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*6216 CLEANING OF TRAINS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Are trains in New South Wales, which are currently cleaned by Transport Cleaning Services, cleaned daily 365 days a year?
- (a) If not, how regularly are they cleaned?
- (2) What in a train carriage is cleaned daily?
- (3) How often are internal windows cleaned?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Trains that are cleaned by Transport Cleaning Services are cleaned daily.
- (2) The interior of carriages are cleaned daily.
- (3) Cleaning cycles vary by train type. Internal windows are spot-cleaned daily if required.

*6217 SEATBELTS ON BUSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What regulations will be introduced to ensure the safety of those students travelling on buses which are not part of the 1,700 dedicated school bus services that will have seatbelts progressively installed over 10 years (ref Q.5957)?
- (2) How will any new regulations be monitored?

Answer—

I am advised:

As announced in July 2013, the Government will invest more than \$200 million over 10 years to install seatbelts on buses dedicated to school runs in rural and regional New South Wales.

More than 60,000 students across regional and rural New South Wales travel on dedicated school buses each day, covering more than 50 million kilometres each year.

*6218 NEW SOUTH WALES PASSENGER TRAIN FLEET—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many trains and/or carriages of the 12 types of trains which make up the New South Wales passenger train fleet are due to be replaced by 30 June 2015?
- (a) How many were replaced from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2014?
- (2) How many of the fleet trains delivered during 2014-15 will be constructed in part or whole by New South Wales based manufacturers?
- (3) How many of the fleet trains delivered during 2011-14 were constructed in part or whole by New South Wales based manufacturers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) In this term of Government, we have introduced 626 new Waratah carriages and 80 new Oscar carriages. This allowed us to progressively withdraw S Sets and some older V Set trains. The next trains to be delivered in New South Wales will be new rapid transit trains and new intercity trains which will enter service from 2019.

(2) - (3) Although all of the passenger trains delivered in New South Wales between 2011 and 2015 will have been assembled by New South Wales based manufacturers, the previous Labor government outsourced the majority of the production of the Waratah trains to China.

*6219 BUS ROUTE 163—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many passengers used bus route 163 between Cessnock and Morisset in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bus route 163 services are meeting customer needs at this time.

*6220 WICKHAM TO NEWCASTLE RAIL SERVICE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How much money has the Government allocated to replace the rail line from Wickham to Newcastle with a light rail service as at 18 September 2014?
 - (a) What will be the total cost of this project, including the full installation and delivery of light rail services?
 - (b) When will this project be completed in full?
- (2) How much will it cost to remove the rail line between the existing Wickham and Newcastle stations?
- (3) How much will it cost to build and establish the new Wickham train terminal?
- (4) How many rail lines will the new Wickham train terminal have?
- (5) How much will it cost to build the new transport interchange at Wickham?
- (6) Will the new transport interchange at Wickham be weatherproof?
- (7) Will Newcastle Buses require additional buses to provide the necessary routes from the new Wickham interchange to the existing Newcastle Railway Station or will this service be fulfilled with existing fleet stock?
- (8) Will Newcastle Buses be required to employ additional staff to fulfil the requirement for buses to transport passengers from the new Wickham interchange to the existing Newcastle Railway Station?
- (9) Has a bus timetable been established for the Wickham Railway Station to Newcastle Railway Station service?
 - (a) If so, has this timetable been made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) - (3) and (5) The total cost and timeframe of the Wickham interchange and Newcastle light rail projects will be determined as part of the detailed planning and approval process now underway.
- (4) and (6) This information is in the Wickham interchange review of environmental factors, available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (7) and (8) Replacement bus services will be in operation during construction. An operator for these services has yet to be announced.
- (9) To assist with their journey planning, customers will be provided with bus route and timetable information prior to changes to the rail services occurring in December.

*6221 CROWN ROADS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, and Minister for Western NSW—

- (1) Who is responsible for the maintenance of Crown Roads in New South Wales?
- (2) Is there a maintenance program in place to ensure these roads are not neglected?
- (3) How regularly are these roads inspected to ensure they are safe for vehicles to drive on?

Answer—

- (1) - (3) The Crown road network is an historical network of land reserved to facilitate access should such need arise. Only a small proportion of Crown roads have been formed for actual vehicular access and historically this has been maintained by users.

Where there are requirements by Councils in instances such as the need to conform with a Development Application, users may be required to upgrade the road(s) to Council standard.

*6222 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA VEHICLES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Are mobile speed camera vehicles permitted to park on footpaths when conducting speed checks?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mobile speed camera vehicles are not permitted to obstruct footpaths. There is, however a road rule exemption which allows mobile speed camera vehicles to stop, or park on a nature or dividing strip for the purpose of conducting enforcement procedures. Mobile speed camera vehicles must not obstruct pedestrians or other drivers.

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*6223 SECURITY FENCING AROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public schools in New South Wales have full perimeter security fencing as at 11 September 2014?
- (2) How many public schools in New South Wales have partial security fencing as at 11 September 2014?
- (3) How many public schools in New South Wales are yet to receive any security fencing at all?

Answer—

(1) - (3) A report entitled, "Schools with security fencing", lists all the schools that have had security fencing installed prior to 30 June 2014. This report can be found on the Department's internet site.

*6224 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many patients were waiting for ear, nose and throat surgery at Kurri Kurri Hospital for each of the years from 2010-14?
- (2) How long had each of the patients in (1) been waiting at the time of their treatment?

Answer—

I am advised:

At 30 June the number of patients listed for ear, nose and throat surgery at Kurri Kurri Hospital were:
2014 - 153; 2013 - 157; 2012 - 143; 2011 - 110; and 2010 - 102.

(2) Average waiting times for surgery at Kurri Kurri Hospital show that patients received their surgery within clinically recommended time-frames.

*6225 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND REPAIR INDUSTRY CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Has the Minister, his office, or NSW Fair Trading been in contact with the Federal Minister for Small Business to consult about the potential to progress a mandatory Code of Conduct for the Motor Vehicle Insurance and Repair Industry that includes penalties for non-compliance and is subject to oversight and enforcement by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

A whole-of-Government response to the Select Committee's report is due to be provided to Parliament by 2 January 2015 and will be provided at the earliest possible opportunity.

*6226 INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL OMBUDSMAN SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Has the Minister, his office, or NSW Fair Trading made contact with the Federal Minister for Finance about stakeholder concerns raised during the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry in relation to the Financial Ombudsman's Service?
- (2) Was advice provided for the following issues regarding the Financial Ombudsman's Service:
 - (a) Timeliness in the resolution of disputes;
 - (b) Expertise of the Service to resolve motor vehicle-related disputes; and
 - (c) Concerns over the ability of the Service to physically engage in New South Wales disputes because of its Melbourne location?
- (3) If any advice was provided to the office of the Federal Minister for Finance, when was it provided?
- (4) If no advice was provided to the office of the Federal Minister for Finance, why not?

Answer—

A whole-of-Government response to the Select Committee's report is due to be provided to Parliament by 2 January 2015 and will be provided at the earliest possible opportunity.

*6227 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What consultation was undertaken with stakeholders to include New Zealand within the scope of the definition of "another jurisdiction" of the Mutual Recognition (Automatic Licensed Occupations Recognition) Bill 2014?

(a) When did this consultation take place and with whom?

Answer—

This is a matter that was discussed during the debates when the Bill was before the Legislative Council.

*6228 REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Has the Minister, his office, or the Department of Fair Trading met with representatives of insurance companies, respective insurance councils or associations since the tabling of the Report of the Select Committee into the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry on 2 July 2014?

(a) If so, can the Minister please list the representatives and dates of those meetings?

(2) Were the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry discussed?

Answer—

A whole-of-Government response to the Select Committee's report is due to be provided to Parliament by 2 January 2015 and will be provided at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Ministerial diary will be released in accordance with Premier's Memoranda M2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

*6229 QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

Why did NSW Fair Trading reduce the number of qualified electricians and electrical engineers from 9 in 2013 to 8 in 2014?

Answer—

In the 2013-14 financial year, one of the qualified electrical engineers employed by NSW Fair Trading applied for a voluntary redundancy, which was accepted and approved.

*6230 NSW FAIR TRADING FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services representing the Minister for Fair Trading—

What are the reasons for the drop in the number of contract and permanent NSW Fair Trading full-time equivalent employees based in regional New South Wales from 155.07 as at 1 July 2014 to 130.6 as at 1 July 2014?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to question 35 of the Budget Estimates supplementary questions. I note that due to the relocation of Fair Trading's Renting Services (now called Rental Bonds) from Sydney to Grafton, as at 23 October 2014 the number of full-time equivalent employees in regional New South Wales is 160.6.

*6231 STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Will the Minister guarantee that student counselling services will be maintained at Bankstown TAFE beyond 1 January 2015?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Career Development and Counselling Services will continue to be available to students at Bankstown College in 2015.

*6232 HSC COURSES AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Will HSC courses continue to be made available at Bankstown TAFE beyond 1 January 2015?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Students will be able to enrol in the HSC course at Bankstown College in 2015.

*6233 QUESTION WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE MEMBER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance and Services—

Question was withdrawn by the member.

Answer—

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Question was withdrawn by the member.

*6234 TAFE NSW HUNTER INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many TAFE Support Officer positions have been made redundant at TAFE NSW Hunter Institute since March 2011?

Answer—

No such position exists.

*6235 TAFE NSW ILLAWARRA INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many TAFE Support Officer positions have been made redundant at TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute since March 2011?

Answer—

No such position exists.

*6236 TAFE NSW NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many TAFE Support Officer positions have been made redundant at TAFE NSW New England Institute since March 2011?

Answer—

No such position exists.

*6237 TAFE NSW NORTH COAST INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many TAFE Support Officer positions have been made redundant at TAFE NSW North Coast Institute since March 2011?

Answer—

No such position exists.

*6238 TAFE NSW RIVERINA INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many TAFE Support Officer positions have been made redundant at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute since March 2011?

Answer—

No such position exists.

*6239 TAFE NSW WESTERN INSTITUTE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

How many TAFE Support Officer positions have been made redundant at TAFE NSW Western Institute since March 2011?

Answer—

No such position exists.

*6240 CLUBGRANTS FUNDING POOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

How much funding did the Fairfield Local Government Area receive from the Category 3 ClubGRANTS Pool for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14?

Answer—

The list of Category 3 Club Grants funds is publically available on the Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing website.

*6241 CLUBGRANTS FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

How much money did the clubs in the Fairfield Local Government Area contribute to Category 3 ClubGRANTS Funding for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14?

Answer—

To obtain a full gaming machine tax rebate, clubs must contribute at least 0.75% of a club's gaming machine profits in excess of \$1 million each year to Category 1 purposes.

Category 1 - expenditure on specific community welfare and social services, community development, community health services and employment assistance activities.

Category 2 - expenditure on other community development and support services. Clubs can claim a rebate on up to 1.1 per cent of a club's gaming machine profits in excess of \$1 million that is applied to Category 2 purposes (so long as 0.75 per cent is applied to Category 1 purposes). Combined Category 1 and 2 expenditure totals 1.85 per cent.

Category 3 - contributions made to the Category ClubGRANTS Fund are used to fund Category 3 infrastructure projects. A minimum of 0.4 per cent of a club's gaming machine profits in excess of \$1 million is allocated to the Category ClubGRANTS Fund each tax year.

The list of Category 1, 2 and 3 ClubGrants funds is publically available on the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing website.

*6242 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What specific works at the Polding Street roundabout in Smithfield are due to be completed by the end of December 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to my previous answer Q.3425.

Fairfield City Council has advised Roads and Maritime Services that its program is to complete stage two works by the end of December 2014.

*6243 DARLING HARBOUR LIVE DEVELOPMENT—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 Small Business, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Did the information provided to the community for the Darling Harbour Live development indicate a proposed "green wall" along Darling Drive facing Ultimo?
- (2) Did photographs presented to the community display green walls as part of this development?
- (3) Have residents repeatedly raised concerns about noise impacts and poor visual amenity during consultation on this project?
 - (a) What assessment was made of these concerns and the measures necessary to address them?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to prevent noise impacts and poor visual amenity as raised by the community?
- (5) What changes to the design for development along Darling Drive are intended?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent noise and visual amenity from large walls in the Darling Harbour Live development?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

*6244 TACKLING RACISM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Veterans Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What programs does the Government fund or provide to discourage racism, violence and abuse?
- (2) What community education programs does the Government fund or provide to discourage racism, violence and abuse?
- (3) What action will the Government take to address recent incidents of racial abuse and violence on public transport?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve tolerance and acceptance of diversity?

Answer—

(1) Multicultural NSW has lead responsibility in New South Wales for the promotion of a cohesive and harmonious multicultural society with mutual respect for and understanding of cultural diversity.

It undertakes the following strategies to fulfil this objective:

- (a) Providing funding through its grants program to grassroots initiatives that bring culturally diverse communities together to promote social cohesion and harmony and events that celebrate cultural diversity;

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(b) Engaging with diverse communities, public sector agencies, non-government service providers, and the private sector on issues that affect community harmony and social cohesion;

(c) Implementing a number of local and online community engagement initiatives as part of the nationally funded Countering Violent Extremism Framework.

(d) Multicultural NSW has also joined the Australian Human Rights Commission's "Racism. It stops with me" campaign and promotes participation through all its networks.

Examples of projects funded by Multicultural NSW in 2013 and 2014 include:

- \$20,000 toward the 2014 Harmony Walk project initiated by the Moving Forward Together Association.
- \$20,000 toward the "Challenging Racism through Bystander Action" project by the Inner South-West Community Development Organisation.
- \$10,000 each toward two youth-led projects in Blacktown, which were initiated as a result of the 'Youth Lead the Way: Future Youth Festival' held by Multicultural NSW to address issues relating to community harmony in the area.

(2) See answer to Question 1.

(3) Both I as Minister & Multicultural NSW has strongly and publicly denounced racist behaviour on public transport. It has offered its assistance to communities affected and encouraged the general public to speak up and support victims of racial abuse wherever they witness it.

The Government, through Multicultural NSW, will continue to lead the promotion of mutual respect and understanding of our State's cultural diversity as well as support for community responses to racism and prejudice of any kind in a sustained manner through the strategies outlined in Question (1).

(4) Multicultural NSW is working with agencies across government to help them address incidents of racial abuse and violence.

Specific questions of actions taken to address incidents of racial abuse and violence on public transport should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

*6245 BRIGALOW AND NANDEWAR STATE CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What reports or written advice has the Government received on the impacts of logging or "thinning" in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas (please provide the date and title)?
- (2) What concerns have been raised with the Government regarding potential impacts on native wildlife and habitat if the Natural Resources Commission recommendation for commercial logging in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas is implemented?
- (3) Will the Government take any action in response to the Natural Resource Commission's report into Brigalow and Nandewar before the Biodiversity Review Panel reports back?
- (4) Will the Government review the science of "ecological thinning" before deciding whether to allow logging in the Brigalow and Nandewar Conservation Areas?
 - (a) Will the Government consider alternative options such as mosaic burning?
- (5) To what extent is the Government committed to ensuring only forms of cypress management that do not harm wildlife and habitat are permitted in these areas?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made on the impact commercial logging in Brigalow and Nandewar would have on the State's international reputation on park and reserve management given the IUCN World Parks Congress will be held here in November?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The Government received a report from the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) entitled Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas: Actively managing for better ecological outcomes on 19 September 2014. The NRC is an independent agency that operates at arms-length from the Government.

The Government will respond after it considers public submissions and the NRC's report. I will consider the report and submissions in light of my legislative responsibilities to protect the environmental qualities of national parks and state conservation areas.

*6246 BUSES IN ULTIMO AND PYRMONT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What was the outcome of the 2013 review of bus services in Ultimo and Pyrmont (ref Q.4665)?
- (2) What strategies were used to gather data about demand including:
 - (a) From people who currently use buses;
 - (b) From people who do not currently use buses; and
 - (c) Through destination studies for local residents and businesses?
- (3) Which locations were identified as key destinations for transport from Ultimo and Pyrmont?
 - (a) Do current bus services in Ultimo and Pyrmont utilise these locations?
- (4) Will the data on which the review was based be made public?
- (5) What additional public transport services have been provided to the Ultimo and Pyrmont areas since redevelopment began under the City West Development Corporation in 1992?
 - (a) What public transport services have been reduced to Ultimo and Pyrmont in that time?
- (6) What other action does the Government propose to improve active transport for Ultimo and Pyrmont?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (6) The Ultimo and Pyrmont area is serviced by a number of public transport options, including light rail, bus and ferry services. The 2013 review took into account data collected from a number of sources, including passenger demand, analysis of travel patterns, customer suggestions and feedback.

This work is being considered as part of the changes to the city centre bus network, outlined in the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy.

*6249 FARE EVASION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to reduce fare evasion on the rail network?
- (2) How many fare evaders have been detected at the following railway stations since 18 September 2013:
 - (a) Mount Druitt Railway Station; and
 - (b) Rooty Hill Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's strategy to reduce fare evasion is proving a success, with more people buying tickets, less people misusing concession tickets and more than 100,000 fines issued since Transport Officers started in May 2013.

*6250 ROAD SIDE SAFETY RAILS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Following another serious accident at the intersection of Francis Street and Willis Street, Rooty Hill, will safety rails be installed to protect residents from cars crashing through fences around their properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has installed 'slippery when wet signs' and is assessing the road surface conditions through the roundabout. This assessment will be finalised by mid October 2014. If warranted, potential safety treatments will be considered as part of this assessment.

Any proposed changes will be discussed with the community at that time.

*6251 MRI MACHINE AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Federal Government made any decision about the provision of an MRI machine for the Mount Druitt Hospital?
- (2) What is the Government doing to ensure that an MRI machine is installed at Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) Mount Druitt Hospital's application to the Federal Government Department of Health and Ageing for the provision of an MRI machine in 2012 was declined.

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Clinical Services Planning is currently being undertaken for Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals and the need for an MRI machine will be determined during this process.

*6252 SPECIALIST MELANOMA NURSE—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the specialist melanoma nurse position filled in the oncology unit at Westmead Hospital?
 - (a) If not, when did this service cease?
 - (b) If not, why did this service cease?

- (2) Has the melanoma nurse position been relocated to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (2) The specialist melanoma nurse position at Westmead Hospital was an outreach arrangement from Royal Prince Alfred Hospital which ceased in 2013.

Westmead Hospital continues to provide a melanoma service.

*6253 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY—Dr Andrew McDonald asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many X-ray machines are in the Blacktown Hospital radiology department as at 18 September 2014?
 - (a) How old is each machine?
 - (b) What company is contracted to provide maintenance for these X-ray machines?
 - (c) How many mobile X-ray machines are there?
- (2) How many X-ray machines in the Blacktown Hospital radiology department are operational as at 18 September 2014?
- (3) What plans are there for the purchase of new X-ray machines for Blacktown Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) - (3) There are 16 X-ray machines in the Blacktown Hospital Radiology Department and they range from one month to 14 years in age. The respective manufacturers contracted to provide maintenance for these machines include: GE, Soredex, Phillips and Fujifilms.

The Western Sydney Local Health District is currently undertaking a review of medical imaging equipment and the requirements of each hospital within the District, including Blacktown Hospital.

*6254 OPERATIONAL NOISE AND VIBRATION ASSESSMENT—Ms Carmel Tebbutt asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) When will the light rail Operational Noise and Vibration Assessment be released to residents of Bedford Crescent, Dulwich Hill?
- (2) What action will the Government take to alleviate the affect of the noise of idling light rail vehicles at Dulwich Hill Station on nearby residents?
- (3) Will light rail vehicles be instructed to turn off their motors while they are idling at Dulwich Hill Station as requested by residents?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW has been in regular contact with residents of Bedford Crescent, Dulwich Hill, regarding the Operational Noise and Vibration Compliance Assessment Report (ONVCAR) and its outcomes.

Transport for NSW met with Bedford Crescent residents on 15 October 2014 to provide a copy of the final ONVCAR and discuss its findings in detail.

(2) The ONVCAR demonstrates full compliance with the noise criteria set out in the project's conditions of approval since new light rail vehicles were introduced.

(3) It is not operationally practical for light rail vehicles to be turned off for short periods.

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- 6255 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION STATUS OF BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6256 BRUSH FARM CORRECTIVE SERVICES ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6257 BRUSH FARM ACADEMY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6258 PRACTICE MANAGER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 6259 LIVERPOOL TAFE BUILDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6260 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 6261 CONSTRUCTION NOISE IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 6262 CLOCK AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6263 CRIME IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney—
- 6264 FLASHING LIGHTS AT LAKELANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6265 M1 MOTORWAY BETWEEN FIGTREE AND DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6266 REGIONAL ROADS FUND—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Roads and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 6267 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN ADVISORY GROUP—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Women—
- 6268 DAPTO TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 6378 RAIL MAINTENANCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
- 6379 NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
- 6380 ENERGY PROVIDER APPRENTICESHIPS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
- 6381 AUSGRID STAFF CONDUCT AND MORALE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
- 6382 CLOSURE OF THE NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Have any of the funds held and managed by Restart NSW been committed to the closure of the Newcastle Rail Line?
 - (a) Was a cost-benefit analysis provided?
 - (2) Has a cost-benefit analysis been provided for the potential installation of light rail in the Newcastle CBD?
 - (3) What is the final cost and timing for the installation of the light rail in the Newcastle CBD, based on details provided for assessment by Restart NSW?
 - (4) Have any funds from Restart NSW been allocated to the Resources for Regions program?
 - (5) How does Resources for Regions satisfy the requirement for a cost-benefit analysis to be provided to Restart NSW prior to the release of funds?
 - (6) Are applicants for Resources for Regions funding required to provide a cost-benefit analysis?
- 6383 PUBLIC ASSETS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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

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- (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?
- 6384 STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT AT AUSGRID—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
- 6385 NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
- 6386 FOSTER CARE IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask 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?
 - (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?
- 6387 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT YAGOONA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6388 BUS SERVICES FOR CHESTER HILL RESIDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6389 BUS SERVICES FOR SEFTON RESIDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?

- 6390 CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPAL RETAILERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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)?
- 6391 EASY ACCESS LIFT AT CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6392 NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6393 SAFETY FENCING AT BANKSTOWN SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6394 BIRRONG RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6395 MAINS WATER SUPPLY UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask 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?
- 6396 CRIME RATES IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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 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?
- 6397 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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?
- 6398 STATION UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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?

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- 6399 LACK OF MOBILITY ACCESS TO STATION PLATFORMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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?
- 6400 SAVINGS FROM PROPOSED COUNCIL AMALGAMATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- What are the Government's estimated cost savings from the proposed amalgamation of local councils within the Sydney region?
- 6401 LOCAL COUNCIL AMALGAMATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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?
- 6402 TEACHERS' AIDES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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?
- 6403 ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH DISABLED RELATIVES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask 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?
- 6404 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask 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?
- 6405 SYDNEY TRAIN FARE BRACKETS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask 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?
- 6406 INTERSECTION OF GLEESON AVENUE AND BURROWS AVENUE, SYDENHAM—Mr Ron Hoenig 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) 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?
- 6407 ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER AT FOX STUDIOS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask 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?
- 6408 CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask 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?

6409 DIABETES TREATMENT IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Barry Collier to ask 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?

6410 MAYORAL ELECTIONS—Mr Barry Collier to ask 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?

6411 SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr Barry Collier to ask 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?

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

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

6413 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery 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) 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?

6414 CHARLESTOWN EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY FENCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?

6415 ACCESS TO SPECIALISED CLASSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?

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- (2) How many students across New South Wales are waiting to access specialised classes as at 1 October 2014?
- 6416 USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT—Mr Greg Piper to ask 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?

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