure continued operation of TAFE Outreach classes?
- (6) How will any changes made to the Outreach programs ensure continued access to TAFE for disadvantaged and marginalised groups and students who have previously been excluded from education?
- (7) What changes will be made to TAFE Outreach staffing?
 - (a) How will these changes impact on existing teachers and coordinators?
- (8) Has the minimum qualification for Outreach staff been downgraded from a degree to a Certificate 4 qualification?
 - (a) If so, what are the reasons for this change?
- (9) How will the Government ensure that qualified, experienced and expert Outreach staff are retained?
- (10) What plans does the Government have to contract Outreach programs outside of TAFE colleges?
- (11) What further action will the Government take to maintain second chance education through TAFE Outreach?

Answer—

(1) TAFE NSW data is recorded by the number of enrolments, not students.

The number of enrolments in TAFE NSW Outreach Programs is below:

2010	2011	2012	2013
22,039	22,095	22,744	18,606

Note: 2014 enrolments are not yet finalised

(2) TAFE NSW enrolments by campus are not publicly available.

(3) The number of students expected to participate in TAFE NSW outreach programs in 2015 is unknown.

(4) to (6) and (11) Under Smart and Skilled, disadvantaged learners will continue to be supported through provision of basic language, literacy, numeracy and computer skills (foundation skills training) and pre-vocational training delivered by TAFE NSW and approved Adult and Community Education providers.

TAFE NSW will receive community service obligation funding to support the Government's expectation that Institutes will provide additional support to meet the needs of disadvantaged students.

Approved training organisations, including TAFE NSW, will also receive additional funding to support training for their disadvantaged students.

Students from disadvantaged groups will also continue to be eligible for fee concessions and exemptions when Smart and Skilled reforms commence from 2015.

(7) TAFE NSW is changing and becoming more responsive to the way students want to learn and what employers expect. TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust their training delivery and course offerings to meet the needs of students, industry and the community.

(8) All TAFE NSW teachers, including those who teach Outreach programs must meet the standards for registered training organisations. As a minimum, teachers must hold the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for the Training and Education Training package.

(9) To ensure an adequate supply of teachers with the skills to meet its needs, TAFE NSW undertakes regular workforce planning, including initiatives to attract and retain teachers.

(10) In 2015, foundation skills and pre-vocational training will be provided by TAFE NSW and approved Adult and Community Education providers.

*6369 SEX EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What programs does the Government provide for high school students to learn about sex and sexuality?
- (2) How do these programs include information and skills for students to understand and negotiate safe sex?
- (3) How do these programs include bisexuality?
- (4) How do these programs include homosexuality?
- (5) How do these programs include transgender identity?
- (6) How do these programs include intersex status?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to ensure these programs are inclusive and that students learn about the diversity of human sexuality?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to provide a more inclusive sex education curriculum?

Answer—

(1) In Year 11 and/or 12, students in government schools participate in Crossroads. Crossroads is a mandatory 25 hour course designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and wellbeing, including sex and sexuality at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives.

(2) Teachers implement the Crossroads course through the use of evidence based resources and teaching and learning materials, provided by key stakeholder groups, that enable students to understand and negotiate safe sex.

(3) to (6) The Crossroads course for students in Years 11 and/or 12 explores aspects of identity with a focus on gender and sexual identities. Students explore factors that influence gender and sexual identities including diversity, cultural values, discrimination and addressing homophobia and transphobia.

(7) In 2014, the Department of Education and Communities revised the content and delivery of the Crossroads course in consultation with key stakeholder groups. The revised content has a strengthened focus on inclusivity, sexuality and sexual health. This revised content will be implemented in government schools from 2015.

(8) In New South Wales, sex education for all students is included in the mandatory Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum. It is provided within the broader context of growth and development, positive relationships and safe and healthy choices.

In the PDHPE high school curriculum, an inclusive and age-appropriate approach to sex education includes learning about rights and responsibilities in relationships, planning and managing sexual health and strategies to support young people to keep safe, including specific reference to sex-based harassment and homophobic bullying, affirming sexual diversity and the impact of discrimination.

The PDHPE curriculum was developed following extensive consultation with education stakeholders and relevant health experts and agencies.

The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) evaluates its syllabuses on an annual basis to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of all students in New South Wales schools.

BOSTES is committed to ensuring that any future New South Wales PDHPE syllabus incorporates the existing strengths of the current New South Wales PDHPE syllabus and through extensive consultation with education stakeholders and relevant experts and agencies will ensure that it is inclusive of all students.

*6370 GAY HATE CRIMES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) How many of the NSW Police Force's Unsolved Homicide Team cases relating to gay hate crimes from the 1980's and 1990's will be re-investigated?
 - (a) What new rewards have been offered for information contributing to these investigations?
 - (b) How many of these cases have had new evidence or information provided?
 - (c) What resources are available to the Unsolved Homicide Team for this work?
- (2) How will the Government ensure a full review of possible gay hate crimes?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of allegations about the involvement at that time of some police officers in assaults of people perceived as homosexual?
- (4) How will the Government ensure that the community can have full confidence that police officers will respond appropriately to anyone reporting crime or anti-social behaviour irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality and disability?

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(5) What other action will the Government take to ensure thorough investigation of these concerns?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) All unsolved homicide matters are reviewed and prioritised according to police protocols, regardless of the characteristics of each matter. It is not possible to indicate how many cases will be re-investigated. The Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT) has previously called for anyone with evidence relating to alleged 'gay hate' homicides to come forward.

The UHT has applied for a number of NSW Government rewards since its inception in 2008, including rewards for matters where it is believed that 'gay hate' bias or motivation may have been a contributory factor. The offer of a reward in a number of these cases has resulted in new information being received which has then been assessed for significance and validity.

- (2) A review is currently being conducted within the Operational Programs Command to determine if sexual orientation bias was a motivating factor in crimes reported during the 1980s and 1990s.
(3) Surry Hills Local Area Command has conducted a thorough investigation into particular allegations made in 1989. No evidence was found to implicate police involvement in an assault. Any other such allegations will be investigated.
(4) and (5) The NSW Police Force definition of a bias crime incident incorporates gender, culture, religion, sexuality and orientation, age and disability. Bias crime awareness is presently being delivered to frontline police and is incorporated in a range of training packages and courses.

The Corporate Sponsor for Bias Motivated Crimes is responsible for raising awareness of these crimes and related issues, and complements the work of the corporate Sponsor for Sexuality and Gender Diversity. The Bias Crimes Coordinator position in Operational Programs was established to manage the police response to bias crimes, provide investigative support and coordinate specialised training. These add to the work done by the Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officer program over the past 25 years.

*6371 MARDI GRAS POLICING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

- (1) What was the outcome of the court cases resulting from incidents involving police officers at the 2013 Mardi Gras festival and what charges were upheld?
(a) What action has been taken with the officers involved?
(b) What action has been taken to ensure that police officers do not behave in this way in future?
(2) What community feedback was obtained regarding the agreement made between the Government and LGBTI organisations for the 2014 Mardi Gras?
(3) Is the Government committed to renewing and maintaining this agreement and a community policing approach to the Mardi Gras festival?
(4) What further action will the Government take to ensure appropriate community policing for future Mardi Gras festivals?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) This question appears to refer to two incidents that took place during the 2013 Mardi Gras parade which were the subjects of complaints against police. One of these complaints was investigated and found to be not sustained, with no actions taken against the officer involved. The other complaint investigation has not yet been completed and is currently awaiting legal advice from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
(2) to (4) Police are committed to working with the LGBTI community on an ongoing basis to ensure appropriate community policing, including future Mardi Gras festivals. Community feedback on the 2014 Mardi Gras is that police behaviour was friendly and courteous.

Police have worked productively during 2014 with key stakeholders, including Mardi Gras organisers, on successful collaborative campaigns for International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia and Wear It Purple Day, as well as LGBTI Liaison Officer training and ongoing interagency work on domestic and family violence issues.

Measures to ensure a safe and successful 2015 Mardi Gras festival will include:

- Deployment of senior management personnel and appropriately briefed and trained officers;
- Logistical improvements to facilitate access across Oxford Street after the completion of the parade;

- Involvement of Mardi Gras and the LGBTI community in the briefing of police;
- Improved communications overall and a range of measures to ensure appropriateness of drug detection dog operations and associated policing.

*6372 CANCER SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Government reviewed the Cancer Council NSW "Vision for Change" report ?
 - (a) If so, what action will be taken on the key recommendations of the report?
- (2) How will the Government increase access to palliative care for people with cancer to at least one specialist per 100,000 people and create extra nursing positions?
- (3) Has the Government reviewed the Palliative Care Home Support Program?
 - (a) If so, what is the Government's assessment of the cost effectiveness of community-based palliative care compared to intensive care and hospital services?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to remove chemotherapy co-payments of up to \$180 and additional medicine costs in order to increase access to treatment?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to fund a coordinated cancer care model that meets the needs of patients, carers and families?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made of the need for targeted controls on the number, type, distribution and location of retail outlets selling tobacco, including a licensing scheme?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to increase the Aboriginal workforce in cancer services?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to increase access to appropriate cancer services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (8) The Ministry of Health and Cancer Institute New South Wales have work in progress relevant to recommendations in the 'Vision for Change' report.

New and expanded cancer care centres across both metropolitan and rural New South Wales has provided greater access to comprehensive, quality cancer services. 95 per cent of New South Wales residents live within 100 kilometres of a comprehensive cancer care centre.

Palliative care in New South Wales is provided by a wide range of professions and organisations across the public and private sector. Palliative care has been identified as a priority for further growth for medical specialty training.

Since 1 January 2013, New South Wales chemotherapy patients have not paid a co-payment for repeat chemotherapy prescriptions.

Funding has been provided to local health districts for the coordination of cancer care especially for those groups within the community that have worse cancer outcomes: including Aboriginal communities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, people from rural areas and the socio-economically disadvantaged.

Noting the lack of evidence in this area of tobacco retailing and regulation, the New South Wales Taskforce on Tobacco Retailing recommended that ongoing independent and peer reviewed research should continue.

Aboriginal employment in NSW Health has risen from 1.9 per cent in June 2013 to 2.1 per cent in June 2014.

*6373 INNER CITY FERRY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What work will be undertaken to upgrade ferry wharves in the Sydney electorate, as listed in the "Sydney's Ferry Future" strategy released May 2013?
 - (a) When will this work be completed?
- (2) What work has been undertaken concerning a ferry wharf at Barangaroo?
 - (a) When will information relating to this work be provided for community comment?
- (3) What assessment has been made regarding the viability of ferry wharves at Glebe Point, Johnstons Bay Pyrmont, Woolloomooloo and Elizabeth Bay?
 - (a) When will information about these options be made available to the public for community comment?
 - (b) When does the Government expect to finalise and announce the decisions about the viability of

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these wharves?

(c) When does the Government anticipate these wharves being operational?

(4) What further action will the Government take to expand inner city ferry access?

Answer—

I am advised:

Development work on Barangaroo Ferry Hub is now underway, and the ferry hub is scheduled for completion in 2016. An Environmental Impact Statement is currently being prepared and will be placed on public exhibition in the coming months.

The Government's Transport Access Program is delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges, commuter car parks and ferry wharf upgrades. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years. The program has delivered seven wharf upgrades with five more upgrades currently underway.

The Government is investigating new wharves as part of the ongoing work on Sydney's Ferry Future.

*6374 AMBULATORY CARE CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Ambulatory Care Centre at Shellharbour Hospital and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's proposed Shellharbour Primary Health and Community Care Centre are not two separate health projects (ref Q.6170)?
- (2) How many suitably qualified subcontractors tendered on the Ambulatory Care Centre following the placement of advertising by Fugen Constructions?
 - (a) What are the names of the suitably qualified subcontractors that submitted tenders?
 - (b) Which of these subcontractors has been selected for work on this project?
- (3) What is the total size of the subcontractor workforce involved in the Ambulatory Care Centre project?
- (4) How many of the personnel working on the Ambulatory Care Centre project live in the Illawarra's local government areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) and (3) An expression of interest was placed by Fugen Constructions in the local papers for suitably qualified subcontractors for the Ambulatory Care Centre at Shellharbour Hospital. One response was received.

Five local subcontractors have been directly contracted to Fugen Constructions.

*6375 EATING DISORDERS PROJECT FORUM—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister for Health—

- (1) How many people attended the Eating Disorders Project Forum on 15 October 2014 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region (ref Q.6117)?
- (2) Was the Eating Disorders Project Forum advertised?
 - (a) If so, where and when was the Forum advertised?
- (3) Which stakeholders were invited to participate in the Eating Disorders Project Forum?
- (4) What issues were raised at the Eating Disorders Project Forum?
- (5) What are the key milestones in the development of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Eating Disorders Service Plan?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) The Forum was attended by over 50 people, including consumers, carers, Headspace staff, private psychologists, private dieticians, General Practitioners, and staff working in areas such as specialist Eating Disorders, Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Pediatrics and Emergency Departments.

Issues raised included early identification and treatment, and access to information and services.

*6376 **ROOTY HILL ROADWORKS**—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Are there plans for a large commercial development at Eastern Creek between Rooty Hill Road South, Church Lane, and the Great Western Highway?
- (2) What roadworks will be carried out on Rooty Hill Road South to ensure that residents on that street can leave and access their own driveways with safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Planned commercial development is a matter for the Minister for Planning.
- (2) Blacktown City Council determines approval of the development and management of any subsequent roadworks.

*6377 **KIDS HELPLINE FUNDING**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Do any Government agencies provide funding to the Kids Helpline?
 - (a) If so, which agencies and how much funding do they provide?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health does not provide funding to the Kids Helpline.

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*6378 **RAIL MAINTENANCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many of the 130 Railcorp maintenance depots that existed as at 21 April 2013 have been closed to facilitate the opening of a new rail maintenance "centre of excellence" at Gosford and a new satellite depot at Hamilton?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains is progressively decommissioning old maintenance depots.

*6379 **NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

Has the Government informed all of the staff who work on the Newcastle Rail Line of their future beyond 26 December 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Trains staff are being kept informed about changes that affect them.

*6380 **ENERGY PROVIDER APPRENTICESHIPS**—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—

What types of new first year apprenticeships were offered in each of the Government owned or controlled energy providers in each of the years from 2010 to 2014?

Answer—

I am informed:

NETWORKS NSW

The types of new first year apprenticeships offered in each of the Government owned or controlled energy providers in each of the years from 2010 to 2014 comprised:

- Powerline worker.

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- Distribution powerline worker (which incorporates additional cable jointer units).
- Electro-technology electrician.
- Automotive mechanic apprenticeships.

Specifically, they are:

Year	Ausgrid	Endeavour	Essential
2010	Powerline worker, electro-technology electrician, cable jointer and automotive mechanic apprenticeships	Distribution powerline worker and electro-technology electrician apprenticeships	Powerline worker and electro-technology electrician apprenticeships
2011	Powerline worker, electro-technology electrician, cable jointer and automotive mechanic apprenticeships	Distribution powerline worker apprenticeships	Powerline worker and electro-technology electrician apprenticeships
2012	Powerline worker, electro-technology electrician, cable jointer and automotive mechanic apprenticeships	Distribution powerline worker apprenticeships	Powerline worker and electro-technology electrician apprenticeships
2013	Powerline worker, electro-technology electrician and cable jointer apprenticeships	Distribution powerline worker apprenticeships	Powerline worker and electro-technology electrician apprenticeships
2014	Powerline worker, distribution powerline	Distribution powerline worker apprenticeships	Powerline worker apprenticeships

DELTA ELECTRICITY

Delta Electricity did not directly employ apprentices prior to March 2013. Instead, it sponsored apprentices through group training organisations. In September 2013, Delta's western power stations were sold. Accordingly, the table below provides information for Delta's Central Coast power stations only.

Over 2010-14, Delta Electricity offered first year apprenticeships for boiler maker, electrical and mechanical trades.

TRANSGRID

Over 2010-14, Transgrid offered first year apprenticeships in electrical trades.

*6381 AUSGRID STAFF CONDUCT AND MORALE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Resources and Energy, and Special Minister of State—

- (1) Has the annual rate of sick leave taken by staff at Ausgrid increased, decreased or stayed steady over the past 3 years?
- (2) Under what terms or conditions would staff be counselled about the amount of sick leave taken?
- (3) Is there any indication that staff are under increased stress or duress as a result of current working conditions?
- (4) What options are available to staff who are experiencing mental health illness?
- (5) Has Ausgrid engaged and/or paid any private investigators or surveillance techniques to watch and monitor staff while at work or away from work?
 - (a) If so, how much money was spent in this regard between 1 January 2014 and 1 October 2014?

Answer—

I am informed that:

- (1) The annual rate of sick leave has increased over the past three years.
- (2) It is normal and encouraged practice for a manager to ask an employee how they are feeling on their return to work after sick leave. Regular discussions are held with employees suffering longer duration illnesses and injuries to ascertain whether a gradual return to work is of assistance, and the likely duration of their absence. In some cases involving high rates of unexplained absences, non-

compliance with industrial agreement provisions, or unusual absentee patterns, more formal counselling may be required.

- (3) Ausgrid is undergoing significant change as part of reforms designed to reduce unnecessary costs and duplication and to keep pressure off network electricity prices. Ausgrid provides a broad range of support for staff that may be affected by organisational change.
- (4) A range of information and support services are made available to Ausgrid staff in relation to mental health, including the Employee Assistance Program, staff trained in mental health first aid, onsite chaplaincy services and dedicated, regionally-based health services professionals.
- (5) Yes. Ausgrid operates as a self-insurer under the Workers Compensation Act 1987 and is required under its license conditions to maintain a professional standard of injury and claims management and administration. In meeting these responsibilities, Ausgrid must assess and verify claims before paying any liabilities. In a small percentage of cases, external investigators may be engaged to help establish the veracity of a claim.
 - (a) In excess of \$9,000.

*6383 PUBLIC ASSETS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What is the gross total of all income realised from the various public assets sold or leased since March 2011?
 - (a) What is the net total of all income realised?
- (2) What was the estimated or actual total revenue/dividend derived from all of these sources in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14?
- (3) If the State revenue of New South Wales were to receive the annual dividend from each of these sources in 2014-15, what would that income total be?

Answer—

I have been advised that the requested information is already publicly available.

*6384 STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT AT AUSGRID—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much funding has been made available by State Training Services to Ausgrid for staff training and development?
 - (a) When was this funding made available?
 - (b) How much of this funding has been accessed as at 20 September 2014?
 - (c) What types of training will be made available by this funding?
- (2) Is this funding for staff training and development aimed at those employees that will cease their employment at Ausgrid due to down-sizing or those employees that will stay but move to a different role or department?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Ausgrid has received \$131,786 in 2014 to train 141 Ausgrid apprentices.

*6385 NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Will the Newcastle rail corridor be preserved as an entirely green corridor after the termination of heavy rail into Newcastle Railway Station and the removal of associated rail infrastructure?
 - (a) If building is allowed on the corridor, what type of building will be permitted?
- (2) Will the Government maintain ownership of the Newcastle rail corridor?
 - (a) If not, will it be sold either in part or whole?
- (3) What entity will have responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Newcastle rail corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy can be found at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

*6386 FOSTER CARE IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many foster care places are available in the Hunter?
- (2) On how many occasions were multiple placements allocated to a single foster care household during 2013-14?

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- (3) How many foster care places are available in families that have yet to be accessed?
- (4) How many emergency or short term foster care families are available for Family and Community Services (FACS) to access in the Hunter?
- (5) Under what terms and conditions can a non-government agency offer short term or emergency foster care to FACS without becoming the default provider?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) that the number of foster care places, including emergency carers, available changes daily due to a range of factors. More information about foster care, including FACS' Case Management Policy, is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*6387 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Government commit to providing an Easy Access Lift at Yagoona Railway Station?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer to LA Question 5828 (session 55-1).

*6388 BUS SERVICES FOR CHESTER HILL RESIDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Government increase the frequency of the M91 bus service to meet the needs of Chester Hill residents in light of the removal of the Liverpool via Regents Park train service on the Inner West line?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Government schedule a service that will arrive in Chester Hill before 6:10am on weekdays?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bus M91 and the T3 Bankstown Line meet different customer needs.

*6389 BUS SERVICES FOR SEFTON RESIDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Government increase the frequency of the 908 bus service from Bankstown to Merrylands via Auburn to meet the needs of Sefton residents in light of the removal of the Liverpool via Regents Park train service on the Inner West line?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customers travelling from Bankstown Line stations such as Sefton can interchange at Birrong for northbound train services.

*6390 CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPAL RETAILERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

What are the contractual requirements for a retailer to enter into an agreement with Transport for NSW to supply the Opal card (ref Q.6149)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is not in a contract with any individual retailer for the supply of Opal card services.

*6391 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Government commit to providing an Easy Access Lift at Chester Hill Railway Station?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer to LA Question 5827 (session 55-1).

*6392 NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Will Transport for NSW make a submission to the Bankstown City Council draft North Central Local Area Plan in light of the decision to convert Birrong Station into an interchange on the T3 Bankstown train line?

(a) If so, will a copy of the submission be made publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) This is a matter for Bankstown City Council.

*6393 SAFETY FENCING AT BANKSTOWN SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Will the Government construct full perimeter safety fencing at any schools in the Bankstown electorate within the next 12 months?

(a) If so, at which schools will the fences be constructed?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Security fence projects at schools in the electorate of Bankstown will continue to be assessed and prioritised for funding against competing projects across all NSW Government schools.

*6394 BIRRONG RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Will the Government commit to funding the upgrade of Birrong Railway Station to provide commuters with increased parking, shelter, lighting and an Easy Access Lift in light of the decision to convert the Station into an interchange on the T3 Bankstown line?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's Transport Access Program is delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most. This includes station upgrades, better interchanges and commuter car parks. This program includes more than \$770 million for improvements over four years.

Birrong Station has already received a CCTV upgrade under the program.

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

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*6395 MAINS WATER SUPPLY UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—

What upgrades, other than regular maintenance, have occurred to the mains water supply in the Bankstown electorate in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

Sydney Water has upgraded approximately 11.5 kilometres of water mains in the Bankstown electorate since 2011.

*6396 CRIME RATES IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

(1) How many crimes were committed in Canley Heights, Canley Vale and Wakeley for each of the

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financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14?

- (2) What measures are being taken to reduce the crime rate and further promote safety for residents in Canley Heights, Canley Vale and Wakeley?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

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

The Commissioner of Police determines the allocation of officers and since May 2011 has allocated almost 700 probationary constables to west and southwest Sydney commands. 590 additional positions have been brought online since December 2011, including 62 in western and south western Sydney commands. These officers are supported by special region based squads and taskforces, Street Crime Units and Operation Talon targeting gun crime.

- *6397 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

How much funding does the Fairfield Local Area Command receive to help combat and raise awareness about domestic violence in the Fairfield Local Government Area?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

NSW Police Force Local Area Command budgets are not allocated to specific crime categories.

The NSW Police Force is strongly committed to tackling domestic violence in the community and Fairfield LAC currently has two dedicated specialist officers to address domestic violence in the local area.

These specially trained officers assist victims to access appropriate support services, monitor repeat victims and perpetrators, assist investigating police, and coordinate compliance operations with both government agencies and non-government organisations to target domestic violence offenders.

- *6398 STATION UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will there be any new mobility access upgrades at the following stations under the Transport Access Program:

- (a) Carramar Railway Station;
- (b) Yennora Railway Station;
- (c) Chester Hill Railway Station; and
- (d) Villawood Railway Station?

Answer—

In 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 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. Carramar, Yennora, Chester Hill and Villawood railway stations will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

- *6399 LACK OF MOBILITY ACCESS TO STATION PLATFORMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many complaints relating to the lack of mobility access to platforms have been lodged to Transport for NSW concerning the Chester Hill, Villawood, Yennora and Carramar Railway Stations in the years 2013-14 and 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customer feedback is appreciated.

In 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 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. Chester Hill, Villawood, Yennora and Carramar stations will be considered as part of this process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to improve public transport services and provide a world-class transport system people want to use.

*6400 SAVINGS FROM PROPOSED COUNCIL AMALGAMATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Local Government—

What are the Government's estimated cost savings from the proposed amalgamation of local councils within the Sydney region?

Answer—

Savings gained by communities from council mergers would vary.

Part of the Fit for the Future program is to support councils which propose to merge to undertake a business case, which may establish, among other things, the potential savings that a new entity might make.

Some Sydney councils that are considering a merger have completed such an analysis with potential savings identified that would enable increased investment in communities.

*6401 LOCAL COUNCIL AMALGAMATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Local Government—

What financial incentives will the Government offer should the proposed amalgamation of local councils within the Sydney region be completed?

Answer—

Details can be found at <http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au/>.

*6402 TEACHERS' AIDES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How much funding has been allocated for teachers' aides in Government schools in the Fairfield electorate for each of the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15?

Answer—

In the 2013 school year more than \$2.36 million was allocated to the 17 public schools in the Fairfield Electorate, increasing to more than \$2.71 million in the 2014 school year to support students with disability and students with additional learning and support needs. All funding is not exclusively used to employ school learning support officers.

Principals are responsible for determining the most appropriate ways of using the funding which can be used flexibly to support students with additional teacher and/or school learning support officer (formerly teacher's aide) time.

*6403 ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH DISABLED RELATIVES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What support services are available to financially struggling families in the Fairfield Local Government Area to help them care for relatives suffering with a disability?

(2) Do any of these services have a cap on the frequency of assistance they are able to provide to a family?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Currently, the allocation of Ageing, Disability and Home Care disability support services is based on a system of prioritisation.

For this reason, the New South Wales Government is committed to a disability service system that increases choice and control for people with disability. In December 2012 the New South Wales

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Government became the first state to sign a historic agreement with the Commonwealth to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIS will see the budget to support people with disability will increase from \$2.7 billion to a \$6.4 billion partnership between the NSW and Commonwealth governments. Importantly, the NDIS will benefit around 140,000 people with disability in NSW an increase of approximately 40,000 people.

The NDIS will provide all participants with an individual funding package, based on an assessment of what is reasonable and necessary support to meet their needs, goals and aspirations. Each person with disability will have full choice and control over their funding and the supports they choose to access.

*6404 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will the Minister extend the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) to include those students who travel to and from school on the Airport Line and utilise Mascot and Green Square Railway Stations?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is the alternative mode of public transport by bus, which lengthens their trip by as much as 30 minutes, considered effective for students educational wellbeing?

Answer—

I am advised:

The School Student Transport Scheme aims to ensure all NSW school students who do not live near the school they attend have access to subsidised travel to and from school.

Mascot and Green Square Stations are privately owned and operated by Airport Link Company (ALC). The Government has subsidised the Station Access Fee for these stations for fare paying customers only. The Government has no plans to alter contractual obligations with the ALC at this time as it would place a heavy burden on taxpayers.

*6405 SYDNEY TRAIN FARE BRACKETS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

Will the Minister reassess the criteria for the 10-20 kilometre fare bracket for trains given that all City stations other than Central fall just outside the 10 kilometre range from Tempe Railway Station resulting in an additional \$25 per month for commuters from Tempe to the City?

Answer—

The Government is committed to improving public transport services and providing a world-class transport system people want to use. We have committed to keep fares low for customers as we continue to make improvements across public transport.

*6406 INTERSECTION OF GLEESON AVENUE AND BURROWS AVENUE, SYDENHAM—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Roads and Maritime Services inspected the intersection of Gleeson Avenue and Burrows Avenue, Sydenham, to observe that pedestrians who are crossing on Gleeson Avenue do not have sufficient time to cross?
- (2) Has the introduction of a red light camera at this intersection compromised the safety of school children in the area due to the increased number of motorists hurrying through the traffic lights?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Pedestrian crossing times at this intersection were examined and minor adjustments made in July 2014.
- (2) No red-light speed cameras are installed at the intersection of Gleeson Avenue and Burrows Avenue, Sydenham.

*6407 ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER AT FOX STUDIOS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

Will the sale of the Entertainment Quarter at Fox Studios result in a change in the nature and use of the site that will impact on surrounding residential communities?

Answer—

I am advised :

This question is more appropriately considered by the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning, as the responsible Minister.

*6408 CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Are members of the public required to make a payment to reserve a section of the Centennial Parklands for functions?
 - (a) If so, how much revenue has been obtained from these bookings?
 - (b) If so, how many sections of the park require a deposit?
 - (c) If so, what is the average cost of making a booking?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Most areas operate on a first-in basis. Booking are required to exclusively reserve one of 10 sites in Centennial Park.
 - (a) \$62,000 in 2013-14.
 - (b) There are 10 sites within Centennial Park which can be exclusively booked by groups and require a deposit.
 - (c) Public site hire fees are based on capacity of the site and range from \$95 (for up to 30 people) to \$460 (for up to 300 people).
- *6409 DIABETES TREATMENT IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many residents of the Sutherland Shire were diagnosed in 2013 with:
 - (a) Type 1 diabetes; and
 - (b) Type 2 diabetes?
- (2) How many of those in (1) were children under the age of 12?
- (3) How many of those in (1) were young adults between the ages of 12 and 18?
- (4) What facilities are available at Sutherland Hospital for sufferers of diabetes?
- (5) How many of each of the following positions are employed by NSW Health for the treatment and management of diabetes in the Sutherland Shire:
 - (a) Nurses;
 - (b) Doctors;
 - (c) Community workers; and
 - (d) Ancillary staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Data on the demographics of people diagnosed with diabetes can be found at <http://www.ndss.com.au/en/Research/Australian-Diabetes-MapMap/>.

(4) and (5) Education groups and one-on-one consultations are available for those with gestational diabetes mellitus and newly diagnosed Type 2 Diabetes. Pregnant women are managed collaboratively by Midwives and Diabetes Educators in the Antenatal Clinic and an Ambulatory Insulin Stabilisation Service is available.

1.37 FTE Diabetes Educators (Registered Nurses), 0.8 FTE Doctors (Staff Specialists), 1 FTE Visiting Medical Officer, 1 FTE Dietician, and a 0.5 FTE Administration officer are employed by NSW Health for the treatment and management of diabetes in the Sutherland Shire. In addition, generalist community nurses provide assistance to patients with diabetes upon discharge from hospital. An outpatient podiatry clinic is available for high risk patients with diabetes.

*6410 MAYORAL ELECTIONS—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Are there plans to require Mayors of all local councils to be elected by residents of the relevant Local Government Area at the next council elections?
 - (a) If so, will the Government provide for full-time mayors that are appropriately remunerated?

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Answer—

Please refer to the Government response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel.

*6411 SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr Barry Collier asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

(1) Has the Government prepared a timetable for the assessment of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) prepared by the Sutherland Shire Council?

(a) If so, when does the Minister expect to receive the Council's latest draft LEP for consideration?

(b) If so, when does the Minister anticipate finalising the Council's LEP?

Answer—

I am advised:

Council's endorsed timeframe for completion of the draft LEP required the draft Plan to be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation on 31 October 2014. The Department is working with Council to finalise the LEP as soon as possible.

*6412 HOSPITAL IMAGING DEPARTMENTS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Does the Government have plans to privatise the imaging departments in the State's hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no state-wide strategy to privatise public hospital imaging departments. Outsourcing of any front line services would be a decision made locally by the Local Health Districts' Senior Management Teams in consultation with clinicians.

*6413 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Has the Blacktown Council's Local Traffic Committee referred the issue of a pedestrian crossing outside the Luxford Road entrance to the Mount Druitt Hospital to Roads and Maritime Services?

(a) What is the current position in relation to the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) Roads and Maritime is working with Council to improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the Hospital.

*6414 CHARLESTOWN EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY FENCE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Has the Minister or the Department of Education and Communities met with representatives from Charlestown East Public School in relation to the request from parents for a new security fence?

(2) Is the Minister aware that part of the school's playground cannot be used due to the presence of rubbish and broken bottles on the playground?

(3) Will the Government agree to fund a new security fence at the school?

(a) If so, when will construction commence?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The Department of Education and Communities has nominated a project to provide a security fence at Charlestown East Public School for inclusion in a future capital works program. As such, this project will continue to be assessed and prioritised for funding against competing projects across all New South Wales Government schools.

*6415 ACCESS TO SPECIALISED CLASSES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the inability of two students at Corrimal East Public School to access a place in an appropriate support class?

- (a) If so, what action is the Department of Education and Communities taking to ensure these students are able to access specialised classes for young people with autism?
- (2) How many students across New South Wales are waiting to access specialised classes as at 1 October 2014?

Answer—

(1) As part of the planning process for 2015 the need for two additional high school specialist support classes, autism in the North Wollongong area was identified and on 20 October 2014 approval was given for the establishment of two additional specialist support classes, autism at Bulli High School. The placement of up to 14 students into these support classes, including students from the specialist support class at Corrimal East Public School, was considered at a placement panel meeting held on 5 November 2014.

The two students from Corrimal East Public School were offered placement in one of the new autism support classes at Bulli High School for 2015. The Principal of Corrimal East Public School and the parents were informed of these placement offers on 6 November 2014.

(2) The Department does not hold centralised data for those students who continue to be considered for placement into specialist support classes in regular and special schools.

*6416 USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

- (1) Has the Government commissioned a cost-benefit study on the use of public funds for the truncation of the Newcastle Rail Line, the Wickham interchange and the light rail?
- (a) If so, has that study been completed and what is its current status?
- (b) If so, when will the study be released to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

That detailed planning and analysis is currently underway for the truncation of the heavy rail line and new stabling facilities, the construction of a new transport interchange at Wickham, and the delivery of light rail in the city centre.

Any further inquiries about the light rail development should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

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- 6417 MAGISTRATE ECKHOLD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6418 DUBBO LOCAL COURT SITTINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6419 MAGISTRATE ECKHOLD LOCAL COURT MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6420 COURT ROOM VISITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6421 STATE LIBRARY FUNDING CUTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6422 REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING MAGISTRATE ECKHOLD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6423 NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6424 PLUMBING COURSES AT MILLER TAFE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6425 BUILDINGS THAT HOUSE BROTHELS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 6427 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6428 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6429 P1 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6430 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6431 GOING HOME STAYING HOME POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6432 INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE COLLEGE AT BROADMEADOW—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6434 PEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6435 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION PEDESTRIAN RAMPS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6436 GROUP HOMES—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 6437 DARLING HARBOUR LIVE DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

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- 6438 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6439 ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER SALE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6440 311 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6441 ROAD SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS IN OXFORD STREET—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6442 MILLERS POINT HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- 6443 CENTRAL TO EVELEIGH PLANNING PROJECT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6444 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6445 FARM ANIMAL PAIN RELIEF—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Primary Industries—
- *6446 CHILDCARE IN GAMBLING VENUES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

- (1) What data does the Government have about childcare in gambling venues?
- (2) What data relating to childcare in gambling venues applies specifically to the inner city?
- (3) What data does the Government have regarding trends in this provision of childcare over time?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that the provision of childcare at gambling venues does not result in incentives for problem gambling?
- (5) How does the Government ensure appropriate child protection standards and procedures apply for onsite childcare in gambling venues?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that ClubGRANTS funding grants are wholly directed to community benefit and not used in any way for club activities or promotion?
- (7) How does the Government ensure that there are no perverse incentives or conflicts of interest for gambling venues that fund child care facilities or services?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to prevent potential conflicts where gambling venues provide childcare onsite?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The regulation of childcare providers and facilities in New South Wales is a matter for the Minister for Education.

(4) There are regulatory protections already in place to guard against the exposure of the public to gaming machines under the Gaming Machines Act 2001 and the Gaming Machines Regulation 2010. These include locating gaming machines in designated gaming areas/rooms where access by minors is prohibited and prohibiting the public or unsolicited advertising of gaming machines.

(5) The regulation of child care providers and facilities in New South Wales is a matter for the Minister for Education.

(6) Part 4 of the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001 requires that ClubGRANTS expenditure be applied to community development and support purposes.

In relation to expenditure by registered clubs on projects and services under ClubGRANTS categories 1 and 2, the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority must be satisfied that this expenditure has been applied by registered clubs in accordance with ClubGRANTS Guidelines issued by the responsible Minister. These guidelines are available on the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing website at www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/reg_clubs_sect_clubgrants.asp.

In relation to expenditure under category 3 on projects or services associated with sport, health or community infrastructure, the responsible Minister approves such expenditure in accordance with the requirements of section 17 of the Gaming Machine Tax Act and the above mentioned ClubGRANTS Guidelines.

(7) All gambling venues, regardless of whether they provide child care facilities or services, are required to comply with the regulatory requirements in place regarding the operation of gaming machines and, in the case of clubs, the administration of clubs under the Gaming Machines Act 2001, Gaming Machines Regulation 2010, the Registered Clubs Act 1976 and Registered Clubs Regulation 2009.

(8) The Government will continue to ensure that the public is not exposed to gaming machines by enforcing the gambling harm minimisation measures contained in the Gaming Machines Act 2001 and the Gaming Machines Regulation 2010.

- 6447 SENIORS TRAVEL FARE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6448 NOISE ABATEMENT—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6449 ACOUSTIC NOISE MEASUREMENTS ON THE SOUTH RAIL LINE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6450 INSTALLATION OF NOISE BARRIERS ALONG THE SOUTH LINE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6451 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK COMMUTER SERVICES—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6452 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK TIMETABLE—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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*6453 SENIORS CARD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will you guarantee that the Seniors Card will not be abolished or have the eligibility criteria changed after the 2015 election?

Answer—

There are no plans to abolish the NSW Seniors Card or tighten its eligibility criteria. Under the current Government there have been over 260,000 new members to the Seniors Card program, entitling seniors to discounts at more than 3,500 different outlets.

*6454 SENIOR CARD APPLICATION METHODS—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Do mechanisms other than online applications exist to provide a method for eligible seniors to obtain a Seniors Card?

(a) If so, what are these mechanisms?

(b) If not, are there plans to establish an alternative system for seniors who cannot access or use a computer?

Answer—

Seniors can apply for a NSW Seniors Card by visiting any of the 22 Service NSW service centres in person, or by calling Service NSW on 13 77 88 which has a 24/7 phone service answered by a real person located in New South Wales.

Under the previous Government the process for applying for a seniors card was confusing with 300 shop fronts, 8000 telephone lines and 800 websites, resulting in a highly confusing and poor customer experience.

Under the current Government there have been over 260,000 new members to the Seniors Card program, entitling seniors to discounts at more than 3,500 different outlets.

6455 GAS LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR—Dr Andrew McDonald to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

6456 GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

*6457 JUMPSTART RECRUITS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many cadets were recruited to the JumpSTART program for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2013-14?

Answer—

There were 144 cadets.

6458 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT ACTION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

6459 MEMORIAL DRIVE EXTENSION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

6460 TONNAGE OF TIMBER LOGGED BY FORESTRY CORPORATION NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Primary Industries—

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6461 RESTART NSW FUNDING ALLOCATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 6463 HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVER ASSESSMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6464 FEE FOR RESERVING NUMBER PLATES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6465 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6466 EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6467 BUSINESSES VOTING IN COUNCIL ELECTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 6468 NEW WICKHAM TRAIN TERMINAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6469 WOLLOMBI PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6470 SALE OF CHILD WINDOW SAFETY DEVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6471 CHILD WINDOW SAFETY LEGISLATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6472 BANKSTOWN CITY RADIO CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6473 DEFECTIVE HOME BUILDING WORK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—
- 6474 FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6475 TAFE ENROLMENT FEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6476 BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 6477 NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6478 CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
- 6479 BEDS AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6480 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL CAR PARK UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6481 CAR PARK REVENUE AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6482 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6483 MOTOR VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 6492 HYGIENE STANDARDS AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6493 GOULBURN POLICE ACADEMY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
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- 6495 PRIVATISATION OF PRESCHOOLS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 6496 OPAL CARDS FOR CHILDREN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6497 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6498 SPEED AND RED LIGHT CAMERAS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6499 VENESECTIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- *6500 COMMUNITY SERVICES CASE WORKER VACANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- What was the vacancy rate for Community Services case workers in the Hunter Region as at 30 June 2014?
- Answer—
- Information on caseworker vacancies is published on the Community Services' dashboard which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au
- 6501 WATER COMPLAINTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—
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- 6516 RESURFACING OF THE NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6517 REMOVAL OF THE NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6518 BEAUMONT STREET SIGNAL BOX—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6519 CBD ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT LIQUOR EXEMPTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6520 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6521 SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Regional Tourism—
- 6522 KOGARAH RAILWAY STATION SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES—Mr Barry Collier to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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6523 BULLYING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

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6524 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6525 SMART AND SKILLED TRAINING PROVIDERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6526 SAVINGS FROM THE REDUCTION OF REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6527 SMART AND SKILLED APPLICANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6528 FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6529 SMART AND SKILLED APPLICATION PROCESS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—

6530 FLYING FOXES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

6531 OPAL CARD USE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

6532 DISABILITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—

6533 ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

6534 UNSAFE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INSPECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

6535 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST PANELBEATING OPERATORS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

6536 THE YOUTHIE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

6537 ENGADINE DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

6538 TEACHER AND SUPPORT OFFICER REDUNDANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—

6539 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

6540 BANKSTOWN POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—

6541 MEASURES FOR INCREASING LIFE EXPECTANCY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—

6542 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES FAIRFIELD EMPLOYEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—

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- 6553 KINGS CROSS VENUES WITH A STRIKE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- 6554 METHAMPHETAMINE USE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 6555 DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, SYDNEY AND THE DOMAIN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6556 VOLUNTEERS AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
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- 6558 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN ROOTY HILL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6559 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—
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- 6561 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE AT WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance and Services—
- 6562 BEAUMONT STREET, HAMILTON, LEVEL CROSSING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

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6669 REVENUE FROM PRIVATELY OWNED RADARS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Are privately owned radar operators permitted to set up on the side of a road without displaying the signage that is required by law?

(a) If so, why?

(2) How much revenue does the State collect from fines generated by privately owned radars?

(3) How much revenue does the operator make from each fine generated by a privately owned radar?

6670 SHORT TERM LETTING AND OVERCROWDING IN APARTMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

(1) Which councils have met with the Government to discuss barriers to preventing short term letting and overcrowding in apartments?

(2) What barriers have been identified by the Government that would prevent councils from accessing apartments in order to obtain sufficient evidence to prove the illegal use of an apartment through short term letting or overcrowding?

(3) Will the Government give powers to local councils to access apartments where there is evidence of short term letting or overcrowding?

6671 HUNTER REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, Minister for the North Coast, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) with the description "Griffiths Road and Lloyd Road, Lambton", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced July 2013" and a cost of \$1,000,000?

(2) What is the current status and cost of the project in the Newcastle LGA with the description "Install incident response shed Hexham on Pacific Highway", listed in the 2014 Hunter Regional Transport Plan under the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program with the status "commenced August 2013" and a cost of \$100,000?

6672 ROOTY HILL ROADWORKS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—

Are there plans for a large commercial development at Eastern Creek between Rooty Hill Road South, Church Lane, and the Great Western Highway?

6673 ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER AT FOX STUDIOS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Will the sale of the Entertainment Quarter at Fox Studios result in a change in the nature and use of the site that will impact on surrounding residential communities?