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*1534 PARRAMATTA PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Since 6 July 2015, how many reports have been made to the Parramatta Public Health Unit concerning:
- An outdoor smoking ban being broken;
 - A smoking ban at an indoor place being broken;
 - A tobacco retailing law being broken?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 6 July 2015 there have been the following number of reports made to the Parramatta Public Health Unit:
- 217 reports of outdoor smoking bans being broken
 - 3 reports of an indoor smoking ban being broken
 - 9 reports of a tobacco retailing law being broken.

*1584 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health—

What action has the Government taken to respond to the long waiting lists to receive mental health treatment in correctional centres and metropolitan special programs centres in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please redirect this question to the Hon. Pru Goward, MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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*1618 TOLL NOTICES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- How many toll notices were issued in each of the 2010-11 and the 2014-15 financial years?
- How many toll notices were paid in each of the 2010-11 and the 2014-15 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Toll notices are issued if trips are not paid for within three days.

There is no financial cost to the Government and people of New South Wales as a result of the non-payment of tolls on privately operated motorways. The private operator bears all losses associated with the non-payment of tolls.

In 2010-11, 2,062,438 toll notices were issued for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and 328,618 were paid. This does not include private toll roads.

In 2014-15, 2,087,045 toll notices were issued for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and 900,703 were paid. This does not include private toll roads.

*1620 HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the recent safety concerns raised regarding Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge:

- On what date did the Treasurer become aware of the deterioration to the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge during her term as Minister for Transport?
- On what date was the Treasurer made aware of an application under Government Information (Public Access) laws for documents relating to the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge?
- On what date did the Treasurer first raise concerns regarding the safety of the Hawkesbury River

Railway Bridge to Sydney Trains?

- (a) Who was the concern raised with and what was their title?
 - (b) Was the concern raised by telephone call, text, email or post?
- (4) On what date did the Treasurer first raise concerns regarding the safety of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge to the Independent Transport Safety Investigator?
- (a) Who was the concern raised with and what was their title?
 - (b) Was the concern raised by telephone call, text, email or post?
- (5) Did the Treasurer receive any briefing, report or correspondence concerning the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge before 25 August 2015?
- (a) If so, on what date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the response to LA 1389.

*1621 WOMEN'S REFUGES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) If a woman arrives up to a refuge in New South Wales will there be a spot for her?
- (2) If a woman who needed to be in a refuge arrived to a refuge, will they have access to a spot?

Answer—

Women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are able to access emergency accommodation by calling Link2home, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year.

If there is no vacancy at a refuge, the refuge will refer the woman to the Department of Family and Community Services for temporary accommodation and additional support.

*1622 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students with special needs attend schools in the Wallsend electorate?
- (2) What is the per capita funding for students with special needs in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

(1) Based upon current data there are more than 1,440 students whose learning is impacted by disability in NSW public schools in the Wallsend Electorate.

(2) In addition to general school funding more than \$9.6 million in specialist funding supports the education needs of students with disability in the 25 New South Wales public schools in the Wallsend Electorate.

*1623 WARATAH RAILWAY STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What are the crime statistics for the Waratah Railway Station in October 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Train link relies on crime statistics provided by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) when measuring trends in recorded offences on the rail network.

*1624 TRANSPORT AUTHORITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Minister establish a Hunter based transport authority?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to the long overdue revitalisation of Newcastle. Since 2011, over \$1 billion has been committed to Newcastle and the broader Hunter region for vital new infrastructure, including \$650 million in funds from Restart NSW for projects including Newcastle light rail, urban renewal and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, and \$350 million for the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund for a range of projects across the region.

The next step is to build a vibrant transport network throughout the region to improve connectivity, reduce travel times and support Newcastle's tourism sector. On 5 November, the Government announced

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it would create Transport for Newcastle and seek a 'world's best' multi-modal transport operator to plan and run Newcastle Light Rail, buses, ferries and interchanges.

The new operator will be based in Newcastle and work hand-in-hand with the community to design and run a better transport network. This will be public transport run in Newcastle, for Novocastrians, not run from Sydney like today.

*1625 AUSGRID—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Are there plans for Ausgrid to substantially reduce jobs in the Hunter?
- (2) Are there plans to outsource current Wallsend Ausgrid jobs overseas?
- (3) Has a strategy been adopted to support the Wallsend community if substantial job losses occur?

Answer—

- (1) The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is the independent national regulator that oversees electricity networks. It has determined that Ausgrid's operational funding should be reduced by \$170 million a year and capital funding has been cut by \$550 million over a five year period. This will result in an average reduction of \$165 a year in a typical residential customer's electricity bill.

The AER's reductions to capital and operating expenditure mean there are 1,100 jobs across Ausgrid's network (across Sydney to Muswellbrook and the Upper Hunter) that are unfunded from 1 July 2015. On 9 September 2015, Ausgrid started consultation with employees and unions on a first Phase of 550 redundancies, including 79 positions in the Hunter region. Ausgrid is now implementing the Phase 1 redundancy program using voluntary redundancy.

Subject to the Australian Competition Tribunal review of the Australian Energy Regulator Revenue Determination, further Phase 2 job reductions are anticipated.

Ausgrid is currently borrowing \$12.6 million per month to pay for jobs left unfunded by the AER's regulatory determination.

- (2) No.
- (3) Yes. Ausgrid has been providing support to staff categorised as re-deployees including individual career transition support, job readiness workshops, resume preparation, coaching sessions, interview techniques, and training and skills assessment. Ausgrid is also providing personal support for employees impacted by its transition program. Families and small businesses in the Wallsend community will have their average network charges reduced by \$165 p.a. and by \$246 p.a. respectively as a result of the AER's determination.

*1626 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What are the opening times for Beresfield Police Station?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Beresfield police station is manned subject to operational considerations.

*1627 LEGAL AID NSW—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many residents of the Hunter have been turned away from Legal Aid NSW from 20 October 2014 to 20 October 2015?
 - (a) How many of these residents were financially eligible applicants?
 - (b) How many of these residents were first time offenders?
 - (c) What are the percentages of positive and negative outcomes for defendants who are granted Legal Aid representation, compared with the outcomes for defendants who are refused Legal Aid representation?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Attorney General.

*1628 TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the Minister ensure a speedy resolution to the request for staggered traffic lights at the intersection of Norfolk Street and Main Road, Cardiff, and work with Lake Macquarie City Council to resolve this issue?

Answer—
am advised:

The intersection of Norfolk Street and Main Road, Cardiff is part of the Glendale Interchange project. The Interchange is being developed and delivered by Lake Macquarie City Council. Roads and Maritime Services is working with Lake Macquarie City Council. The project primarily focuses on addressing local transport issues for local transport users. Information on the interchange is available on Lake Macquarie City Council website.

*1629 SPEED LIMIT INCREASE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the consultation process regarding the proposed speed limit increase on some motorways to 130 kilometres per hour?
- (2) How will motorists and stakeholders from the Hunter be consulted?

Answer—
I am advised:

There is no proposal to increase speed limits to 130 kilometres per hour on motorways.

*1630 WENTWORTH POINT AND CARTER STREET URBAN ACTIVATION PRECINCTS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What percentage of affordable housing will be incorporated in the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts?
- (2) What percentage of housing for over 65s will be incorporated in the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts?
- (3) Has provision been made for aged care facilities in the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts?

Answer—
I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Details regarding the Wentworth Point Priority Precinct rezoned in July 2014 are available at <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Pians-for-Your-Area/PriorityGrowth-Areas-and-Precincts/Greater-Parramatta-to-Olympic-Peninsula-UrbanRenewal-area/Wentworth-Point> Within the zonings there is no restriction on affordable housing, over-65s housing or aged care facilities.

The Carter Street Priority Precinct exhibited in March/April 2014 has potential for over 5,500 new dwellings. This precinct, which is currently being finalised will offer greater choice in housing of a type that is more affordable. Details regarding the draft plans for the Carter Street Priority Precinct are available at <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en-AU/Pians-for-Your-Area/Priority-GrowthAreas-and-Precincts/Greater-Parramatta-to-Olympic-Peninsula-UrbanRenewal-area/Carter-Street> . The proposed zones do not preclude affordable housing, over-65s housing or aged care facilities.

The metropolitan strategy A Plan for Growing Sydney released in December 2014 lists an action to deliver more opportunities for affordable housing. The Government is currently working with stakeholders to develop a policy position on the delivery of affordable housing across urban renewal precincts.

*1631 STAFF AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) As of 30 June 2011, how many station staff were employed at the following train stations:
 - (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) Olympic Park?
- (2) As of 30 June 2015, how many station staff were employed at the following train stations:
 - (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) Olympic Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 24
- (b) 17
- (c) 2
- (d) 8
- (e) 4.
- (2) (a) 34
- (b) 16
- (c) 2
- (d) 7
- (e) 4.

*1632 COMMON ROOMS IN HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many common rooms in Housing NSW properties have been converted into accommodation in the Auburn electorate?
- (2) How many common room conversions are now occupied by Housing NSW residents?
- (3) How many of these common room conversions have been occupied by disabled or elderly residents?
- (4) What social engagement programs have been implemented for residents living in complexes where there have been common room conversions or where common room conversions are scheduled?

Answer—

Since 1995 a small number of common rooms have been converted into residential social housing units. All units are typically constructed to suit the needs of people with disability.

Consultation meetings have taken place with tenants living in these complexes, and alternate common area amenities have been offered to residents.

*1633 WENTWORTH POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to Wentworth Point Public School:

- (1) What is the projected population of 5 to 18 year olds, by year group, living in Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park from 2016 to 2025?
- (2) What population projection figures have been used to determine the number of classrooms for Wentworth Point Public School?
- (3) Do the population projection figures used to determine the capacity of Wentworth Point Public School take into account the Wentworth Point Urban Activation Precinct?
- (4) When will enrolments open for Wentworth Point Public School?
- (5) When will Wentworth Point Public School open?

Answer—

- (1) Based on the Department of Planning and Environment's population projections, the number of school aged people expected to be living in Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park from 2016 to 2025 is estimated to grow from 1,605 in 2015 to 3,120 in 2025.
- (2) The Department of Education used the rate and number of dwellings provided by the Department of Planning and Environment for its population projections.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The enrolments for Wentworth Point Public School are scheduled to commence Term 1, 2017.
- (5) Wentworth Point Public School is expected to open in Term 3, 2017.

*1634 LAND AT DENNIS WINSTON DRIVE—Mr John Robertson asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will the auction (scheduled for 27 October 2015) for land owned by the Department of Education and Communities at Dennis Winston Drive, Doonside be postponed whilst the Government reviews the proposal of Blacktown City Council to re-zone the site from its current Residential Zone to an E2 Environmental Conservation zone?
- (2) If so, when will the Minister respond to the Blacktown City Council's proposal to re-zone the site from its current Residential Zone to an E2 Environmental Conservation zone?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Questions relating to decisions about land sales by the Department of Education should be directed to the Minister for Education.
- (2) The rezoning proposal was received by the Department of Planning and Environment on 16 October 2015. The proposal is being assessed and a decision on whether the proposal should proceed will be made through the established Planning Proposal Gateway process.

*1636 COMMUNITY HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Is the Minister considering extending funding to community housing providers as a means to increase social housing stock across New South Wales?

Answer—

A review of the social housing system in New South Wales is currently underway which will determine the future role of community housing providers in the delivery of social and affordable housing.

*1638 CARAVAN PARKS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Is Wollongong Council's policy on caravans in caravan parks that it administers consistent with the Government's Crown Lands Caravan Parks Policy?

Answer—

Decisions made by Wollongong Council in relation to caravan parks under the care, control and management of Council are the responsibility of Council as the manager of the Park.

*1640 COURT SECURITY AMENDMENT ACT 2011—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Has schedule 1 [9] and [11] of the Court Security Amendment Act 2011 commenced?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that Schedule 1 of the Court Security Amendment Act 2011 will commence shortly.

*1641 SHERIFF OFFICER AT BALLINA LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

On how many court sitting days does the Local Court at Ballina not have a Sheriff's Officer present?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that Sheriff's Officers are allocated on a risk based assessment. Due to the sensitive nature of security operations, Sheriff's Officers allocations are not disclosed by the Office of the Sheriff.

*1642 DUBBO LOCAL AND DISTRICT COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

On how many court sitting days does the Local Court or District Court in Dubbo not have a Sheriff's Officer present?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that Sheriff's Officers are allocated on a risk based assessment. Due to the sensitive nature of security operations, Sheriff's Officers allocations are not disclosed by the Office of the Sheriff.

*1643 SHERIFF'S OFFICER AT TWEED HEADS LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

On how many court sitting days does the Local Court at Tweed Heads not have a Sheriff's Officer present?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that Sheriff's Officers are allocated on a risk based assessment. Due to the sensitive nature of security operations, Sheriff's Officers allocations are not disclosed by the Office of the Sheriff.

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- *1647 MEASURES TO REDUCE TRUANCY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—
- What action is the Government taking to reduce the level of truancy by students who attend government schools in the Mount Druitt electorate?
- Answer—
- In the Mount Druitt electorate, a program called Operation Roll Call also known as Joint Anti-Truancy operates. This is a joint initiative between the Department of Education and NSW Police force targeting known truants. Home School Liaison officers (HSLOs) also support and monitor school attendance.
- *1648 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL MAIN ENTRANCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Are there arrangements in place to assist vehicles, such as a mini bus conveying disabled passengers, to safely park the vehicle within close proximity to the Westmead Hospital Main Entrance?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- Parking on the Hospital site is a matter for the Minister for Health.
- Parking on local and regional roads within the vicinity of the Hospital is a matter for local council as the responsible road authority.
- *1649 EMERGENCY SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- What is the current waiting period for emergency social housing accommodation?
- Answer—
- Waiting times for social housing, including for clients with urgent needs, vary depending on the location, the level of client need and type of housing required.
- Current wait times for general applicants are published on the Housing Pathways website at www.housingpathways.nsw.gov.au.
- *1650 WOMEN ONLY REFUGE CENTRES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- Are there any plans to establish 'women only' refuge centres within the Mount Druitt electorate?
- Answer—
- There are three women only refuges in the Blacktown Local Government Area that service the Mount Druitt electorate.
- *1651 MEASURES TO ADDRESS TRUANCY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- How many students have been successfully returned to school under the Operation Roll Call and the Street Sweeps program during 20 October 2014 to 20 October 2015?
- Answer—
- The NSW Police Force has advised me that it does not hold the information requested. I suggest the Member direct this question to the Minister for Education for a response.
- *1652 ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What is the current status of the proposed upgrade to Rooty Hill Railway Station?
- (a) Is there a proposed roll-out plan?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- I am pleased to advise that as part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are under way. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These

improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Rooty Hill Station has been earmarked for a multimillion dollar upgrade and more commuter parking to improve access for customers. Plans for the upgrade are underway. More information will be provided once planning is completed.

*1656 GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What were the numbers of incidents of graffiti damage to trains and stations in each of the financial years from 2005-06 to 2015-16 (to 20 October 2015)?
- (2) What was the cost of removal of graffiti from trains and stations in each of the financial years from 2005-06 to 2015-16 (to 20 October 2015)?
- (3) What were the numbers of incidents of graffiti damage to buses and bus depots observed and reported by State Transit Authority of NSW drivers in each of the financial years from 2005-06 to 2015-16 (to 20 October 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) records incidents of malicious damage to property, including graffiti damage. BOSCAR records are a matter for the Minister for Justice.
- (2) 2005-06 - data is not available
2006-07 - \$23.2 million
2007-08-\$34.7 million|
2008-09 - \$48.5 million
2009-10 - \$55.2 million
2010-11-\$39.7 million
2011-12-\$26.3 million
2012-13-\$30.9 million
2013-14-\$33.8 million
2014-15-\$30.0 million
Costs from 2013-14 include costs incurred by Sydney Trains and NSW Trains.
- (3) This information is not available.

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*1657 SOCIAL HOUSING TENANCY TERMINATION ORDER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many applications for a termination order of a social housing tenancy were brought forward by a social housing provider to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in each of the years from 2010 to 2015 (to 13 August 2015)?
 - (a) How many of these applications were granted a termination order for each of the years from 2010 to 2015 (to 13 August 2015)?

Answer—

A selection of written decisions of the Consumer and Commercial Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal ('NCAT') are published at http://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/ncat_decisions/published_decisions.aspx.

NCAT publishes an annual report on the operations of the Tribunal at http://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/about_us/publications_and_resources/annual_reports.aspx

*1658 MOTOR REGISTRY OFFICES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many motor registry offices have been closed in New South Wales since 1 January 2014?

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(2) What are the locations of these offices?

Answer—

- (1) From 1 January 2014 to the end of November 2015, fifteen motor registries have been or will be merged with Service NSW centres.
- (2) Belmont, Campbelltown, Carrington, Fairfield, Five Dock, Ingleburn, Lidcombe, Maroubra Junction, Padstow, Narellan, North Ryde, Shellharbour, Thornleigh, Toronto and Woy Woy.

*1659 STAMP DUTY REVENUE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How much revenue did the Government raise in Stamp Duty in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15 from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2566;
 - (b) 2565;
 - (c) 2564;
 - (d) 2167?

Answer—

Postcode	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
2566	\$2.34 million	\$2.93 million	\$4.97 million
2565	\$1.97 million	\$3.15 million	\$4.31 million
2564	\$8.80 million	\$15.49 million	\$20.87 million
2167	\$9.07 million	\$10.33 million	\$12.43 million

*1660 MANLY MOTOR REGISTRY OFFICE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With reference to the Manly Motor Registry Office located at 239 Pittwater Road, Manly (reference LA Q.1315):

- (1) Has this property recently been sold?
 - (a) If so, what lease agreement or other arrangements have been entered into to allow the Motor Registry to continue to operate from this site?
 - (b) On what date must the Motor Registry vacate the site?

Answer—

I am advised the property at 239 Pittwater Road, Manly, was sold in June 2015. Under current arrangements the motor registry can occupy the site until 30 June 2016. Further options are available to extend until late 2016.

*1661 SERVICE NSW CENTRE AT LIVERPOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) With regards to the Service NSW one-stop shop located at Orange Grove Road, Liverpool:
 - (a) How many transactions have been conducted on a monthly basis since the office opened?
 - (b) How many of these transactions, on a monthly basis, have been:
 - (i) Driver Licence renewals;
 - (ii) Car registration renewals;
 - (iii) Birth certificate applications;
 - (iv) NSW Housing rental payments;
 - (v) Fair Trading licence applications/renewals?

Answer—

- (1) The Liverpool Service Centre has been operating since May 2014. On average each month, Liverpool has processed more than 24,000 transactions as part of more than 33,500 customer interactions.
- (2) Each month, Liverpool delivers approximately:
 - (a) 2,558 driver licence renewal transactions
 - (b) 3,556 registration renewal transactions
 - (c) 172 birth certificate application transactions

- (d) 12 Housing NSW rental bond transactions
- (e) 330 Fair Trading licence transactions.

*1662 SUITABLE PREMISES FOR SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What are the requirements for suitable premises (in terms of size) for the new Service NSW one-stop shop in the Brookvale/Dee Why region (reference LA Q.1315)?
 - (a) Are these requirements the same as those for the new Service NSW one-stop shop in Gregory Hills?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that planning by Service NSW for the Brookvale/Dee Why area is for 13 general service counters, and light vehicle driver testing only.
 - (a) The site at Gregory Hills was selected to provide 19 general service counters and for its strategic importance as a centre in the new Greater Western Sydney Growth Corridor. Accordingly, the Macarthur Service Centre will offer significantly more driver testing across all classes and will be the largest Heavy Vehicle driver testing site in Sydney. It will be one of the biggest service centres in the network.

*1663 STAND-ALONE MOTOR REGISTRY OFFICES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will any stand-alone motor registry offices continue to remain open in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what are their locations?

Answer—

- (1) From the beginning of building Service NSW in July 2013, it has been clearly stated that duplicated single-service shopfronts will be merged and relocated to create the one-stop shop service. Service NSW is currently working through the network design and will ensure staff and customers are kept informed of developments. Each motor registry will continue to operate until such time as the Service NSW network is expanded.
 - (a) Up-to-date information about the locations of motor registries can be found on the Service NSW website www.service.nsw.gov.au.

*1665 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What action have you or your Department taken in relation to the Public Interest Disclosure by Damian Warren?
- (2) When will you act in response to the Public Interest Disclosure by Damian Warren?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that an investigator will be appointed to review the allegations made in the Public Interest Disclosure by Mr Warren.

As this is an operational matter currently under investigation, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further.

*1666 HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to high school facilities for Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park:

- (1) What is the projected population of 5 to 18 year olds, by year group, living in Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park from 2016 to 2025?
- (2) Do the population projection figures used take into account the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts?
- (3) Where is it envisaged that high school age students living in Wentworth Point, Olympic Park and Newington will attend high school?
- (4) Where is it envisaged that high school age students living in the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts will attend high school?

Answer—

- (1) Based on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's population projections, the number of school aged people expected to be living in Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park from 2016 to 2025 is estimated to grow from 1,605 in 2015 to 3,120 in 2025.

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- (2) Yes.
- (3) The Department of Education is preparing cluster plans for groups of schools across metropolitan Sydney, which will ensure enrolment needs within the cluster are met.
- (4) The Department of Education is preparing cluster plans for groups of schools across metropolitan Sydney, which will ensure enrolment needs within the cluster are met.

*1667 POPULATION PROJECTION—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Planning—

With reference to high school facilities for Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park:

- (1) What is the projected population of 5 to 18 year olds, by year group, living in Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park from 2016 to 2025?
- (2) Do the population projection figures used take into account the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts?
- (3) Where is it envisaged that high school age students living in Wentworth Point, Olympic Park and Newington will attend high school?
- (4) Where is it envisaged that high school age students living in the Wentworth Point and Carter Street Urban Activation Precincts will attend high school?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Based on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's population projections, the number of school aged people expected to be living in Wentworth Point, Newington and Olympic Park from 2016 to 2025 is estimated to grow from 1,605 in 2015 to 3,120 in 2025.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The Department of Education is preparing cluster plans for groups of schools across metropolitan Sydney, which will ensure enrolment needs within the cluster are met.
- (4) The Department of Education is preparing cluster plans for groups of schools across metropolitan Sydney, which will ensure enrolment needs within the cluster are met.

*1668 AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

With regard to Auburn Hospital's medical staffing levels since 1 January 2015:

- (1) How many times has the required on duty staff levels fallen below 80 percent?
- (2) How many times has the required on duty staff levels fallen between 80 percent and 90 percent?
- (3) What departments have experienced the greatest staffing shortfalls?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Duty staff levels have not fallen below 80% and staffing vacancies are advertised and recruited to as they arise.

*1670 MAINTENANCE WORK BY SPOTLESS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the number of call-backs for maintenance work undertaken by Spotless on social housing properties in New South Wales in the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 financial years?
 - (a) On how many occasions was a contractor required to return to the property to resolve a reference number in the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 financial years?
- (2) On how many occasions were multiple reference numbers allocated for the same maintenance problem in the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 financial years?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) In 2013-14 and 2014-15, Spotless completed on average more than 94 per cent of works without being recalled. Further information about maintenance is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at <https://www.housing.nsw.gov.au>

*1671 STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS SAFETY INSPECTIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many State Transit Authority bus safety inspections were carried out in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (30 September 2015)?
 - (a) Of these inspections, how many failed for:
 - (i) Wheels and tyre issues;

- (ii) Brakes;
- (iii) Steering and Suspension?

Answer—

I am advised :

State Transit maintains a fleet of over 2,400 buses. Over the lifetime of a bus, it will on average go through 200 service checks and 50 inspections.

Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for the regulation of passenger bus services in NSW. Information about heavy vehicle compliance statistics is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*1672 BUS STOPS WITH DISABILITY ASSISTANCE DEVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many bus stops across New South Wales have been upgraded to include disability assistance devices (such as tactile ground surface indicators, access paths and surface upgrades)?
 - (a) In which suburbs these bus stops are located?

Answer—

I am advised:

As you would be aware from your time as Deputy Director General of Transport NSW, bus stop and roadside infrastructure is owned and maintained by local councils.

*1673 BUSES IN THE STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY FLEET—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many buses are currently in the State Transit Authority fleet?
 - (a) How many of these buses are wheelchair accessible, low floor buses?
- (2) When will the Government purchase additional accessible buses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available in State Transit's Annual Report.
- (2) Since April 2011, 968 new growth and replacement buses have been introduced into service by the State Transit Authority of NSW and Private Bus Operators in the Sydney, Newcastle, Central Coast, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas under the Sydney and Outer Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts.

*1674 SECURE BICYCLE LOCKERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the 930 Secure Bicycle Lockers located at 120 locations across New South Wales:

- (1) How many lockers are rented as at 20 October 2015?
- (2) How many reports of damage or theft from these lockers were reported in 2014?
- (3) Are there plans to increase or reduce the number of these lockers?
- (4) Are there plans to relocate any of these lockers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 20 October 2015, there were 515 lockers hired.
- (2) On average, Transport for NSW receives approximately 20 - 30 reports of damage to the lockers in a year. This includes graffiti, vandalism and attempted break-ins.
- (3) and (4) Transport for NSW undertakes an annual review of bicycle lockers and adjusts numbers of lockers according to customer demand. Sometimes lockers are relocated.

*1675 WHARVES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will all wharves be fully upgraded to be accessible to passengers with mobility devices (including wheelchairs), considering that all Sydney Ferries vessels are wheelchair accessible?

Answer—

I am advised :

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the

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Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway.

The wharf upgrades will deliver significant improvements for customers providing better weather protection, improved access for mobility impaired customers and customers with prams, improved safety for customers, and quicker and more efficient boarding and disembarking.

Wharves across Sydney are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next.

*1676 FLOODING ISSUES AT BULLI HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What investigations have been carried out by the Department of Education to mitigate ongoing significant flooding issues at Bulli High School?
- (2) Have there been any applications for funding for major capital works for Bulli High School in the past five years?
 - (a) If yes, what are the details of these applications?

Answer—

- (1) An engineering firm has been engaged to undertake an investigation of the flooding issues affecting Bulli High School.
- (2) No.

*1677 DRIVING INSTRUCTORS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent driving instructors were employed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 21 October 2015)?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent driving instructors does the Minister expect to be employed by RMS in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*1678 MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When did the Government take the decision to close the Motor Accidents Authority?
- (2) Why did the Government decide to close this body?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*1679 RESEARCH INTO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How much money will the State Insurance Regulatory Authority spend on research into motor vehicle accidents in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The State Insurance Regulatory Authority is legislated for under the State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015. As such, I refer this matter to the Treasurer and Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*1680 TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many hours of training are required during their studies for trainee police officers learning how to recognise the signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, mental health issues and anxiety disorders?
- (2) What types of ongoing training is provided to current NSW Police Officers on how to recognise the signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, mental health issues and anxiety disorders?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force has been rolling out a mental health intervention workshop for all frontline police. By the end of 2015, every frontline officer in the NSW Police Force will have undertaken this specialist mental health training.

The workshop is in addition to a more intensive specialised mental health training package. Police are educated to identify behaviours in the field indicative of mental illness and are provided with tools such as communication strategies, risk assessment, de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques.

Other jurisdictions have acknowledged the NSW Police Force's approach to mental health training, with the ACT and New Zealand both adopting the NSW Police Force's program.

*1681 SEWERAGE PUMP-OUT SUBSIDY—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Is the sewerage pump-out subsidy tied to an individual Sydney Water customer or tied to a property/household?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that no new renter, occupant or purchaser will be prevented from receiving the sewerage pump-out subsidy when the occupancy changes at an eligible property?
- (3) Does the Department have a preference for the present payment arrangement scheme (as outlined in response to part 1 of LA Q.0993)?
- (4) Will the Department consider restoring the single-contractor arrangement (which existed in earlier years) in which customers were not out of pocket for month to month pump-out costs?

Answer—

- (1) The pump-out subsidy is tied to the property address recorded by Sydney Water.
- (2) Sydney Water keeps records of property owners. Sydney Water is notified when ownership changes and extends the NSW Government contribution to them.
- (3) Sydney Water continues to reimburse customers that send in their paid pump-out invoices. Sydney Water is not aware of which pump-out contractors are engaged by customers to carry out this service.
- (4) Sydney Water will continue to discuss this with Blue Mountains City Council.

*1682 SERVICE NSW SPRINGWOOD—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the Department's preferred option for the form that the Service NSW 'presence' (LA Q.1289) in Springwood will take?
- (2) What is the current expiry date of the now extended lease terms on the Springwood Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Registry?
- (3) Will any services currently provided at the Springwood RMS become unavailable under any option presently being considered by Service NSW for its ongoing 'presence' in Springwood?
- (4) How many full-time equivalent staff are employed by your Department (on average across New South Wales) at:
 - (a) RMS Registries;
 - (b) Service NSW centres;
 - (c) Service NSW Digital Stores?
- (5) Will the Minister confirm that no jobs will be lost as a result of changes to the form of your Department's 'presence' in Springwood?

Answer—

I am advised there will be a point of presence in Springwood with no reduction in the services currently provided at the motor registry. More details will be provided to the staff and community once the network design for this region is finalised.

Service NSW has entered an 'extended term' agreement with the Lessor for the Springwood premises until 30 April 2016.

At the end of October 2015, Service NSW managed 342.88 FTE Roads and Maritime Services motor registry staff, and employed 1,173.62 FTE staff across its service centres and digital stores.

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*1683 SECURITY FENCING—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the total number of schools within The Entrance electorate currently provided with security fencing?
- (2) How many requests for security fencing has Bateau Bay Public School made?
- (3) Is Bateau bay Public School as secure as other schools within The Entrance electorate with security fencing?

Answer—

- (1) There are a total of 11 schools in The Entrance electorate with security fencing.
- (2) A project for the provision of a security fence at Bateau Bay Public School has been nominated for inclusion in a future capital works program.
- (3) Security fencing is only one component of broader risk management strategies that are implemented by schools.

*1684 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the number of TAFE enrolments in each campus of the South West Sydney Institute as at:
 - (a) 1 July 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2013;
 - (c) 1 July 2014?
- (2) How many courses were available in each campus of the South West Sydney Institute as at:
 - (a) 1 July 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2013;
 - (c) 1 July 2014?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-weoperate/annual-reports>.

*1685 STAFF AT MOTOR REGISTRIES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) For the 2014-15 financial year, how many full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent staff were employed at the:
 - (a) Merrylands Motor Registry;
 - (b) Parramatta Motor Registry?

Answer—

- (1) At 30 June 2015, Merrylands Motor Registry had 10.43 full time equivalent staff.
- (2) The Parramatta Motor Registry converted to a service centre on 8 October 2013. At 30 June 2015, the Parramatta Service Centre had 25.84 full time equivalent staff.

*1686 STAFF AT GRANVILLE RAILWAY STATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many employees or contractors were working in the following positions at Granville Railway Station on 1 July 2011, 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015:
 - (a) Ticket staff;
 - (b) Concourse staff;
 - (c) Platform staff;
 - (d) Security staff;
 - (e) Cleaning staff;
 - (f) Management staff;
 - (g) On-call maintenance staff?
- (2) What was the total number of RailCorp employees at Granville Railway Station on 1 July 2011, 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015?
- (3) What was the total number of Sydney Trains employees at Granville Railway Station on 1 July 2011, 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015?
- (4) What was the total number of NSW Trains employees at Granville Railway Station on 1 July 2011, 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015?

(5) What was the total number of contractors at Granville Railway Station on 1 July 2011, 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

Granville Station is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Staffing levels are determined by Sydney Trains to match the needs of our customers.

As a result of initiatives to improve customer service and in order to assist customers and answer questions, staff are now more visible on Granville Station's platforms and concourses.

*1687 TEACHING HOURS AT BELMONT TAFE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many part-time casual teachers at Belmont TAFE have lost some or the majority of their teaching hours between 1 March 2011 to 22 October 2015?

Answer—

Part-time casual teachers are employed across TAFE NSW on an hourly basis, to carry out duties that are irregular, intermittent, short term and/or that involve a flexible workload. As such hours may fluctuate from week to week and term to term.

*1688 VET FEE-HELP LOAN—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many students enrolled at Belmont TAFE have signed to a VET Fee-Help loan in 2015?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment and does not provide this data.

VET FEE-HELP is a Commonwealth Government program. Statistical data for the program can be found at <https://www.education.gov.au/vet-fee-helpstatistics>.

*1694 FUNDING TO HUNTER RESEARCH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Is the Government providing funding to Hunter research into whether medicinal cannabis alleviates symptoms and pain for terminally ill patients and chronic pain sufferers?

(a) If so, how much funding was provided between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2015?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer this question on notice to the Minister for Medical Research.

*1695 COMMUTER CAR AND DISABILITY PARKING—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many commuter car and disability parking spaces are available at:

(a) Olympic Park Ferry Wharf?

(b) Rydalmere Ferry Wharf?

(c) Meadowbank Ferry Wharf?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) Sydney Olympic Park Authority is undertaking landside work at Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Wharf, and is best placed to respond to questions regarding current and/or future parking availability.

(b) Customers using Rydalmere Ferry Wharf have access to 71 commuter car parking spaces and 2 accessible parking spaces.

(c) Customers using Meadowbank Ferry Wharf have access to 65 commuter car parking spaces and 4 accessible parking spaces.

*1696 RAIL SERVICE TO OLYMPIC PARK—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the Sydney Trains doing to improve the existing heavy rail service to Olympic Park?

Answer—

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I am advised:

Customers travelling to Olympic Park now enjoy an extra 118 train, 104 bus and 139 ferry services every week.

During major events, such as sports games and concerts, extra trains operate to Olympic Park Station with some services running direct from Central Station.

*1697 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many domestic violence shelters are located in the Auburn electorate?
 - (a) How many of these shelters are funded by the Government?
- (2) What is the maximum number of domestic violence victims that can be accommodated at these shelters on any given night?

Answer—

Information about refuges for women that are currently funded by the NSW Government is publically available on the FACS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/shs

*1698 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SPECIALIST TEACHERS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many English as a Second Language specialist teachers are currently allocated to each public school in the Auburn electorate?
 - (a) How many of these are full-time positions per school;
 - (b) How many of these are part-time positions per school?
- (2) How many Reading Recovery specialist teachers are currently allocated to each public school in the Auburn electorate?
 - (a) How many of these are full-time positions per school;
 - (b) How many of these are part-time positions per school?

Answer—

- (1) In 2015, a total of 37.6 fulltime teaching equivalent (FTE) positions were allocated to NSW public schools in the Auburn electorate through the equity loading for English Language Proficiency of the Resource Allocation Model (RAM).

Public schools in the Auburn electorate also received an additional \$202,405 as flexible funding through the equity loading for English Language Proficiency to support EALID students.

The current total staffing allocation for Reading Recovery in NSW public schools in the Auburn electorate is 6.725 FTE teaching positions. All Reading Recovery positions are part-time.

*1699 TAXI DRIVERS AND TAXI NUMBER PLATES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many registered taxi drivers are there in the Fairfield electorate?
- (2) How many taxi number plates are registered to individuals residing in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*1700 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Government have plans to establish additional Service NSW centres within the Fairfield and the Holroyd Local Government Areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*1701 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) In the 2012-13 and the 2013-14 financial years, how many motor vehicle accidents and traffic offences were recorded in:
- (a) Wakeley;
 - (b) Carramar;
 - (c) Fairfield;
 - (d) Fairfield West;
 - (e) Fairfield Heights;
 - (f) Guildford;
 - (g) Canley Heights;
 - (h) Canley Vale;
 - (i) Villawood?

(2) What roads and streets recorded the most motor vehicle accidents in the 2013-14 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services doesn't hold this information. The NSW Police Force may be able to provide an answer.

*1702 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will a school crossing supervisor be installed at Canley Heights Public School?
- (a) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised :

Canley Heights Public school was assessed in May 2015 and it was found that the school did not meet the criteria for a school crossing supervisor. The criteria are available on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

Schools may reapply to be assessed for a school crossing supervisor should circumstances change.

*1703 CANLEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Are any works presently scheduled to install flashing school zone signage on Byrd Street, Canley Heights to enhance the safety for Canley Heights Public School students?
- (a) If not, will consideration be given to install flashing school zone signage on Byrd Street, Canley Heights to enhance the safety for Canley Heights Public School students?

Answer—

I am advised :

A set of flashing lights was installed on Cumberland Highway in November 2009 for Canley Heights Public School.

Canley Heights Public School may nominate Byrd Street to be considered for a second set of flashing lights as part of the Government's \$10 million commitment to further improve safety around schools.

Schools with more than one entrance and only one set of flashing lights are invited to submit a nomination for an additional set of flashing lights. Roads and Maritime Services wrote to eligible schools requesting nominations by 15 November 2015. All nominations will be assessed and prioritised based on potential risk at the location for pedestrians.

*1704 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Can the Minister confirm that commuters in Fairfield will not face increases in public transport fares in this term of Government?

Answer—

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I am advised:

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) regularly reviews fares charged for bus, train and ferry services in NSW, and determines maximum fares for most public transport services in Sydney.

*1705 FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Have any schools in the Fairfield electorate lost funding following the 2015 Commonwealth Government Budget?

Answer—

The 2015-16 State Budget was finalised on 23 June 2015. There were no funding impacts for schools arising from the announcement of the 2015 Commonwealth Budget.

*1706 RECTANGULAR STADIUM IN OUTER WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

With regards to the Government's plans to build a new rectangular stadium in Outer Western Sydney:

- (1) Where will this stadium be built?
- (2) When is construction projected to commence?
- (3) How much will this stadium cost?
- (4) What is the projected seating capacity of this stadium?

Answer—

Details for the new Outer Western Sydney venue are yet to be determined. Our first priority is building a new stadium at Parramatta on the site of the existing facility.

*1707 MOBILE PHONE SCANNERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the projected cost (including set-up and purchase) to install the 20 mobile phone scanners in New South Wales correctional centres?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the tender process for the purchase of the scanners is ongoing, the projected cost cannot be disclosed at this time.

*1708 PRIVACY OF AN INDIVIDUAL—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What safeguards exist to protect an individual from surveillance, whereby an individual is recorded or photographed, by neighbours or strangers, whilst in their own home or on their own property?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to enact legislation which would protect the privacy of an individual to conduct themselves without unwanted surveillance, whereby an individual is recorded or photographed, by neighbours or strangers whilst on or in their own property?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Attorney General.

*1709 STATE LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government extend the State Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan beyond the 2016 school year?
 - (a) If not, what other initiatives will be made available to assist schools to address underperformance in literacy and numeracy?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that schools which have improved their performance in literacy and numeracy but still face significant social and cultural challenges will not miss out on access to future funding initiatives?

Answer—

Since the Action Plan's commencement in 2012 it has been the subject of an independent evaluation. Decisions regarding the future of the Action Plan, beyond 2016, will be made based on all available evidence.

*1710 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PACKAGE FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Is the \$20 million domestic violence package funding to 'boost the capacity of women's refuges and other specialist homelessness services' a rebadging of Commonwealth funding already allocated under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH)?
- (2) Is the promised funding to increase crisis accommodation allocated at the expense of another important project in the sector and not as an 'additional funding'?
- (3) For how long will the 'additional funding' be provided?
- (4) Have the State and Federal Government signed off on funding beyond 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

Information about this funding can be found at www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/new-dfv-package

*1711 EXTENDED SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Did the twelve year old girl who died in Aberglasslyn in September 2015 have a high number of days absent from school?
- (2) How many days were missed in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
- (3) What steps did each of the schools take in relation to reporting extended absenteeism?
- (4) What steps should schools take in relation to reporting excessive absenteeism?
- (5) Was this girl's excessive absenteeism reported to Family and Community Services?

Answer—

This tragic matter is subject to current court proceedings and further investigation by the police. As such it is inappropriate to make any comment about the specific circumstances of the case.

*1712 SCHOOLS IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What investigations has the Department of Education done regarding the demographic needs of Maitland in relation to schools in the next four years?
- (2) Will the Minister build a new primary school in Maitland before 2022?
- (3) Will the Minister build a new high school in Maitland before 2022?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education continually monitors enrolment demands and trends in Maitland.
- (2) The \$5 million commitment to upgrade Bolwarra Public School will include the delivery of eight new teaching spaces.
- (3) The Rutherford High School upgrade currently underway includes the delivery of 23 new teaching spaces at an estimated cost of \$20 million.

*1713 MAITLAND CITY COUNCIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) On what basis was it determined that Maitland City Council was not 'Fit for the Future', considering that Maitland is the fastest growing regional area in inland New South Wales and has undergone significant community consultation to deliver a range of improvements to infrastructure and services, in a financially responsible and strategically planned environment?
- (2) What will be the cost of amalgamation?
- (3) How much will be funded by the Government?
- (4) How much more will the average rate payer in Maitland City Council have to pay to fund amalgamation?
- (5) How much more will the average rate payer in Dungog Shire Council have to pay to fund amalgamation?
- (6) Did the Maitland City Council submission request amalgamation with any other council, including Dungog?
- (7) Did the Dungog Shire Council submission request amalgamation with any other council, including Maitland City Council?

Answer—

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) found Maitland City Council not fit because it did not satisfy the scale and capacity criterion.

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The Government has announced a Merger Implementation grant of \$5 million for regional councils to meet the costs. Funding is available where the mergers are supported by merging partners, supported the Government and were submitted to the Department of Premier and Cabinet by 18 November 2015.

The IPART report found reducing waste and red tape through local government reform could free up to \$2 billion over the next 20 years for ratepayers, which could stabilise council rates, fund better services and/or new infrastructure for communities.

No decision has been made regarding the future of any individual council.

- *1714 DRAFT HUNTER GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning—

Will the promised draft Hunter Growth and Infrastructure Plan be delivered before 25 December 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

The draft Hunter Regional Plan was released on 25 November 2015.

- *1715 SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION CHARGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning—

When will the Special infrastructure Contribution Charge (which has been in draft since 2011) be adopted?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is improving infrastructure planning and funding across NSW, and in high growth areas the Government is securing Special Infrastructure Contributions.

In Western Sydney, Special Infrastructure Contributions and Voluntary Planning Agreements have contributed \$255 million over the past five years to support houses and jobs on the ground. The active pipeline of new homes recently approved and under construction within Western Sydney's Priority Growth Areas is approximately 18,000 dwellings. All of these homes are supported by infrastructure delivered in part through contributions.

The draft Hunter Regional Plan includes an action to review special infrastructure contributions in the Hunter. In doing so the NSW Government will work with infrastructure providers and councils to review a special infrastructure contribution for the New West and Maitland-New England Highway Corridor Districts.

- *1716 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning—

Will the Government place the same conditions on State Infrastructure Charges as there currently are on Local Government Section 94 Contributions; that they must be allocated to specific projects in a transparent process so that the community can see what services and infrastructure the money will fund, rather than just be placed into general revenue?

Answer—

A Ministerial determination for a Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) is required having regard to the cost of the provision of infrastructure in relation to the development or class of development, and is to contain reasons for the level and nature of the development contributions.

Under section 94EK of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, SIC contributions are to be paid into the Special Contributions Areas Infrastructure Fund. They are not placed into general revenue.

- *1717 MINE SUBSIDENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) When will the promised \$17 million mine subsidence remediation fund be available to be accessed for urban renewal?

(2) What action will the Government take for families in non-urban areas of the Hunter who have suffered from mine subsidence?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Fund is now available.

- (2) This part of the question is best directed to the Minister for Industry, Energy and Resources.
- *1718 THORNTON RAILWAY BRIDGE PROJECT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will the Government deliver on the 2011 promise to complete the Thornton Railway Bridge project to create four lanes of traffic capacity for new developments at Thornton North and Chisholm?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The Thornton Bridge duplication strategy released in October 2010 has not changed.
- Roads and Maritime Services expects the second bridge will only be needed when traffic increases with the residential development at Chisholm.
- *1719 PRIVATE OPERATOR OF PORT BOTANY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- Is compensation payable to the private operator of Port Botany for container throughput at Newcastle Port in excess of a cap?
- Answer—
- (1) Please refer to my response to questions 24 & 25 at Budget Estimates 2015 Answers to Supplementary Questions, General Purpose Standing Committee 1, 9am, Thursday 3 September 2015.
- *1720 DRAFT HUNTER GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—
- When will the draft Hunter Growth and Infrastructure Plan (an updated version of the 2006 Hunter Regional Plan) be released?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The draft Hunter Regional Plan was released on 25 November 2015.
- *1721 DETAILED PLAN FOR MINE SUBSIDENCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—
- (1) When will the Government release the detailed plan for its \$17 million mine subsidence election commitment?
- (2) Will the plan focus on plot by plot grouting or on a more strategic cross city approach?
- Answer—
- (1) I announced the particulars of the Newcastle Mines Grouting Fund on 12 November 2015.
- (2) The initiative is designed to create certainty and a level playing field for those wanting to invest in the Newcastle city centre. The mechanics of the Fund ensure that investment is supported where the proponent wants to invest and avoids government interfering with the site selection process. In this sense it will be both a strategic approach and apply to individual sites.
- *1722 STOCKTON CENTRE CLOSURE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- What is the closure date of the Stockton Centre?
- Answer—
- I refer to my response to Question on Notice 1404.
- *1723 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- With reference to the announcement on the 10th of March 2015 that AJ Lucas had acquired 80 percent shares in Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 458 from Lawndale who in turn acquired the PELs from Dart Energy Ltd:
- (1) Did the Government approve the change in ownership of PEL458 from Dart Energy to Lawndale, as per conditions 45 and 46 of the PEL458 licence conditions?

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- (a) If yes, when did the Government approve this change in ownership?
- (b) Who did it consult with over the approval?
- (c) What are the new licence conditions?
- (2) Is the Government aware of Dart Energy's plans for PEL458?
- (3) Is the Government aware of AJ Lucas's plans for PEL458?
- (4) Will the Government commit to not renewing PEL458 when it expires in June 2016?
- (5) What is the Government's rationale for entering into buy-back negotiations for some PELs and not others, considering that the Government has recently entered into negotiations with Dart Energy and purchased PEL445 in the Northern Rivers?

Answer—

- (1) No, Lawndale has never owned the PELs and thus was not subject to any requirement to seek a change in control.
 - (a) Refer to answer to question one.
 - (b) Refer to answer to question one.
 - (c) Refer to answer to question one.
- (2) Yes – there is an approved work program in place for PEL 458.
- (3) Yes – there is an approved work program in place for PEL 458.
- (4) The Division of Resources and Energy within the Department of Industry considers all renewal applications on their merits.
- (5) The buyback scheme was only open to those title holders who were not in material breach or non-compliance of the Act or the Regulation and were a fit and proper person for the purposes of the Act. The buyback scheme closed on 30 September 2015. Further PEL buy-backs from titleholders may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

*1724 CITY ROUTE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What direct city route will the commuters of Chester Hill, Sefton and Birrong rely on, considering that the Government reduced train services to the Inner West Train Lines in October 2013 and that construction of the Sydney Metro and South Line may potentially shutdown the Bankstown Line?

Answer—

I am advised :

The Sydney Metro City and Southwest project will deliver 'turn up and go' services between Bankstown and the city with a train departing every four minutes at peak times.

Stations to the north and west of Bankstown Station, including Chester Hill, Sefton and Birrong, will also continue to be served by the Sydney Trains network once Sydney Metro is running in 2024.

Customers will be able to transfer between metro and suburban train services at an upgraded Bankstown Station. The timetable for these services will be developed closer to the Sydney Metro delivery date.

*1725 COMMUTER CARPARK IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Government commit to building a new commuter carpark in Bankstown to accommodate the increase in train patronage as a result of the Government's urban renewal plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Rail corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney to Bankstown urban renewal corridor strategy is supported by a detailed transport strategy and includes Sydney Metro South West. This document will be on exhibition shortly.

*1726 OPAL CARD—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many pensioners and students in the Bankstown electorate have bought an Opal card to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bankstown residents are able to acquire an Opal card by phone, internet, or at any of the Opal retailers in NSW. There have been over 4.1 million Opal cards issued.

*1727 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN OFFICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that the Government has decided to close the NSW Trustee and Guardian office at Bankstown, what government department will instead lease this premise?

Answer—

The NSW Government is currently considering options to backfill the residual lease of the NSW Trustee and Guardian office at Bankstown.

*1728 LOCAL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) Will the Minister confirm that the criteria for local district commissioners (representatives) recommended by councils to be part of the Sydney Greater Commission include:

- (a) Appropriately qualified as similarly required by appointees on Joint Regional Planning Panels;
- (b) Not worked or have worked for at least five years as a lobbyist or consultants for any property developer;
- (c) Not had an interest in an application before the Department of Planning in the past five years;
- (d) Not have been an elected Councillor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Greater Sydney Commission Bill 2015 requires the District Commissioners to have the same expertise as the state members of the Joint Regional Planning Panels. Current serving Mayors, councillors, Members of Parliament or property developers are prohibited from concurrently holding District Commissioner positions. Each Commissioner will be required to abide by strict codes of conduct and declare any interests if and as they arise, in the normal manner.

*1729 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN OFFICE IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General—

(1) Why is the Government closing the NSW Trustee and Guardian Office in Bankstown, considering the projected population growth as a result of the Government's urban renewal plans?

(2) Can the Minister confirm that the services to clients will remain free?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that access to information and services provided by NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) will be available through Service NSW Centres, including Service NSW Bankstown.

The transformation will make NSWTG financially viable, reduce fees on average and make it easier for people to access services. Importantly, eligible pensioners will receive w·sa d powers of attorney for free.

*1730 BANKSTOWN COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Government force Bankstown Council to merge with a not Fit for the Future council despite Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal determining that Bankstown Council is Fit for the Future?

Answer—

No decision has been made regarding the future of any individual council.

*1731 LOCAL ROADS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Will the Minister develop an investment package to upgrade local roads in Bankstown, as a result of the Government's Sydney Metro (Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal corridor) plan to support the projected population increases?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The need for road upgrades will be considered in the context of the Government's broader plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor.

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*1732 BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PROGRAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

When providing \$19.5 million towards mandated behavioural change programs, will the Minister ensure that such programs are not conducted in the same vicinity that supports services for victims of domestic violence?

Answer—

This question should be referred to my colleague, the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*1733 PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

With reference to the ABC Radio National's 'Background Briefing' program aired on Sunday 4 October 2015 titled 'The sand mining mayor who loves a deal':

- (1) What actions is the Minister taking to ensure that Port Stephens Council is acting in accordance with the law and in the best interests of the residents of Port Stephens?
- (2) Will the Minister accept Independent Pricing And Regulatory Tribunal's determination that Port Stephens Council is Fit for the Future?

Answer—

The Office of Local Government monitors the performance of all councils in New South Wales.

I continue to encourage anyone with a complaint about the conduct of councillors or council officials to make that information available to the Council's General Manager, in accordance with Council's code of conduct.

If the complaint relates to corrupt conduct, that complaint should be provided to the Independent Commission Against Corruption or, in cases of breaches of the Local Government Act 1993, to the Office of Local Government.

No decision has been made regarding the future of any individual council.

*1734 RURAL FIRE STATIONS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the Government's timeline for the funding, construction and completion of the Tilligerry Peninsula, Fingal and Karuah Rural Fire Service Stations in Port Stephens area?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service has advised me:

The Government has committed funding of around \$12 million per year for enhancements to rural fire stations and fire control centres. This commitment will enable the NSW RFS to build essential infrastructure, supporting the men and women who protect our communities during times of emergency.

Plans for new fire stations for Tilligerry, Fingal Bay and Karuah Rural Fire Brigades are all underway. Construction of the Tilligerry fire station is expected to be finalised in 2016. Construction timelines for the other two facilities will be determined in due course.

*1735 KARUAH BOAT RAMP—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With reference to the improvements to the Karuah boat ramp that were identified as one of the 22 Priority Regional Projects for NSW Boating:

- (1) What funding has the Government allocated to rectifying the Karuah boat ramp?
- (2) What works are to be undertaken to ensure that the Karuah boat ramp is both functional and safe?
- (3) When will the works commence?
- (4) When will the works be complete?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is investing \$3.68 million on 22 key boating projects to boost safety and accessibility for boaters in Port Stephens and the wider Hunter.

The design and delivery of the works at Karuah will be carried out by Port Stephens Council.

*1736 WILLIAMTOWN RAAF BASE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What are the terms of reference for each of the inquiries and panels that the Government has established as a result of contamination emanating from the Williamtown RAAF Base, including the:
 - (a) Expert panel being chaired by the NSW Chief Scientist;
 - (b) Community reference group;
 - (c) Elected representative group;
 - (d) Inquiry being chaired by Professor Mark Taylor?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) The terms of reference are available on the EPA website at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/MediaInformation/expert-panel-williamtown.htm.
- (b) The terms of reference are available on the EPA website at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/mediainformation/community-reference-williamtown.htm.
- (c) The functions of the Elected Representatives Group, coordinated by the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and the Central Coast, are to:
 - Keep elected representatives at all levels informed on the Department of Defence and NSW Government agency response to the surface water, groundwater and biota contamination detected in the vicinity of the Williamtown RAAF base.
 - Provide a forum for discussion and feedback on the most pressing concerns of their constituents.
- (d) The Terms of Reference of the review being conducted by Professor Mark Taylor are to:
 - Review the EPA's implementation of the findings of the Auditor General's report of 10 July 2014, into managing contaminated sites.
 - Make any recommendations deemed appropriate regarding the EPA's management of contaminated sites.
 - Provide an interim report with any recommendations deemed appropriate regarding the EPA's past management of the Williamtown RAAF base.
 - Provide an interim report with any recommendations deemed appropriate regarding the EPA's past and future management of PFOS/PFOA contaminated sites, both known and unknown.

*1737 NATIONAL PLANNING PRINCIPLES FOR ANIMALS IN DISASTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What work has the Government done to ensure that natural disaster and emergency service authorities include protection of animals in their disaster plans?
- (2) What work has been done to ensure that farmers have bushfire and natural disaster plans that include plans to help protect their livestock?
- (3) What other action has the Government taken to ensure that the National Planning Principles for Animals in Disasters are implemented in all government disaster plans?

Answer—

- (1) Under the NSW State Emergency Management Plan, the Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA) is responsible for ensuring the protection of all animals (livestock, pets, birds, wildlife and aquatic creatures) in emergencies. NSW DPI, as the AASFA coordinator, has plans, policies, procedures and guidelines which set out how animals will be planned for, protected and assisted during emergencies. The AASFA State Coordinator attends the State Emergency Management Committee and liaises closely with other emergency service organisations to ensure that safety and welfare of animals are considered during responses.
- (2) NSW DPI has worked with the emergency service organisations such as RFS and SES and the community (including through Local Land Services) to provide information to farmers on activities that protect livestock in natural disasters.
- (3) The NSW emergency management arrangements and NSW DPI's plans, policies, procedures and guidelines meet all the national planning principles for animals in disasters.

*1738 FISH LABELLING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- (1) How often does the Government audit fish and chip shops, restaurants and fresh fish retailers to ensure that fish labelling is accurate in terms of species and country of origin?
 - (a) To what extent are these audits unannounced?
 - (b) To what extent do these audits include DNA testing for species given a Greenpeace DNA analysis of 'flake' sold in 23 Melbourne fish and chip shops found a third were incorrectly labelled and included species like overfished school shark?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to strengthening labelling requirements to ensure consumers can determine:
 - (a) What species of fish is being sold;
 - (b) Where it is from;
 - (c) Whether it was caught or farmed;
 - (d) Whether it is sustainable?

Answer—

- (1) Ready to eat seafood sold at the retail level is exempt from the country of origin labelling requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, but businesses must provide this information to customers on request.

Fresh seafood sold at the retail level must be displayed with a statement that identifies its country of origin and species. Local council staff are responsible for checking compliance of retail food businesses during routine, unannounced inspections. Councils are required to undertake these inspections once per year for each retail food business in their local government area.

The NSW Food Authority also undertakes periodic surveillance to assess compliance with country of origin and species labelling requirements by fresh seafood retailers. There is no set frequency for this work.

- (a) See response to question 1.
 - (b) DNA testing is used by the NSW Food Authority to confirm fish species if required in the course of compliance and enforcement action.
- (2) Existing seafood labelling requirements are sufficient to ensure consumers are properly informed.
 - (a) Standard 2.2.3 of the Food Standards Code references the Australian Fish Names Standard, although this is a guidance document and does not define or prescribe the use of the standard fish names. The Fish Names Standard is therefore not enforceable under the NSW Food Act 2003.

Any efforts to mandate the Fish Name Standard would need to occur nationally.
 - (b) The Commonwealth is currently leading efforts to reform country of origin labelling requirements for food, including bringing these requirements under the Australian Consumer Law.
 - (c) There is no requirement for seafood to be labelled as caught or farmed. Businesses can voluntarily provide this information, as long as it is truthful and accurate.
 - (d) There is no requirement for seafood to be labelled as sustainable. Some businesses choose to voluntarily display this information where they see a commercial advantage. Any claims made regarding sustainability must be truthful and accurate.

*1739 POLYSTYRENE FOAM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What environmental problems have been identified when polystyrene foam gets diverted to landfill?
- (2) How many facilities in New South Wales recycle polystyrene foam?
 - (a) Of these, how many provide for 100 percent recycling of the material?
- (3) What final products is recycled polystyrene foam made into?
- (4) How many tonnes of polystyrene foam does New South Wales consume?
 - (a) How much of this is recycled?
- (5) What options are being considered to help boost recycling rates of polystyrene foam?
 - (a) What increases are expected from these options?
- (6) What options are being considered to help reduce consumption of polystyrene foam?
- (7) To what extent does the Government accept that there are alternative packing options available that could replace polystyrene foam?
- (8) To what extent is the Government pushing for a national ban on the sale, use and importation of polystyrene foam?

Answer—

- (1) Polystyrene foam does not break down in landfill, exacerbating the issue of limited landfill space in New South Wales.
- (2) 26 facilities have equipment that can reprocess polystyrene into a form that can be reused.
 - (a) All of them.
- (3) Recycled polystyrene foam is most often used to make plastic timber replacement products such as picture frames and outdoor furniture.
- (4) The number of tonnes consumed is unknown. A considerable proportion is produced for long term use in the construction industry. Landfill audits conducted by the Government report that polystyrene disposed to landfill has reduced from 9,500 tonne per annum in 2008 to 8,000 tonne per annum in 2014.
 - (a) In New South Wales the recycling rate is estimated to be 60 per cent, considerably higher than the national average of 7 per cent.
- (5) to (8) The Government offers rebates of up to 50 per cent of the cost of polystyrene processing equipment to eligible organisations. Community recycling centres have also been funded across New South Wales, some of which will support the collection of additional polystyrene from the community for recycling. The Government requires all major producers of packaging in New South Wales, including polystyrene products, to join the Australian Packaging Covenant. Covenant members must apply the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines which require businesses to minimise packaging and maximise the use of recycled materials.

*1740 BICYCLE AWARENESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What are the accident, injury and death trends for crashes or incidents involving motor vehicles and bicycles?
- (2) What evidence has the Government carried out into motorists' awareness of bicycle riders and road rules relating to cycling?
- (3) What evidence has the Government identified about motorists' awareness of bicycle riders and road rules relating to cycling?
- (4) Is the Government aware of the 2014 VicRoads Review of Victorian Cycling Related Road Rules and Legislation, which recommended an education and communications campaign on cycling-related road rules?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of strategies to improve awareness and reduce conflict between motor vehicles and bicycles?
- (6) What information programs has the Government carried out for this purpose?
- (7) What behaviour change programs has the Government carried out for this purpose?
- (8) What evaluation has been carried out of these programs and what impact has been identified?
- (9) What further plans does the Government have to improve motorist awareness of bicycle riders and road rules relating to cycling?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to improving safety for all road users.

The NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012-21 commits to a 30 percent reduction in both fatalities and serious injuries and the NSW Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-2016 includes a number of initiatives aimed at improving interactions between motorists and bicycle riders, including research, communications, and promoting cycling.

Actions outlined in the NSW Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-2016 have been informed by crash data and consultation with key stakeholders including Bicycling NSW, Amy Gillett Foundation, NRMA Motoring and Services, Motor Accidents Authority, and Roads and Maritime Services. Transport for NSW also regularly communicates with counterparts in other jurisdictions.

The Centre for Road Safety engages with the community through a range of education and awareness campaigns. Details of campaigns are available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

The Centre for Road Safety is currently undertaking research that will gauge bicycle riders and motorists' attitudes and behaviours concerning bicycle safety, including awareness of road rules relating to cycling.

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NSW Road Toll Statistics and trends are available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

*1741 COUNCIL POWERS TO REGULATE COMMERCIAL WASTE ACTIVITIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What concerns have been raised with the Government about commercial waste collection activities occurring at times that impact on adjacent residents?
- (2) What concerns have been raised with the Government that councils have limited powers to control commercial waste activities?
- (3) What assessment has been made of laws in Victoria that enable councils to make by-laws to manage how commercial contractors manage and collect waste in their local government area and how Victorian councils have used these provisions to prevent noise impacts?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to introducing similar provisions?

Answer—

The Government has been notified by the City of Sydney about concerns in relation to commercial waste practices on some local residents and businesses.

Any amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 will be made in line with the Government's existing commitments to a more modern, streamlined Local Government Act.

*1742 LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion or LEAD program operating in Seattle Washington, Santa Fe, New Mexico and Albany, New York?
- (2) What is the response of local law enforcement agencies to this program?
- (3) What is the evidence about this program's success in diverting people from low-level drugs misuse before criminal sanction?
- (4) What similar drug diversion programs has the Government investigated?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of trialling this program in New South Wales, including in the inner city of Sydney?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made of trialling similar drug diversion programs in New South Wales, including in the inner city of Sydney?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to implement drug diversion programs in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that it has not evaluated the LEAD program and that assessing the relevance of such a program would require a broad set of stakeholders beyond law enforcement.

There are a number of drug diversion programs operating in New South Wales, including Your Choice and the Cannabis Cautioning Scheme. Both divert eligible minor drug or alcohol offenders out of the criminal justice system and into health intervention. The Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program and the NSW Drug Court offer extensive drug treatment and case management to drug dependent offenders.

*1743 ACCESSIBLE AND ADAPTABLE HOUSING SUPPLY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With reference to housing that is accessible to meet the needs of people with disabilities and/or limited mobility:

- (1) How many public housing properties in New South Wales are wheelchair-accessible and adaptable?
- (2) How many public housing properties in the inner city of Sydney are wheelchair-accessible and adaptable?
- (3) What shortfalls has the Government identified in the supply of accessible and adaptable housing in the inner city of Sydney?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to increase the supply of accessible and adaptable housing in New South Wales?
- (5) How many new accessible and adaptable housing units has the Government provided in the inner city of Sydney since 1 April 2011?
- (6) How many new accessible and adaptable housing units are planned for the inner city of Sydney over the next four years?
- (7) What percentage of units in new public housing developments is required to be accessible and adaptable?
- (8) How does the Government ensure that accessible properties are available for applicants with a

disability or low mobility?

- (9) What further action will the Government take to ensure that people with a disability or limited mobility are given priority for accessible or modified properties?

Answer—

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation builds and refurbishes homes so tenants with disabilities are able to live safely and comfortably. The number of public housing properties that are modified changes constantly to suit changing client needs.

New houses are also built to accessible and liveable standards to meet current and future demands for social housing. More information on social housing properties is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au

*1744 BACKPACKER HOSTELS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What concerns have been raised with the Government about noise and anti-social behaviour impacts of backpacker hostels on adjacent communities?
- (2) What concerns have been raised with the Government about limited council powers to control these impacts where there are 'existing use' rights that predate current zoning and few or no consent conditions?
- (3) What statewide regulation applies to short term tourist accommodation such as backpacker hostels to ensure they act as good neighbours?
- (4) What advice does the Government provide to complainants on these noise and anti-social behaviour complaints?
- (5) What requirements do backpacker hostels have to meet with respect to:
 - (a) Management of shared accommodation;
 - (b) Provision of facilities;
 - (c) Limits on overcrowding;
 - (d) Enforceable plans of management;
 - (e) Use of outdoor courtyards;
 - (f) Noise abatement;
 - (g) Overnight on site managers;
 - (h) Consumption of alcohol on site?
- (6) What minimum level of accommodation standard are backpacker hostels required to provide guests?
- (7) How does Fair Trading determine whether a backpacker hostel is covered under boarding house regulations?
- (8) What assessment has the Government made of whether boarding house regulations could be applied to regulate other shared accommodation including backpacker hostels?
- (9) What consideration will the Government give to improved regulation or licensing for backpacker hostels in order to protect community amenity?

Answer—

- (1) Backpacker hostels are regulated by under planning laws. This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Rob Stokes MP.
- (2) Council powers, zoning and consent conditions are determined under planning laws. This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Rob Stokes MP.
- (3) Short term tourist accommodation is regulated under planning laws. This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Stokes MP.
- (4) Complaints about noise should be made to the local council or police. Complaints about anti-social behaviour should be made to the police.
- (5) Refer to response to question 1.
- (6) Refer to response to question 1.
- (7) Backpacker hostels are specifically excluded from the operation of the Boarding Houses Act 2012.
- (8) An inter-agency committee has been convened to examine the issues associated with overcrowding of residential accommodation. The committee is considering a number of options to address those issues, and amending the scope of the boarding house legislation is one of the options being explored.
- (9) Refer to response to question 1.

*1745 APRIL FLOOD REVIEW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) When was the Aurizon and ARTC Hexham Train Support Facility April flood review requested?
- (2) When was the review received by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure?

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- (3) On what date was the review report originally expected to be released?
(4) What date is the review report now expected to be released by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Both project approvals require that a Flood Review Report be prepared after the occurrence of certain flood events as nominated by the relevant condition of approval.
(2) 25 June 2015.
(3) and (4) The Department of Planning and Environment is not responsible for releasing proponents' post approval documents.

*1747 UNDERGROUND ASSETS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

With reference to the location of underground assets such as gas cabling and wires, and electricity cabling and wires:

- (1) Are all energy providers required to register their location with a centralised agency such as 'Dial Before You Dig'?
(a) If yes, is this a national requirement or a New South Wales requirement?
(b) If no, why not?
(2) Are all energy providers required to include a location tracking mechanism such as a trace wire that is locatable by existing technology?
(3) If underground assets are not locatable by existing technology how does the asset owner notify third parties of the location?
(4) If underground assets are not locatable by existing technology and are damaged by a third party during digging, who is responsible to pay for damage to the assets?

Answer—

As I indicated in previous correspondences to Mr Barr, dated 19 May 2014 and 19 January 2015, tracer wire is only required on certain types of asset installations principally where non-metallic gas pipes are installed. Underground assets of metallic construction such as steel gas pipelines and electricity cables do not require tracer wire as they can be detected directly.

All gas network operators in NSW have been notified to follow Australian Standard 4645 Gas distribution networks. This standard has a requirement for tracer wire to be installed. The network operators also have an audited review system to verify if its procedures are being followed.

In NSW, the Gas Supply Act 1996 and subordinate legislation covers the requirements for asset owners and excavation organisations operating around gas assets. The Electricity Supply Act 1995 and its subordinate legislation applies to electricity networks.

All gas and electricity network operators in NSW must be:

- (a) a member of the designated information provider, and
(b) comply with any obligations imposed by that membership.

In New South Wales, the network operators use Dial Before You Dig NSW/ACT as the information provider. Licensed pipeline operators also use this service as do telecommunication and water supply organisations such as Telstra and Sydney water.

When an organisation contacts the designated information provider, the organisation receives information on what assets are located in the nominated area with approximate distances. The asset owner's requirements are also provided and in certain cases the asset owner will send a representative to the proposed excavation to ensure the safe excavation of the asset.

It is an offence for the excavating organisation to fail to contact the designated information provider and to fail to follow the reasonable requirements of the asset owner. The excavating organisation should also follow WorkCover NSW guideline related to work near underground assets.

*1748 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) With reference to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds at John Hunter Hospital (JHH) and Calvary Mater Newcastle:
(a) How many beds were available on 27 September 2015?
(b) How many beds were in use on 27 September 2015?

- (c) How many patients presented for ICU admittance on 27 September 2015?
(d) What other hospitals were patients redirected to if there were no available beds at both JHH and Calvary Mater Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) to (d) The capacity of John Hunter Hospital's Intensive Care Unit is 21 beds, and the Calvary Mater Newcastle Intensive Care Unit is six beds.

The Hunter New England Local Health District manages their resources according to clinical need.

*1749 FUNDS FOR LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What funds have been made available for the construction of the new Lower Hunter Hospital from:
(a) The NSW Health 2015-16 Budget;
(b) The Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund 2015-16;
(c) The NSW Resources for Regions Program 2015-16?
(2) Will any funds be sought from private investors during 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There has been \$9.859 million allocated to the planning and site preparation of the New Maitland Hospital. No funds have been allocated from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund 2015-16 or the NSW Resources for Regions Program 2015-16.
(2) No.

*1751 OPAL CARDS WITH CREDIT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the Opal cards which have credit available on them:

- (1) Can a refund of available funds be obtained if the card is no longer required and is:
(a) Registered;
(b) Not registered?
(2) Can a refund of available funds be obtained by the next of kin if the registered owner of the card dies or becomes incapacitated?
(3) Where is the unused funds transferred to if it remains unused and unclaimed?
(4) What is the timeframe before a card and funds is considered dormant?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about refunds and card expiration is available on the Opal website.

*1752 TAFE AND VET FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

With reference to TAFE and VET funding in the 2015-16 Budget:

- (1) Does the allocated Budget include Commonwealth Government funding?
(a) If so, what is the total funding provided by the Commonwealth Government within the New South Wales TAFE and VET budgets?
(2) Does the total budget for TAFE and VET in New South Wales, as shown in the 2015-16 Budget Papers, include predicted contributions from students who enrol and take on payment, in part or in whole, for the chosen course of study?
(a) If so, what is the total financial amount predicted in the 2015-16 Budget for student contributions?
(3) How many students have enrolled in TAFE or VET course, by accepting a responsibility for payment for the course?
(4) What is the total value of fee responsibility accepted by students in the TAFE and VET sector?
(5) How many students have taken on a government managed and endorsed debt for pursuing their TAFE or VET studies?
(6) What is the total quantum of debt that has been taken on by students in 2015 through processes managed, controlled and assisted by the Government?

Answer—

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- (1) State and Territory Vocational Education and Training budgets include a proportion of funding from the Commonwealth, under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform, and the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development which came into effect on 1 January 2009.
 - (a) Total funding is \$615.4 million.
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) It is included within the Sales of Goods and Services amount of \$528 million. Sales of Goods and Services also includes commercial fee-for-service income earned outside Smart and Skilled.
- (3) All government-subsidised qualifications require a student fee contribution. Concessions and exemptions are provided for some students. Providers also offer a range of non-subsidised commercial fee paying courses. The total number of students who pay a fee, including fee-for-service training, is not covered under the current scope of national reporting by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER).
- (4) Data on the total fees payable by students in the NSW VET sector, including fee-for-service training at private training providers, is not covered under the current scope of national reporting by the NCVER. Refer to the budget papers for TAFE revenue figures (sale of goods and services), which includes the value of all student fees both subsidised under Smart and Skilled and full fee paying students.
- (5) The VET FEE-HELP loan scheme is managed and administered by the Commonwealth. Statistics on the number of VET FEE-HELP assisted students in each state and territory, including New South Wales, are published on the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training's website at <http://www.education.gov.au/vet-fee-help-statistics>
- (6) Enquiries on student debts under the VET FEE-HELP scheme should be directed to the Commonwealth, which has responsibility for the management and administration of VET FEE-HELP.

*1753 PRIVATE BUSINESSES OPERATING WITHIN NEW SOUTH WALES TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Does the Government monitor the business practices of the private businesses operating within New South Wales train stations to ensure they are fair, reasonable and legal?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Fair Trading monitors all traders across New South Wales, including those businesses operating in and around train stations, to ensure they comply with the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). Fair Trading also offers a free complaint handling service for consumers who are unable to resolve a dispute with a trader where it is believed a trader has not complied with the ACL.

The ACL is a national law which applies to all business sectors in Australia, including businesses operating at New South Wales train stations.

The ACL covers general standards of business conduct, prohibits unfair trading practices, regulates business-to-consumer transactions, provides basic consumer guarantees for goods and services, and regulates the safety of consumer products and services.

NSW Fair Trading proactively monitors compliance with the ACL. Last year, Fair Trading completed almost 6,000 visits to businesses in New South Wales.

Last year, more than 46,000 consumer complaints were lodged with Fair Trading, and 94 per cent of those complaints were successfully resolved through Fair Trading's intervention.

Consumers who believe that a trader is not complying with the ACL should lodge a complaint with Fair Trading online (www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 32 20.

*1754 COST OF NECESSARY AIDS TO QUIT SMOKING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the average cost for each prisoner who is a smoker to supply them with the necessary aids to help them quit smoking?

Answer—

As I advised on 17 September 2015 in response to the same question, the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is responsible for providing inmates with Nicotine Replacement Therapy. The question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

*1755 RESPONSES TO THE DRUG 'ICE'—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many people does the Government estimate are addicted to crystal methamphetamine or 'ice' across New South Wales?
- (2) How many individuals are treated for the effects of ice on a daily basis in rural and regional hospitals?
- (3) What treatment protocols are in place to help people overcome their addiction to ice?
- (4) Are all treatment protocols available to individuals in rural and regional areas?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to ensure that New South Wales treatment services are adequate and provide assistance to those who need it most, regardless of their location?

Answer—

I am advised:

The National Drug Household Survey report administered by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare provides information about drug use. The report is available at

www.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.

A background paper on NSW data relating to Crystalline Methamphetamine is available online at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/crvstallinemethamphetamine/Publications/background-paper.pdf>.

*1756 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY REGISTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Does the Government Property Register (GPR) includes all property assets of all State Owned Corporations (SOCs) even though SOCs were not obliged to report on their properties (reference Budget Estimates Question on Notice no 1)?

Answer—

SOCs are required under the Government Property NSW Act 2006 to provide information for GPR but this requirement does not extend to valuations for land essential to their operations.

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*1757 APPLICATIONS FOR BOND ASSISTANCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applications for bond assistance were received for properties located in The Entrance electorate in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (27 October 2015)?
 - (a) How many of these applications were granted in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (27 October 2015)?
 - (b) How many of these applications were refused in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (27 October 2015)?

Answer—

This information is publically available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Reports.

*1758 WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of changes made to the Wyong Shire Council's Tree Management Policy in April 2015?
- (2) Has the Minister received any reports of the removal of previously protected trees from the Wyong Shire?
- (3) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure no protected, threatened species or vegetation is affected by the policy changes made by the Wyong Shire Council?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

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- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Office of Environment and Heritage is investigating three reports of native vegetation clearing in Wyong Shire.
- (3) The Office of Environment and Heritage has a monitoring program in place to identify unlawful clearing events or harm to threatened species across NSW, including Wyong Shire.

*1759 OPAL CARD RETAIL OUTLETS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will Opal card retail outlets be located in the following shopping centres:
 - (a) Killarney Vale Shopping Centre;
 - (b) Bay Village Shopping Centre, Bateau Bay;
 - (c) Wyoming Shopping Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details for all Opal retailers are available at www.retailers.opal.com.au.

*1760 CRITERIA FOR A LIFT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the difference between Edgecliff Railway Station and Macquarie Fields Railway Station in terms of meeting the criteria for a lift?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters. Transport Access Program projects are planned and delivered under a prioritisation assessment framework.

This framework uses evidence-based criteria including, current and future patronage, the needs and demographics of customers who use the location, whether important services such as hospitals or educational facilities are nearby, and the accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Macquarie Fields Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

*1761 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many local government areas in New South Wales with a population in excess of 150,000 will not have a full Service NSW office within their boundaries?
- (2) What local government areas are they?

Answer—

The Service NSW network design is not based on local government boundaries.

A full list of current Service NSW locations can be found at www.service.nsw.gov.au.

*1763 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With reference to Social and Affordable Housing:

- (1) How many units have been constructed in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?
- (2) How many houses or town houses have been constructed in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?
- (3) How many affordable housing properties have been constructed in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?

- (4) How many affordable housing properties have been purchased in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing.

*1765 AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to Auburn Hospital:

- (1) How many beds were available as of 30 June 2015?
 - (a) How many of these beds were acute adult inpatient (excluding Obstetrics, Psychiatry, Emergency)?
 - (b) How many of these beds were non-acute inpatient?
- (2) What was the total expenditure for the 2014-15 financial year?
- (3) What is the allocated budget for the 2015-16 financial year?
- (4) What capital expenditure was allocated in 2014-15 financial year?
- (5) What capital expenditure is planned for 2015-16 financial year?
- (6) What new services were commenced in 2014-15 financial year?
- (7) What new services are planned for 2015-16 financial year?
- (8) Were any services closed or transferred in 2014-15 financial year?
- (9) Are any services planned for closure or transfer in 2015-16 financial year?
- (10) How many staff were employed as of 30 June 2014 in:
 - (a) Nursing;
 - (b) Medical;
 - (c) Allied Health;
 - (d) Total?
- (11) How many staff were employed as of 30 June 2015 in:
 - (a) Nursing;
 - (b) Medical;
 - (c) Allied Health;
 - (d) Total?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (11) There were 184 beds available at Auburn Hospital at 30 June 2015. This included 63 beds for acute adult inpatients (excluding obstetrics, psychiatry & emergency), and 30 for non-acute inpatients.

Audited financial statements are not prepared for individual hospitals. Audited financial statements for the Western Sydney Local Health District are available on the NSW Health website. Expense budgets are also publicly available on the Western Sydney Local Health District website. Capital expenditure is publicly available on the Western Sydney Local Health District website.

There were no new services commenced in the 2014-2015 financial year. A new Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service is planned for 2015-2016 which will provide ambulatory service for chronic respiratory patients as an alternative to inpatient admission. A new Ferinject Iron Infusion Clinic has been established which provides an ambulatory service for patients who require iron infusions as an alternative to being admitted to hospital for an infusion.

There were no services closed or transferred in the 2014-2015 financial year. There are no services planned for closure or transfer in the 2015-2016 financial year.

Staffing levels are a matter for Local Health Districts and will vary over time according to patient need. Data on the total NSW Health workforce is available in the 2014-15 NSW Health Annual Report located at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Pages/default.aspx>.

*1766 MACARTHUR SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many alternative sites were considered for the Macarthur Service NSW Centre before the final site at Gregory Hills was decided on?
 - (a) Of these alternatives, how many were located within the Campbelltown Local Government Area?

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- (b) On what grounds were these sites within the Campbelltown Local Government Area deemed unfit?

Answer—

I am advised Service NSW asked Government Property NSW to search for sites in the Campbelltown region that would meet Service NSW business requirements. Most of these were located in the Campbelltown LGA, including existing motor registry locations. These sites were found unsuitable due to factors such as size, leasing arrangements, driver testing constraints, requirement for major renovation, and accessibility.

- *1767 WALLSEND SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many people were employed at the Wallsend Motor Registry before it was closed for refurbishment to a Service NSW Centre?
 - (a) How many of these people applied for a position in the new Wallsend Service NSW Centre?
- (2) Did any existing staff apply for a position which they later withdrew?
 - (a) If so how many?
- (3) How many people from the previous Wallsend Motor Registry have successfully gained a position at the new Wallsend Service NSW Centre?

Answer—

- (1) Wallsend Motor Registry had a headcount of 11 staff. Five of those chose to apply for a position at the Wallsend Service Centre.
- (2) Two of the five applicants chose to withdraw their applications.
- (3) Two applicants from Roads and Maritime Services and an applicant from Births, Deaths and Marriages successfully gained positions at Wallsend Service Centre. The three applicants from Wallsend Motor Registry were not successful for positions in Service NSW.

- *1768 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applicants are on the waiting list for social housing within the Wallsend electorate?
- (2) What is the average waiting time?
- (3) What was the longest waiting time for an applicant who has been housed in the past twelve months?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

- *1769 WOMEN'S CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Apart from the \$438,600 in funding to the Hunter Women's Centre in Mayfield in the 2014-15 financial year, how much money was spent by the Government in the 2014-15 financial year on women's centres in the Hunter?
- (2) How much money was spent by the Government in the 2014-15 financial year on women's centres in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

The Member for Wallsend is referred to the previous response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 0780.

Mainstream and specialist services for women are available through a range of government and government funded providers in New South Wales.

- *1770 SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELIEF SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What amount of the \$20 million allocated to specialist homelessness and domestic violence relief services will be dedicated to the Hunter region?
 - (a) How much of this amount will be made available to the Wallsend electorate for funding of Warlga Ngurra and further crisis centres?

Answer—

Information about the Government's domestic and family violence package is available at www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/new-dfv-package.

*1771 INTERNATIONAL FEE PAYING STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many international fee paying students are enrolled at schools within the Wallsend electorate?
(a) At what schools are they enrolled?

Answer—

At the end of Term 3, 2015, there were no international full fee paying school students enrolled in Government schools within the Wallsend electorate.

*1772 ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RETAIL ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRICING) BILL 2015—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Will the Minister distribute concise and unambiguous information to consumers regarding how they may be affected by the amendments to the Energy Legislation Amendment (Retail Electricity and Gas Pricing) Bill 2015?
(a) If so, how will the Minister provide this information?
(b) If so, what information will be provided?
(c) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government has already run a highly successful energy awareness campaign and promotes the use of the Australian Energy Regulator's Energy Made Easy website.

*1773 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the Government doing to reduce youth unemployment in Wallsend and the Hunter, considering that the unemployment figures in the Hunter are amongst the highest in New South Wales?

Answer—

The latest ABS statistics (September 2015) show a reduction in the unemployment rate for the Hunter Valley Labour Force Region -- 9.7 per cent from 12.8 per cent (March 2015).

The Government has established Jobs for NSW, an initiative that uses private sector expertise to develop better incentives for businesses to create jobs. The \$190 million Jobs for NSW fund will be rolled out to assist regional businesses and industries to grow jobs, with 30 per cent of funding dedicated to regional job creation.

The Government is also working directly with key business groups in the Hunter to support jobs growth. The Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Coordination has initiated industry roundtable forums to monitor the regional economy and develop strategies to support local industry. Key stakeholders, including the Australian Industry Group, Hunter Business Chamber, HunterNet and the Hunter Research Foundation, are represented at this forum.

The Government has also appointed a local employment coordinator, Ms Jane Callinan, for the Upper Hunter to work with Commonwealth agencies, councils, large employers, local business chambers and skills training organisations to facilitate:

New apprenticeship and training pathways for unemployed youth and school leavers

Practical support for youth to access training and employment, including public transport services.

The Government provides funding assistance to businesses in the Hunter region to help facilitate new job creation through:

Payroll tax rebates from the Office of State Revenue (OSR) for the creation of new positions in larger firms

OSR grants for the creation of new jobs within small businesses.

The Government is also delivering the social and economic infrastructure needed to support jobs growth in the Hunter. This includes a commitment to date of almost \$400 million through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund, and \$106 million through Resources for Regions.

*1774 CALLOUTS OF THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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What were the average waiting times for callouts in the Newcastle and the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command of the NSW Police Force in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (to 27 October 2015)?

Answer—

Response times vary depending on the priority given.

A range of factors including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel influences response times.

*1775 CONTACT SPORTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many sports players have sustained serious injury or death as a result of playing contact sports in New South Wales in the past year?
 - (a) Of these, how many players were from the Hunter?
- (2) What reports have the Government received regarding long term, ongoing health issues from injuries sustained on field by players from the Hunter?
- (3) What measures is the Government undertaking to support sporting associations and players in managing the effects of these accidents in the wider community?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to support the health, wellbeing and safety of contact sports players?

Answer—

- (1) This data is not held by the Office of Sport.
- (2) The Office of Sport has not received any reports.
- (3) and (4) The Government has undertaken the following:
 - The Government has provided funding to Sports Medicine Australia NSW Branch to deliver community education and support throughout New South Wales on concussion. In the last 12 months over 800 community coaches, trainers, administrators, teachers and students have attended courses.
 - Sport and Recreation is a member of a national Sports Safety Working Group.
 - Sport and Recreation is working collaboratively with governing sporting bodies, sports medicine professionals, schools and other key national partners to develop and implement policies, procedures, practices and education campaigns to address sport participants' safety, health and well-being.
 - Sport and Recreation in partnership with Brain Injury Australia hosted a sports industry forum in November this year for 110 sport, education and health sector professionals on 'Sports-Related Concussion in Children and Adolescents'.
 - Sport and Recreation facilitated sport sector consultations to assist the Children's Hospital at Westmead's 'When in Doubt, Sit it Out' community education campaign.
 - In October 2015, at a Meeting of Sport and Recreation Ministers (MSRM) I endorsed the National Concussion in Sport Position Statement that will provide credible up-to-date information and support for all sports including management practices, education and resources. The Statement was developed by the Australian Institute of Sport and Australian Medical Association.
 - Sport and Recreation regulates professional and amateur combat sports in NSW under the Combat Sports Act 2013. A key object of the Combat Sports Act 2013 is the health and safety of combatants.
 - Sport and Recreation provides a grant to cover the public liability insurance of State sporting organisations for people with disability in New South Wales.
 - NSW sporting organisations have the opportunity to join the NSW Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme that provides sporting participants with insurance against serious injuries and death.
 - icare Lifetime Care (formerly the Lifetime Care and Support Authority) has provided in excess of \$1 million to support sport and recreation participation programs and facility development to increase opportunities for people with disability.

*1776 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the proposed Albion Park Rail Bypass fully funded?

- (a) If not, how much of the funding commitment announced in the March 2015 election remains uncommitted?
- (2) What are the reasons for not being able to commence construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass by 1 July 2017?
- (3) Does the Government still intend to commence construction by 2019?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has allocated \$3 million in planning in 2015-16 and subject to planning approval, building work is planned to commence by early 2019. Further information on the project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*1779 ILLAWARRA GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) When will the Draft Illawarra Growth and Infrastructure Plan, which was released in October 2014, be finalised?
- (2) When will the finalised Plan be publicly released?
- (3) What are the reasons for the delay in releasing the final Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan was released on Tuesday 24 November 2015.
- (2) See answer to question 1.
- (3) Finalising the Plan required stakeholder engagement and consideration of emerging regional issues.

*1780 SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will Shellharbour City Council be required to merge with Wollongong City Council following the public release of the IPART report titled 'Assessment of Council Fit for the Future Proposals'?
- (a) If so, why?

Answer—

No decision has been made regarding the future of any individual council.

*1781 SCHOOL CHALLENGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Why does the Premier's Debating Challenge and the Premier's Spelling Bee exclude Independent schools?
- (2) Has any thought been given to extending the challenges to all school students in New South Wales?

Answer—

The Premier's Debating Challenge and the Premier's Spelling Bee are offered as extracurricular programs for students attending Government public schools.

The Independent Schools Debating Association, Greater Public Schools, Combined Associated Schools, and Archdale Representative Schools all provide opportunities for primary and secondary students from non-government schools to participate in debating.

Literacy initiatives, including the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award and the Plain English Speaking Award, allow for the participation of students from non-government schools.

*1784 INCOME RECEIVED BY SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

What is the total income received by Department of Education schools through rent and licence fees paid by Out of School Hours services on school grounds in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

Schools currently record income from out of school hours service fees under the broader category of Hire of Facilities in their Annual Financial Statements.

An income from the hire of school facilities is published on the Department's website .

*1785 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

What is the ratio between the number of migrant students and the number of English as a Second

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Language teachers in the public schools in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

The RAM equity loading for English language proficiency was introduced in 2015.

All schools with students identified through the annual English as an additional language or dialect (EALID) survey as requiring support, receive an allocation to support these students' needs as a staffing allocation and/or flexible funding.

Each school determines the best way to use their EALID allocation to respond to the needs of their EALID students.

*1786 INTERNATIONAL FEE PAYING STUDENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many international fee paying students are enrolled at schools within the Liverpool electorate?
(a) At what schools are they enrolled?

Answer—

At the end of Term 3, 2015, 31 international full fee paying school students were enrolled in Government schools within the Liverpool electorate.

These students are enrolled at Busby West Public School, Hoxton Park High School, James Busby High School, John Edmondson High School, Liverpool Boys High School, Liverpool Girls High School, Liverpool Public School, Liverpool West Public School, Miller High School and Miller Intensive English Centre.

*1787 STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How do you respond to the recommendations by the Privacy Commission that all State Owned Corporations should be covered by privacy legislation?

Answer—

Legislation governing State Owned Corporations (SOCs) in New South Wales is the Premier's responsibility and questions regarding SOC's should be directed as such.

The Government will consider the views and proposals of stakeholders regarding changes to any legislation.

*1788 GUARDIANS AD LITEM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Will your Department respond to requests for particulars and other information by solicitors for Guardians ad litem for children in your care in relation to potential actions against your Department?
(a) If not, why not?
(b) If so, when?
- (2) Does your Department continue to adhere to the Memorandum of Understanding between Community Services, Department of Justice and NSW Legal Aid?

Answer—

refer the Member to my response to his letter, dated 23 October 2015.

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*1789 BARRIER COUNTS AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What were the total barrier counts for the 2011-12 financial year at the following train stations:
(a) Lidcombe;
(b) Auburn;
(c) Berala;
(d) Regents Park;
(e) Olympic Park?
- (2) What were the total barrier counts for the 2014-15 financial year at the following train stations:
(a) Lidcombe;

- (b) Auburn;
- (c) Berala;
- (d) Regents Park;
- (e) Olympic Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about barrier counts is publicly available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

*1790 POLICE AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) On how many occasions was police called in 2014 to the following train stations:
 - (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Berala;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) Olympic Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Justice and Police.

*1791 FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students in government schools in the Auburn electorate are receiving funding support for a physical or intellectual disability?
- (2) How many students in non-government schools in the Auburn electorate are receiving funding support for a physical or intellectual disability?
- (3) Which schools, both government and non-government, in the Auburn electorate run special units for students with physical or intellectual disabilities?
 - (a) How many students are enrolled at these special units?

Answer—

(1) and (2) All eligible students with a physical or intellectual disability receive funding support in line with policy.

(3) The Department of Education does not hold this data for non-government schools. There are 14 specialist support classes in government schools in the Auburn electorate enrolling students with a physical or intellectual disability.

*1793 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES CALL CENTRE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the average weekday wait time for callers to the Roads and Maritime Services call centre 132213, before speaking to a consultant?
- (2) What proportion of callers are connected to a consultant in less than:
 - (a) Five minutes;
 - (b) Ten minutes;
 - (c) 15 minutes;
 - (d) 20 minutes;
 - (e) 30 minutes?
- (3) What proportion of callers hang up without being connected to a consultant?

Answer—

- (1) The average weekday wait time for Maritime customers calling 13 22 13 is 1 minute 33 seconds. The average weekday wait time for Roads customers calling 13 22 13 is 6 minutes 56 seconds.
- (2) This information is not currently available.
- (3) Eight per cent of callers disconnect the call prior to speaking to a Maritime consultant, and 24.4 per cent of callers disconnect the call prior to speaking to a Roads consultant. Note that when customers call 13 22 13, automated messaging offers them the option of conducting transactions online.

*1794 USE OF OPAL CARDS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- (1) Between 1 January 2015 and 31 September 2015, what was the daily average use of Adult Opal cards on:
 - (a) Buses in Merrylands, Granville, Westmead, Wentworthville, Guildford and Greystanes;
 - (b) Trains in Merrylands, Granville, Westmead and Wentworthville;
- (2) Between 1 January 2015 and 31 September 2015, what was the daily average use of Child Opal cards on:
 - (a) Buses in Merrylands, Granville, Westmead, Wentworthville, Guildford and Greystanes;
 - (b) Trains in Merrylands, Granville, Westmead and Wentworthville?
- (3) Between 1 January 2015 and 31 September 2015, what was the daily average use of Gold Opal cards on:
 - (a) Buses in Merrylands, Granville, Westmead, Wentworthville, Guildford and Greystanes;
 - (b) Trains in Merrylands, Granville, Westmead and Wentworthville?

Answer—

I am advised:

In Merrylands, Granville, Westmead, Wentworthville, Guildford and Greystanes , the daily average Opal use was around 29,500.

- *1795 TUMBI CREEK—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Have resources been allocated to clear the storm debris which has accumulated in the Tumbi Creek as a consequence of the April 2015 storm?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently liaising with the Australian Government in relation to the cost of clean-up in public areas. Councils will be advised of the outcome in due course.

- *1796 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What measures is the Government taking to ensure that all cars residing in New South Wales are registered in New South Wales and not in other states?

Answer—

I am advised:

Vehicle registration enforcement is a matter for NSW Police.

- *1797 FIRE AND RESUCE NSW—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many new fire station sites have been developed on the Central Coast by the current Government?
- (2) How many fire station staff were employed on the Central Coast for each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
- (3) How many fire station staff were employed at stations in The Entrance electorate for each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
- (4) Has land been acquired at Lisarow and Munmorah for new fire stations to complete the 'Effective Network Coverage' as per the Fire and Rescue NSW Strategic Plan?
 - (a) If so, where are the sites located?
 - (i) What are the plans for their development?
- (5) When will Fire and Rescue NSW allocate funds for a 'dedicated aerial appliance' to complete the strategic capability of the Central Coast to combat major fires safely and effectively?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his previous Written Question No. 1122 on the same subject.

- *1798 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With reference to the recent youth unemployment figures rising from 7.8 percent to 14.3 percent, what is the Minister's plan to address this issue in Campbelltown and Outer South West Sydney?

Answer—

The Government is committed to maximising employment opportunities for all people in Western Sydney, and has already accelerated the delivery of almost \$1 billion to Western Sydney Growth Roads over 10 years, which will assist in creating jobs for locals. In addition, the NSW and Commonwealth Governments are jointly funding a 10-year, \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan that will support thousands of jobs; tens of thousands more will be created when Western Sydney Airport becomes operational in the 2020s.

Aligning with the development opportunities around Western Sydney Airport, the development of the Western Sydney Employment Area will provide 36,000 industry jobs, and 21,000 office jobs over the next 30 years.

The Government's Jobs Action Plan will also support jobs in Western Sydney by creating incentives for businesses to employ new workers. The Government has extended

the \$5,000 Jobs Action Plan payroll tax rebates for a further four years to 30 June 2019.

By setting minimum apprentice requirements on a project-by-project basis as part of the Government's record \$60 billion infrastructure program, many apprentices will have the opportunity to gain employment.

Additional local jobs will also be created from the redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital, and through construction in the Greater Macarthur Land Release Area.

*1799 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) As at 1 October 2015, what was the actual number of active beds at Mount Druitt Hospital in each the following wards:
- Rehabilitation;
 - Paediatrics;
 - Palliative Care;
 - Emergency;
 - Elective Surgery;
 - Any other active beds not mentioned above?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 137 beds at Mt Druitt Hospital.

Stage 2 of the expansion project for Mount Druitt Hospital will deliver increased surgical services, including inpatient beds, further imaging upgrades, expanded drug health facilities, and a new renal dialysis service.

*1800 INGLEBURN ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Does the Government own the premises currently occupied by the Ingleburn Roads and Maritime Services Motor Registry?
- If yes, does the Government plan to sell this property when the motor registry is closed down?

Answer—

No.

*1801 POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What commercial sites in Ingleburn were examined as potential locations for the new Service NSW centre opening in Gregory Hills?

Answer—

I am advised Service NSW asked Government Property NSW to search for sites within the Campbelltown area that would meet Service NSW business requirements, as well as service the wider region and growth areas of south western Sydney. Ingleburn did not meet the strategic needs of Service NSW within the broader Macarthur region.

*1802 CAR AND MOTORCYCLE DRIVERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- (1) How many licensed drivers (both car and motorcycle) live in the following postcodes:
 (a) 2167;
 (b) 2564;
 (c) 2565;
 (d) 2566;
 (e) 2557?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

- *1803 PREMIER'S VISIT TO THE MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Premier visited the Macquarie Fields electorate in his official capacity?
 (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I have attended events in the Macquarie Fields Electorate in my official capacity on 13 September 2014, 20 January 2015 and 23 March 2015.

In addition, I have attended a number of official events in Liverpool, Holsworthy, Camden and Campbelltown, some of which related to issues impacting the Macquarie Fields Electorate.

- *1804 MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Minister visited the Macquarie Fields electorate in his official capacity?
 (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I have visited Campbelltown, Camden and the greater Macarthur region on a number of occasions in an official capacity throughout 2014 and 2015.

- *1805 SHARED HOMEOWNERSHIP SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of shared equity schemes in other jurisdictions that aim to help low or moderate income households owning a home?
- (2) What investigation has the Government carried out into implementing a similar scheme in New South Wales?
- (3) Has the Government considered a government agency sharing equity with or providing subsidised or low interest rate loans to home buyers unable to afford a home themselves?
- (4) Has the Government considered options for non-government organisations, such as Community Housing, or businesses to share equity with home owners unable to afford a home themselves?
- (5) What changes has the Government considered to First Home Owner's Grant eligibility to provide grants to homebuyers who have shared home ownership with organisations such as Community Housing providers?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support shared equity home ownership?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing.

- *1806 SALE OF SYDNEY HARBOUR ASSETS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Government determined which Sydney Harbour assets it will sell?
 (a) If so, which properties will be sold;
 (b) What was the basis for determining these properties?
 (c) If not, how will the Government determine which properties will be sold?
- (2) Will the assets be sold outright or on 99-year leases?
- (3) How will the Government ensure that sales will not result in a long term loss of income, considering that these assets currently produce rental income?
- (4) Will the Government set a minimum price for sales that guarantees long term profits?
- (5) What projects will be funded by these sales?

- (6) Will the Government create a fund to set aside income from these sales to ensure that revenue raised is reinvested in needed infrastructure projects that will produce long term community benefits?
- (7) How will the Government ensure that properties sold in The Rocks maintain tenancies that acknowledge the heritage of the area considering that this has been managed by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) which will no longer exist if the Government no longer has ownership of properties?
- (8) What consideration will the Government give to transferring authority over land previously managed by SHFA to the City of Sydney?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has identified certain SHFA assets for divestment.
 - (a) The SHFA assets identified for divestment include the Shangri-La Hotel and Four Seasons Hotel in the Sydney CBD, the Novotel Hotel and Grand Mercure Apartments at Darling Harbour and commercial offices at Darling Quarter.
 - (b) The assets identified for divestment are assets that are not of long term strategic importance and which do not need to be held by Government to support core service delivery.
 - (c) See the answer to b above.
- (2) At this stage the Government is considering divesting a leasehold interest in the assets identified for divestment, but the final form of divestment for each asset will be considered on a case by case basis.
- (3) The divestment of assets which do not need to be held by Government will generate sale proceeds which will be recycled into Restart NSW and key productive government initiatives.
- (4) Government will follow standard procedure for the divestment of assets, including establishment of minimum prices, and to ensure the maximum return to taxpayers.
- (5) As announced on 28 September 2015, \$200 million of funding will be reserved in the Restart NSW Fund for the Circular Quay upgrade, with funds generated from the sale of SHFA assets that have been identified for divestment.
- (6) Net asset sale proceeds from the sale of assets held by SHFA will be paid into the Government's infrastructure fund, Restart NSW, unless otherwise allocated by Government to other specific capital investment profiles.
- (7) The Government is committed to preserving and enhancing the rich heritage of the Sydney Harbour foreshore, including The Rocks precinct. Heritage protections will be further strengthened for any heritage assets to be divested, including a review of the asset and conservation management plans where applicable.
- (8) The consolidation of SHFA with existing Government agencies, including Government Property NSW, does not affect the existing planning controls that are in place in relation to land held by SHFA. Government has made no decision in relation to any transfer of these controls.

*1807 COMMON GROUND PROJECT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many people are housed in the Camperdown Common Ground and have onsite support to address complex health and welfare needs?
- (2) Did this project result from a partnership between Commonwealth Government, New South Wales Government, the City of Sydney and supportive corporations;
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of outcomes from the Camperdown Common Ground project;
- (4) What investigation has the Government carried out into a second Common Ground project?
- (5) What liaison has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government, City of Sydney and corporate partners about such a project?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to develop additional Common Ground projects?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to address growing numbers of homeless people sleeping rough in the Inner City?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Information on the Common Ground project can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.
- (3) to (6) The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) continues to work with the City of Sydney.
- (7) I refer the Member to the response to Question on Notice LA 1243.

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*1808 ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When is the redevelopment of Ultimo Public School expected to begin?
- (2) When is the new school expected to be operating?
- (3) How many students will the new school serve and how long is this estimated to meet local schooling needs?
- (4) Will the Government commit to:
 - (a) Relocating classes to Wentworth Park;
 - (b) Locating any temporary buildings on land already alienated from open space;
 - (c) Maintaining existing open space in the park?
- (5) What childcare and community facilities will be included in the new school?
- (6) What consultation will be carried out with the school community and adjacent residents about the new facilities?
- (7) When will the Government inform the community about specific designs and plans for the new school?

Answer—

- (1) Work is expected to begin in early 2017.
- (2) The new school is expected to open in 2019.
- (3) Planning work for the local school cluster, which includes Ultimo Public School is being undertaken with the intent of providing additional school accommodation to meet local demand to 2031.
- (4) These matters are currently under consideration.
- (5) Childcare and community facilities will be incorporated where possible.
- (6) Consultation with the school and broader community, including adjacent residents, will continue through information booths and workshops.
- (7) Designs will be shared with the community through the information booths and workshops as they are finalised.

*1809 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What consideration has the Government given to the NSW Federation of Housing Associations' affordable housing proposals including:
 - (a) Setting an overall target of 30 percent of all homes being affordable;
 - (b) Requiring a minimum of 10 percent floor space as affordable in all new housing developments;
 - (c) Mandating 10 percent affordable and shared ownership housing in a two kilometer radius of major infrastructure projects;
 - (d) Replacing stamp duty with a broad based land tax;
 - (e) Redirecting first home owner grant funding to affordable housing;
 - (f) Using value capture on new transport infrastructure as an additional source of funding for affordable housing;
 - (g) Providing a scheme similar to the Western Australia's Shared Home Ownership program, where people buy a home from the Western Australia Housing Authority with a SharedStart loan through the Government's lender Keystart?
- (2) What action does the Government plan to increase the availability of affordable housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government is considering the report which will help inform policy development on affordable housing.
- (2) A Plan for Growing Sydney sets out the Government commitment to providing greater housing supply, choice and affordability to help meet Sydney's changing needs and lifestyles. It provides for specific actions relating to affordable housing including the development of local housing strategies and for the delivery of affordable housing on government owned land and in government led projects.

*1810 ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL POSTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the outcome of the statutory review of the Graffiti Control Act 2008 completed in 2013 (reference 55th Parliament LA Q.6045)?
- (2) What action has been taken to amend legislation specifically to:
 - (a) Transfer legal responsibility of the act of bill posting from the bill poster to the commercial

- entity or individual that gains financial benefit from the posting;
- (b) Increase the penalty amount for the commercial entity or individual that benefits;
 - (c) Enable councils to issue penalty notices to identified commercial entities or individuals for absent criminal prosecution?
- (3) What changes are planned to improve enforcement of illegal commercial posters?
- (a) When does the Government intend to proceed?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that it is working to finalise the review of the Graffiti Control Act 2008 for consideration by Government, specifically in relation to the issue of commercial bill posting.

The Government will consider the recommendations made by the review.

*1811 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What progress have been made in integrating light rail into the School Student Transport Subsidy scheme (reference 55th Parliament LA Q.5438)?
- (2) What advice has Transport for NSW provided since April 2014?
- (3) What are the barriers to including light rail in this scheme?
- (4) When does the Government intend to include light rail in this scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is looking at how light rail could be included in the School Student Transport Scheme.

*1812 BUS SERVICES TO CIRCULAR QUAY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What complaints or feedback has the Government received about reduced access to Circular Quay and the northern part of the CBD following the changes to CBD bus services from 4 October 2015?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made about changes in demand for bus services since these changes were introduced?
- (3) What options has the Government considered to improve access for passengers trying to reach Circular Quay from:
 - (a) Pyrmont and Ultimo;
 - (b) Surry Hills;
 - (c) Darlinghurst, Kings Cross and Potts Point;
 - (d) Woolloomooloo;
 - (e) Paddington and Woollahra;
 - (f) Edgecliff?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of moving bus stops for CBD connecting services to improve mode transfers?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to increase north-south bus service frequency in response to these changes?
- (6) When will the Government review and implement changes in response to new travel patterns?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the new CBD bus plan was introduced, the Government has been reviewing the impacts and tweaking how the network operates. In response to customer demand, additional services have been added, some minor bus stop and route alterations have been made.

The Government is continuing to monitor the changes and is accommodating any adjustments that need to be made.

*1813 POKER MACHINES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Are there more than 95,000 poker machines in New South Wales, or one machine for every 114 people?

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- (2) Can gamblers lose up to \$1,500 an hour on poker machines?
- (3) Does each poker machine in clubs and hotels make \$56,000 per year on average?
- (4) Are poker machines in New South Wales almost all set to a return 85 to 92 percent?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the allegations made on the ABC 'Ka-Ching! Pokie Nation' that the gambling industry is designing poker machines to keep people playing and fuel gambling addiction?
- (6) What independent review has the Government made of poker machines using operant conditioning and deliberate design to encourage addiction?
- (7) What controls does the Government require to:
 - (a) Set maximum bet and session limits and minimum payouts for individual machines;
 - (b) Set pre-commitment amounts;
 - (c) Limit the speed of individual spins on poker machines;
 - (d) Limit the number of 'near misses' and control minimum net losses or 'losses designed as wins';
 - (e) Require display of percentage cost of play and expected hourly cost of play information;
 - (f) Require evidence-based gambling warnings;
 - (g) Manage venues offering inducements such as cheap food or free alcohol;
 - (h) Set standard return percentage or 'house take' amounts?
- (8) What is the current annual revenue generated by poker machines in New South Wales?
- (9) Do poker machines in New South Wales return less than two percent of revenue in community grants?
- (10) What taxation income does the Government obtain from poker machines?
- (11) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government about stronger controls on poker machine gambling and what policy measures have been proposed?
- (12) What plans does the Government have for preventing poker machine addiction and community harm?

Answer—

As at 2 November 2015, there were 93,331 electronic gaming machines in hotels and clubs in New South Wales. This represents the lowest per capita rate since Bob Carr introduced the gaming machines cap in 2001 of 104,000.

The Government takes problem gambling very seriously and is committed to minimising gambling-related harm. The Government has a Responsible Gambling Fund to fund gambling counselling and support services.

Recent independent research shows the prevalence of problem gamblers could be 0.8 percent of the adult population in New South Wales.

*1814 SUPPORT FOR FORMER BLUESCOPE STEEL EMPLOYEES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Will the Minister consider providing financial support to the 500 workers made redundant from BlueScope Steel as they retrain for new pathways in the modern workforce?

Answer—

The Government has made a very significant financial commitment to help secure the future of BlueScope's Pork Kembla operations through a targeted assistance package. The package provides a structures deferral of payroll tax of up to \$60 million over three years to BlueScope through a defined payment schedule.

As part of the package of support the Government is providing to BlueScope, affected workers will be able to access full and part qualifications under Smart and Skilled with no fees. This will enable workers to choose the training program that is most likely to assist them to make a successful transition to a new job.

*1815 NEW BUSES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many new buses were added to the network in the 2013-14 financial year?
 - (a) How much was spent on these new buses in the 2013-14 financial year?
- (2) How many new buses were added to the network in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (a) How much was spent on these new buses in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (3) How many new buses are projected to be added to the network in the 2015-16 financial year?
 - (a) How much is projected to be spent on these new buses in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available in the Budget papers.

*1816 SECURITY CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Sydney Train stations currently do not have security cameras?
- (2) Which Sydney Train stations currently do not have security cameras?
- (3) How many NSW Train stations currently do not have security cameras?
- (4) Which NSW Train stations currently do not have security cameras?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are more than 10,000 CCTV camera across the network.

All Sydney Trains and all NSW Trains intercity stations have security cameras.

A risk-based approach is taken to security cameras at NSW Trains regional stations.

*1817 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Which railway stations will have Opal card top up machines by 31 December 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

Locations of Opal top up machines are available on the Opal website.

*1818 RAIL LEVEL CROSSINGS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many rail level crossings are there in New South Wales?
- (2) How many rail level crossings have been upgraded between 26 October 2010 and 26 October 2015?
- (3) Which rail level crossings have been upgraded between 26 October 2010 and 26 October 2015?
- (4) How many rail level crossings have been removed between 26 October 2010 and 26 October 2015?
- (5) Which rail level crossings have been removed between 26 October 2010 and 26 October 2015?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(2) and (3) This information is available in the Level Crossing Strategy Council yearly reports.

(4) and (5) This information is available in the relevant NSW Government Gazettes.

*1819 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION INDEX SURVEYS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When were the 2014-15 Transport for NSW Customer Satisfaction Index surveys conducted?
- (2) When will the results be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the Transport for NSW Customer Satisfaction Index is available in the Annual Report.

*1820 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What funding has been offered by the Government for Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services in the Illawarra since 2009?
- (2) What steps is the Minister taking to address rising demand for Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services across New South Wales to ensure that victims of domestic violence are not turned away from such services?

Answer—

The Government is monitoring any increased workload for WDVCAS and its impact on responding to client need.

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The Government is also currently undertaking a domestic and family violence Blueprint to review existing domestic and family violence service responses and client need and identify gaps in this service response.

*1821 REFUGES IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many women and children victims of family violence have been turned away from refuges in the Illawarra region since the implementation of the 'Going Home, Staying Home' reforms?
- (2) Will the Minister consider increasing funding to enable all refuges to have a mandatory staff member on site or on call 24 hours seven days a week to provide support to victims of domestic and family violence?
- (3) Will the Minister consider extending contracts to five years instead of three years for women's refuge services to provide greater stability and certainty for both operators and service users?
- (4) What measures will the Government take to ensure that an effective and sustainable funding model is created to provide support services for women victims of domestic violence, to meet the challenges of rising demand for refuges in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reports on the clients of specialist homelessness services (SHS).
- (2) and (4) The Government's \$60 million initiative to combat domestic violence includes \$20 million over the next two years to boost the capacity of SHS and refuges delivering domestic and family violence services to provide 24/7 accommodation and support.
- (3) The contract duration for service packages funded under the SHS Program is consistent for all SHS.

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*1822 DEMOUNTABLES IN SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

How many schools have eight or more demountables on their grounds in the Liverpool electorate as of 20 October 2015?

Answer—

Three government schools in the Liverpool electorate have eight or more demountable buildings on their grounds as of 20 October 2015.

*1823 HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much of the \$400 million funding announced in the 2015-16 Budget for a Housing Acceleration Fund will be allocated to the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and the Holroyd LGA?
- (2) What specific projects have been decided upon for this program?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning.

*1824 FUNDING TO HELP REDUCE DRUG USE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What non-government agencies in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and the Holroyd LGA have been provided with additional funding to help combat the use of the drug 'ice'?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Assistant Minister for Health.

*1825 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many domestic violence shelters are located in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (2) How many domestic violence shelters are located in the Holroyd LGA?
- (3) Are there plans to increase funding to domestic violence shelters in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Information on domestic violence and women's refuges is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/shs.

(3) The Government's \$60 million initiative to combat domestic and family violence includes \$20 million over the next two years to boost the capacity of specialist homelessness services and refuges delivering domestic and family violence services.

*1826 REFUGES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many women and children victims of family violence have been turned away from refuges in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and the Holroyd LGA since the implementation of the Government's 'Going Home, Staying Home' reforms?

Answer—

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reports on the clients of specialist homelessness services (SHS).

*1827 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many Opal card top up machines are available at train stations within the Fairfield electorate?

(2) How many Opal card top up machines are available at each train station?

(3) Are there any plans to install additional top up machines at these locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Locations of Opal top up machines are available on the Opal website.

*1828 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

(1) How many applications were received for the Low Income Household Rebate in the 2013-14 financial year?

(a) Of these applications how many were from applicants in the Fairfield electorate?

(2) What was the Government's total expenditure on the Low Income Household Rebate Program in the 2013-14 financial year?

Answer—

(1) Almost all customers apply for the LIHR by direct contact with their electricity retailer – usually over the telephone. Retailers are not required to capture the number of applications and these figures are not reported to the Government.

(a) Data on electorates is not available from the energy retailers. Over 750,000 customers across NSW received the LIHR in 2013-14.

(2) Almost \$177 million was provided to customers through the LIHR in 2013-14.

*1829 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What funding has been provided by the Government for Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services in Fairfield since 2011?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Attorney General, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, who administers Legal Aid, which funds the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service.

*1830 DRUG TESTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many roadside drug tests were carried out by the Fairfield Local Area Command during 2013 and 2014?

(2) How many roadside drug tests have been carried out by the Fairfield Local Area Command between 1 January 2015 and 28 October 2015?

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(3) What additional resources are being provided to the Fairfield Local Area Command to combat the increase in drug use, particularly the drug known as 'ice'?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me since 2014, Highway Patrol officers of the South West Metropolitan Region have conducted the random drug testing program for the Region.

I am further advised Fairfield Local Area Command currently has sufficient resources and strategies in place to combat the use of drugs within its boundaries.

*1831 SAFER PATHWAY PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Does the Government have plans to introduce the Safer Pathway program to the Fairfield Local Government Area?

(a) If so, when?

(2) Has a location site for the program in the Fairfield Local Government Area been identified?

(a) If so, where?

Answer—

The Safer Pathway program is administered by the Minister for Women. The question should be directed accordingly.

*1832 MENANGLE/SPRING FARM LINK ROAD—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When are the Menangle/Spring Farm link road scoping works scheduled to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the first quarter of 2016.

*1834 TUMBI CREEK—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Have resources been allocated to clear the storm debris which has accumulated in the Tumbi Creek as a consequence of the April 2015 storm?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for Wyong Shire Council.

*1835 TOMAGO PERIODIC DETENTION CENTRE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How long has the Tomago Periodic Detention Centre site been vacant?

(2) What maintenance costs were incurred at this site in the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 financial year?

(3) What plans does the Government have for this site?

(4) Has the Government considered the use of this facility as a drug rehabilitation centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Tomago Periodic Detention Centre site ceased housing offenders in late 2013 when the Community Offender Support Program which operated on the site closed. It is currently used by the Cardiff Community Service Order Team.

(2) The maintenance costs incurred at the site in:

2013-2014 were \$8744

2014-2015 were \$8498

(3) The future use of the site by Corrective Services NSW is under consideration.

(4) See (3).

*1836 MENTORING PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government consider implementing the mentoring program which was recently introduced into schools for Year 8 and Year 9 students into the curriculum to ensure that it would be made available to all students?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government's Youth Frontiers mentoring program was announced by the remier in February 2015. Participation in the program is optional for students.

*1837 GONSKI FUNDING PROGRAM 2016—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

When will the \$11 million in funding (through the Gonski funding program) in 2016 be rolled out to public schools in the Maitland electorate to ensure schools have the earliest opportunity to implement new programs?

Answer—

All New South Wales public schools, including those in the Maitland electorate, were provided with their 2016 funding report under the RAM on 22 October 2015.

*1838 HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are there any plans for the old Hunter River Community School site at East Maitland which is currently Crown land?

(a) If so, what is the expected timeframe for a decision to be made?

Answer—

The future of the former Hunter River Community School site is currently under review.

*1839 PATIENTS WITH ASTHMA RELATED CONDITIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

How many patients with asthma related conditions presented at the Maitland Hospital accident and emergency department in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of patients who presented to Maitland Hospital emergency department with asthma related conditions was:

- 550 in 2011-2012;
- 531 in 2012-2013;
- 548 in 2013-2014; and
- 519 in 2014-2015.

*1840 TENDER FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the timeframe for delivery of training for non-government health services who will have to tender for Government funding from 30 June 2016?
- (2) How will the tendering process ensure that non-government services are delivered in a strategic and coordinated way?
 - (a) How will the Minister ensure that gaps in services are identified and addressed?
- (3) Is there a risk that current service providers may be unsuccessful in the tender process, despite delivering high quality services, due to a lack of training in how to write tenders?
- (4) What action is the NSW Ministry of Health taking to train non-government service providers in addressing the criteria for tenders?
- (5) How will the Minister ensure that the volunteer hours provided by non-government service providers will be delivered if current service providers who provide this service are unsuccessful at tender?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) to (5) Under arrangements set out in Partnerships for Health, NSW Health is transitioning current NGO grants to a new purchasing framework, supporting closer alignment of funding with key health priorities, greater transparency and accountability, and stronger partnerships with the NGO sector.

NSW Health is working closely with the NGO sector to develop future purchasing arrangements for NGO services. This work includes forming a thorough understanding of the way NGO services are structured and delivered, including through volunteers. Funding will continue to be provided to NGOs until these revised purchasing approaches are developed and appropriately implemented.

To assist in supporting NGOs in the transition to the new purchasing arrangements, NSW Health will offer a training and education program in 2016 to all NGOs funded by NSW Health. This program is aimed at assisting organisations to prepare for, and operate in, the new environment and strength the sector's ability to respond to EOIs for new services that NSW Health may seek to procure from external providers.

*1841 COURT HOUSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many court houses are there in New South Wales as at 29 October 2015?
- (2) How many court houses were there in New South Wales as at 26 March 2011?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to close court houses during this term?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) Will any of these closures be in rural and regional areas?

Answer—

A list of court locations is available at <http://www.localcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/contact-us/court-locations/court-locations.aspx>

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the number of court venues across New South Wales at 29 October 2015 is the same number as at 26 March 2011.

I am advised there are currently no plans to close court houses.

*1842 OPAL CARDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the reliability of the Opal card machines on:
 - (a) State Transit Authority of NSW buses;
 - (b) Private buses?
- (2) What was the projected revenue for State Transit Opal cards between 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2016?
- (3) What was the actual revenue for State Transit Opal cards between 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2016?
- (4) Was there a shortfall in revenue?
 - (a) If so, what was the reason?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (b) With more than 15,000 Opal readers installed across the entire transport network, the reliability of readers is almost 100 percent.

(2) to (4) These questions would be best asked once the period requested has occurred.

*1843 TELARAH RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering the advertisements which stated that staff will be onsite to provide commuters with assistance, why was the Telarah Railway Station unattended on the following dates and times:
 - (a) 6 July 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (b) 7 July 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (c) 10 July 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (d) 27 July 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (e) 30 July 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (f) 6 October 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (g) 16 October 2015 from 2pm to 6pm;
 - (h) 19 October 2015 from 5.45am to 9.45am;
- (2) What action will be taken to ensure Telarah Railway Station is manned in the future to provide

commuters with access to local railway staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

All efforts are made to ensure stations are staffed during advertised hours. You may be assured the provision of customer service is one of NSW Trainlink's top priorities.

NSW Trainlink opened a new Regional Customer Support Centre which provides 24 hour, seven day a week support to customers on the Hunter and Central Coast Lines and North/North West regions.

When a station is unattended, staff in the Centre are able to provide up-to-the minute travel information to customers and deal swiftly with any safety or service incidents on the network.

The Centre is able to deliver real-time service updates to customers via the station speaker system and respond to those customers with questions or safety concerns using the station help point.

*1844 RESIDENTIAL CARE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many children under the age of 18 with a disability are in residential care?
- (2) How many places in residential care facilities are there for children under the age of 18, with a disability, under Community Services?
- (3) How many places in residential care facilities are under the non-government sector?
- (4) How many children are on the waiting list to be placed in residential care?

Answer—

- (1) Issues relating to children with disability in residential care are the responsibility of the Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Disability Services.
- (2) Selected disability service providers are contracted by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) to provide out of home care (OOHC) placements ranging from general foster care to residential care placements.
- (3) All OOHC residential care placements apart from Sherwood House, a therapeutic secure care service, are provided by the non government sector. Issues relating to children with disability in residential care are the responsibility of the Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Disability Services.
- (4) FACS does not maintain a waiting list for OOHC residential care placements.

*1845 COMPLETED KOORAGANG PRECINCT EMERGENCY SUB PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Have the businesses on Kooragang Island been informed of the completed Kooragang Precinct Emergency Sub Plan?
- (2) Has a test drill been undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Regional Emergency Management Committee has commenced a communications plan in conjunction with the Kooragang Island Precinct and the Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC). A meeting was held on 23 October 2015 with the NPC and local reference groups to inform them of the communications plan and strategy. This will be rolled out into 2016.
- (2) Fire & Rescue NSW has led annual multi-agency drills since the 2011 incident at Orica on Kooragang Island. The most recent of these was held on 28 July 2015 at Orica.

*1846 KOORAGANG PRECINCT EMERGENCY SUB PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Why were the residents who requested the Kooragang Precinct Emergency Sub Plan not informed when this plan was approved and released in August 2015?
- (2) Why did the Minister not inform the Member for Newcastle's office regarding the plan's completion prior to late October 2015?

Answer—

I am advised that community representatives were informed of the Kooragang Precinct Emergency Sub Plan at two community meetings in August and October 2015. A third community meeting is planned for

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February 2016 to consolidate community engagement in local emergency management planning and incident response protocols.

- *1847 WICKHAM INTERCHANGE PROJECT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the cost of engaging Novo Rail alliance to undertake early work for the Wickham Interchange Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Costs associated with Novo Rail Alliance for early works on Wickham Interchange are part of the \$510 million committed to revitalise Newcastle.

- *1848 NEWCASTLE PORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) When did the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 stop applying to the Government in respect to the operation of the Port of Newcastle?

(2) Do the Port Commitment Deeds include a fee on container throughput at Newcastle Port under certain specified conditions?

Answer—

I am advised :

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

- *1849 STAFF AT NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) How many staff were employed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

(2) How many of these staff were employed in Newcastle in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Average staffing level in the year	395	399	436	451

(2)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Staffing level at 30 June each year	Not available	28	26	26

- *1850 FUNDING FOR NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) How much funding was provided to the NSW Environment Protection Authority in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

(2) How much of this funding was spent in Newcastle in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

	2011-12 \$000	2012-13 \$000	2013-14 \$000	2014-15 \$000
	117,214	120,878	137,669	141,571

(2) Not available. The EPA does not maintain records on expenditure by location.

*1851 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) When will the results of the Revitalising Newcastle community consultation be released?
- (2) What is the process for these results to be communicated to the community and key stakeholders?
- (3) Will raw data from the consultation process be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Mid December 2015.
- (2) During December, there will be:
 - Full reports available in hard copy and online;
 - Print and social media advertisements directing people to online report;
 - Briefings with key stakeholder groups involved in Revitalising Newcastle; and
 - Media briefings.

In addition, UrbanGrowth NSW has scheduled the following briefings with Newcastle City Council:

- 10 November 2015: Workshop with Councillors on draft findings;
- 1 December 2015: Workshop with Councillors on engagement report, prior to public release; and
- 8 December 2015: Tabling of engagement report at ordinary Council meeting.

A briefing for Hunter MPs was held on 12 November, which you were in attendance.

- (3) UrbanGrowth NSW is happy to provide de-identified raw data on request. I note that the volume of data is large.

*1852 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

How many patients were treated in the emergency department at Cessnock Hospital in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

The number of patients treated in the emergency department at Cessnock Hospital was:

- 17,831 in 2010-2011 ;
- 18,403 in 2011-2012;
- 17,469 in 2012-2013;
- 16,642 in 2013-2014; and
- 17,002 in 2014-2015.

*1853 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many domestic violence refuges that received Government funding were open and available in New South Wales as at 30 June in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?
- (2) How many domestic violence refuges that did not receive Government funding were open and available in New South Wales as at 30 June in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?
- (3) What was the total number of people that could be housed by both government and non-government domestic violence refuges as at 30 June in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Information about refuges is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/shs

*1854 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL AT METFORD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Have new bus routes and the frequency of trips from Cessnock via Kurri Kurri and return to the proposed Lower Hunter Hospital at Metford been allocated?
 - (a) If yes, what are they?
 - (b) If not, when will this occur?
- (2) Have new bus routes and the frequency of trips from Branxton via Greta and return to the proposed

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Lower Hunter Hospital at Metford been allocated?

- (a) If yes, what are they?
- (b) If not, when will this occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*1855 BREATH TESTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many breath tests as a result of road traffic accidents were administered by the NSW Police Force in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that over the past four financial years the average number of breath tests as a result of road traffic accidents is 42,676.

*1856 LOCAL POLICE STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Are any local police stations (other than Lochinvar Police Station) located within 100 kilometers of Cessnock City being considered for closure and/or sale?
 - (a) If yes, which police stations?
 - (b) If yes, when will the decision be made and announced?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that there are none.

*1857 REQUEST FOR AUTOPSY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Are the next of kin required to pay for an autopsy to learn the cause of death of a person who dies with no previous record of serious illness?
- (2) How is cause of death determined without an autopsy?
- (3) Can next of kin request an autopsy if they are unable to pay?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice an autopsy can be carried out by direction of a Coroner if the death has been reported to the Coroner, in which case no fee is payable. If a Death Certificate has been issued, the next of kin can request a private autopsy to be undertaken by a Forensic Facility and a fee is payable.

I am further advised the cause of death can be determined by reviewing the medical history of the deceased person. This is undertaken by a Forensic Pathologist, in consultation with the Coroner. Other forms of non-invasive examination such as a CT scan can also be used to determine the cause of death.

The next of kin may make representations to the Coroner for an autopsy to be undertaken. The Coroner will consider this taking into account the reasons for the request and the circumstances of the death. Consideration for waiving the fee for a private autopsy would be a decision for NSW Health.

*1858 MAINSTREAM SPORTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Since 2006, has participation and registration for the following mainstream sports in New South Wales trended up, down or remained stagnant as a percentage of population:
 - (a) Netball;
 - (b) Basketball;
 - (c) Cricket;
 - (d) Rugby League;
 - (e) Football;
 - (f) Tennis;
 - (g) Hockey;
 - (h) Athletics?
- (2) Has there been any discerning reason for a decrease if the trend has been down?

Answer—

Data for the requested sports is available through surveys published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

*1859 GREYHOUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many greyhounds were entered in official race meetings in New South Wales in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2013-14;
 - (c) 2014-15?

Answer—

Greyhound Racing NSW has advised that the number of individual greyhounds that raced at official racing meetings in the following financial years were:

- (1) 2010-11; 8,411
- (2) 2013-14; 9,626
- (3) 2014-15; 9,333

*1860 SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) As at 30 June 2015, what was the average wait time for a priority applicant to be housed:
 - (a) In the Cessnock electorate;
 - (b) Across New South Wales?
- (2) As at 30 June 2015, what was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed:
 - (a) In the Cessnock electorate;
 - (b) Across New South Wales?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register, including the number of applicants on the register, are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1861 FINES ACT 1966—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Is the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) complying with Section 4.10 of the Attorney General's Internal Review Guidelines under the Fines Act 1966 which requires the SDRO to determine an application for review with reference to submissions made in a written application?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is the SDRO taking Section 4.7 of the Attorney General's Caution Guidelines under the Fines Act 1966 into consideration when determining an application for review?
 - (a) If not, what is the Attorney General's response to SDRO's non-compliance?
- (3) Is the SDRO using the provision for an offender to request a penalty review on the grounds of having a clear driving record for the past 10 years as a mandatory requirement when any submission covered under Section 4.7 of the Attorney General's Caution Guidelines is made?
 - (a) If so, what is the Attorney General's response to this concern?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the Caution Guidelines and the Internal Review Guidelines ('the Guidelines') under the Fines Act 1996 are issued by the Attorney General, to guide officers when deciding to issue a caution for a penalty notice offence and assist agencies conduct internally reviews of penalty notices fairly,

impartially and consistently across Government, and in accordance with the law.

I am further advised that the Attorney General does not have a monitoring or oversight function in ensuring the guidelines are complied with. As such, matters relating to the compliance of the SDRO should be directed to the Hon. Domenic Perrottet, Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*1862 M5 EAST SMOKY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- (1) How many fines were given for offences related to the M5 East Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
- (2) What is the total financial value of fines given through the M5 Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
- (3) What is the total financial value of payment for fines given through the M5 Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
- (4) How many vehicles have had their registration suspended due to offences related to the M5 Smoky Vehicle Enforcement program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for the Environment.

*1863 INNER WEST AND SOUTH TRAIN LINE CLOSURES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are the Inner West and South train line closures for the three weekends from 31 October 2015 due to work on the Inner West and South line or to allow the transit of services from other lines affected by track work?
- (2) For how many weekends will the Inner West and South line be closed between 29 October 2015 and 31 December 2015?
- (3) Does Sydney Trains considers the impact on the community and local businesses when making decisions on the closure of stations?
- (4) Does Sydney Trains attempts to minimise the impact on communities and local businesses by scheduling overnight track work whenever possible?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Inner West and South train lines were closed to provide maintenance crews with safe access to the rail corridor to conduct essential maintenance work to the area.

If the impact of works is likely to be significant on the community and local businesses, Sydney Trains carries out community consultation before the commencement of work.

Every effort is made to communicate the details of trackwork through advance warning signs at affected stations, announcements on trains and stations, and information at the Transport for NSW website.

- (2) The trackwork calendar is available online.
- (3) and (4) Yes.

*1864 TRAFFIC OBSERVATION SURVEYS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What traffic observation surveys have been conducted by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) within the WestConnex catchment area in Newtown and surrounding suburbs?
 - (a) Has data been collected on both weekends and weekdays?
 - (b) Do the surveys include data on private passenger vehicles?
 - (c) What was the result of the traffic surveys?
 - (d) Is the data publically available?
- (2) What traffic observation surveys have been conducted by RMS just outside of the WestConnex catchment area in Newtown and surrounding suburbs?
 - (a) Has data been collected on both weekends and weekdays?
 - (b) Do the surveys include data on private passenger vehicles?
 - (c) What was the result of the traffic surveys?
 - (d) Is the data publically available?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on traffic analysis for road projects is included in Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

*1865 FAIR TRADING TENANCY COMPLAINTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many complaints have been received by the Fair Trading tenancy complaint service between its launch on 1 July 2014 and 30 September 2015?
 - (a) How many of these complaints came from tenants?
- (2) How many of the tenants' complaints were in regards to repairs or maintenance issues?
- (3) How many of the tenants' complaints in regard to repairs or maintenance issues were resolved?
- (4) Does the Department of Fair Trading keep records as to the complaints made against particular landlords or real estate agents?
- (5) What action is taken in instances where multiple complaints are made against particular landlords or real estate agents?

Answer—

(1) For the period 1 July 2014 to 30 September 2015, NSW Fair Trading handled 5,053 complaints relating to residential tenancy issues.

(a) It is not mandatory to inform fair trading whether the complainant is a tenant, agent or landlord. Of those who elected to advise whether they were a landlord, tenant or agent, 3,728 complainants specifically identified themselves as being a tenant.

(2) and (3) Of these, 1,595 complaints related to repairs and maintenance, with 1,524 of these complaints being resolved by Fair Trading intervention.

(4) Yes.

(5) Fair Trading has a range of compliance and enforcement options available to achieve compliance with relevant laws and enhance consumer protection. These include education and warning letters, enforceable undertakings, penalty infringement notices, disciplinary proceedings including licence disqualification, injunctions and other civil remedies, and prosecution through the courts.

*1866 CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS OFFICE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Why has the restoration of the Chief Mechanical Engineers Office in Eveleigh, due to begin in mid 2015, been delayed?
- (2) When will this restoration work begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Due to the heritage significance of the Chief Mechanical Engineers Office the draft scope of works has been independently assessed by Sydney Trains heritage specialists. This assessment has required modifications to the scope of the brief to accommodate comments prior to a public tender being called for the works.
- (2) Restoration works are currently estimated to commence in early 2016.

*1869 BELMONT TAFE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Are there plans to reduce student enrolments at Belmont TAFE?
- (2) Are there plans to sell Belmont TAFE?
- (3) Is Belmont TAFE being sufficiently promoted in order to maintain student numbers?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust their delivery and course offerings to ensure they are meeting the needs of students, industry and the community.
- (2) TAFE NSW is developing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure training is matched with the changing needs of students and employers. TAFE NSW regularly assesses facility requirements in line with course delivery.
- (3) Courses offered at Belmont Campus are promoted on the Hunter TAFE and TAFE NSW websites. In addition to this, Hunter TAFE also has a marketing campaign that promotes the Institute, including Belmont Campus, through traditional and digital media activities.

*1870 DISCOVERY DAY 2015 AT MUSWELLBROOK TAFE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Why is there no Discovery Day 2015 information sessions for Lake Macquarie students at Belmont TAFE when there is a Discovery Day 2015 information session for Upper Hunter TAFE students at Muswellbrook TAFE on 18 November 2015?

Answer—

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- (1) Discovery Days are only part of year-long activities that TAFE NSW Hunter Institute has scheduled for prospective customers. Belmont Campus will hold information and enrolment sessions for courses delivered at this location. A Customer Service Counter is also open five days per week for any customer that would like to discuss course options available at this campus.

In 2015, Discovery Days are being held at six of the fifteen Hunter TAFE campuses.

In 2016, TAFE NSW Hunter Institute proposes to further expand the Discovery Days to occur at most campuses within the region. This expansion will be determined by the success and feedback received from the 2015 events.

- *1871 DISCOVERY DAY 2015 AT KURRI KURRI TAFE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Why is there no Discovery Day 2015 information sessions for Lake Macquarie students at Belmont TAFE when there is a Discovery Day 2015 information session for Hunter Valley TAFE students at Kurri Kurri TAFE on 19 November 2015?

Answer—

- (1) Discovery Days are only part of year-long activities that TAFE NSW Hunter Institute has scheduled for prospective customers. Belmont Campus will hold information and enrolment sessions for courses delivered at this location. A Customer Service Counter is also open five days per week for any customer that would like to discuss course options available at this campus.

Discovery Days are being held at six of the fifteen Hunter TAFE campuses, including at Glendale Campus which is in the Lake Macquarie local government area.

In 2016, TAFE NSW Hunter Institute proposes to further expand the Discovery Days to occur at most campuses within the region. This expansion will be determined by the success and feedback received from the 2015 events.

- *1872 DISCOVERY DAY 2015 AT NEWCASTLE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Why is there no Discovery Day 2015 information sessions for Lake Macquarie students at Belmont TAFE when there are Discovery Day 2015 information sessions for Newcastle TAFE students at Newcastle, Hamilton and Glendale TAFE colleges on 18 and 19 November 2015?

Answer—

- (1) Discovery Days are only part of year-long activities that TAFE NSW Hunter Institute has scheduled for prospective customers. Belmont Campus will hold information and enrolment sessions for courses delivered at this location. A Customer Service Counter is also open five days per week for any customer that would like to discuss course options available at this campus.

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- *1873 FUNDING FOR BANKSTOWN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Why has NSW Arts reduced Bankstown Youth Development Service's triennial funding of \$197,000 (annual) to \$150,000 for one year only?

- (2) Will the Government reinstate the original funding for a triennial period, considering Bankstown has the fifth highest number of young people in New South Wales?

Answer—

In 2015-16, the Government has supported the Bankstown electorate with \$635,000 in funding.

Arts NSW administers the Government's Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP). The ACDP is a competitive, application-based program; the process is heavily contested and not all applications can be supported at the level requested. Applications are assessed by a peer panel against general assessment criteria and is reliant on the quality and detail of the application submitted, including the support material. Please refer to the Arts NSW website for assessment information.

The allocation of \$150,000 towards Bankstown Youth Development Service's (BYDS) 2016 program of activities is a reflection of its strong performance and plans to deliver a range of programs and projects that engage with young people in the Bankstown area.

BYDS is encouraged to apply for funding under future rounds of the ACDP. Please refer to the Arts NSW website in early 2016 for application deadlines and

*1874 CUMBERLAND PLAIN WOODLANDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will the Minister reclassify the Cumberland Plain Woodlands site as an Environmental Conservation Zone as per Blacktown Council's submission?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Blacktown Council has submitted a planning proposal to rezone land at Denis Winston Drive, Doonside.

The Department is currently undertaking a merit based assessment of the proposal and will make its recommendation to the LEP Gateway on whether the proposal should progress to the stage of the plan making process.

*1875 AMALGAMATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will local rate payers have to bear the cost of amalgamation through an increase in council rates?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the cost of amalgamation for councils forced to merge will not exceed the financial incentives on offer by the Government?

Answer—

- (1) The IPART report found reducing waste and red tape through local government reform could free up to \$2 billion over the next 20 years for ratepayers
- (2) The Government is providing generous support of up to \$10 million for each new council to meet the costs of amalgamations.

*1876 TEACHING POSITIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many teaching positions have been removed from the Padstow and the Bankstown campuses of the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE between 28 October 2014 and 28 October 2015?
- (2) How many teaching positions will be removed between 30 October 2015 and 30 October 2016?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney regularly reviews and adjusts its staffing requirements, to ensure it meets the needs of students, industry and the community.

*1877 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What supportive evidence exists to indicate that a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme will reduce domestic violence related incidents in New South Wales, considering there is little known about the effectiveness of the scheme (Clare's Law) in the United Kingdom?

Answer—

Further information about the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme can be found at www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/new-dfv-package.

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*1878 PADSTOW RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Can the Minister inform the residents of Padstow of the exact start date for the Padstow Railway Station upgrade?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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I am advised:

The Government opened a new multi-storey car park at Padstow in May 2015 as part of the Transport Access Program. This provides commuters with an additional 107 car parking spaces and also includes a new lift, accessible toilets, stairs and CCTV cameras.

Padstow Station also received an upgrade through the Station Refresh Program in August 2015. This upgrade included deep cleaning, painting, garden landscaping, improvements to lighting, minor repairs to station structures and toilet refreshing.

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. An easy access upgrade at Padstow Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

- *1879 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With reference to the additional surplus of 0.8 billion for the 2014-15 financial year reported in Sydney Morning Herald on 20 October 2015, will the Minister request for additional funds to develop more social and affordable housing opportunities across New South Wales including Ivanhoe estate, and other such developments scheduled for 2016?

Answer—

Details on how the NSW Government is providing more social housing across NSW are available on the NSW Housing website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au

- *1880 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With reference to the additional surplus of 0.8 billion for the 2014-15 financial year reported in Sydney Morning Herald on 20 October 2015, will the Treasurer request for additional funds to develop more social and affordable housing opportunities across New South Wales including Ivanhoe estate?

Answer—

The allocation of Government resources will be considered as part of the 2016-17 Budget process.

- *1881 FUNDING FOR HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With reference to the estimated \$20 million shortfall in funding for health services reported in Sydney Morning Herald on 11 September 2015, how will the Government ensure that families in New South Wales do not bear the burden of this shortfall?

Answer—

- (1) New South Wales welcomes the national debate around tax reform.

The Government's first priority remains addressing the looming fiscal gap faced by all States and the Commonwealth over the next 20 years as a result of our growing health funding needs.

The Government believes the best way to address this funding shortfall is to raise the GST rate to 15 per cent along with compensation for households with incomes of \$100,000 or less. This proposal would still allow for income tax cuts as part of the overall tax changes.

We remain committed to ongoing discussions with our State and Federal counterparts and are pleased that all options remain on the table.

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- 1882 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES SITE AT MILLS STREET, LIDCOMBE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- 1883 AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1884 BULLYING AND WORKPLACE HARASSMENT—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- *1885 SPECIALIST TRIBUNAL SERVICES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many cases involving residents in the Auburn electorate have been addressed by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and its predecessor the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
- (a) What were the most common issues addressed in these cases for each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
- Answer—
- Matter relating to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal should be directed to the Attorney General, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP.
- 1886 PARKING AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1887 INVESTIGATIONS INTO FRAUD—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1888 BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1889 SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1890 M4 TOLL—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1891 POLICE STRENGTH—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1892 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1893 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1894 SERVICE NSW CALL CENTRE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1895 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1896 ON THE SPOT LICENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1897 WALLSEND ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1898 PRISON POPULATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1899 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1900 COURSES AT GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- *1901 TAFE REDUNDANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

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- (1) How many TAFE permanent teachers were made redundant between 1 September 2012 and 31 October 2015?
- (2) How many TAFE support staff were made redundant between 1 September 2012 and 31 October 2015?
- (3) How many of the staff made redundant in (1) and (2) were from Glendale TAFE?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) TAFE NSW provides staffing data in its annual reports which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

Data is not provided disaggregated by location.

- 1902 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1903 POWER NETWORKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1904 SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELIEF SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1905 LOCAL COURT AT MURWILLUMBAH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1906 VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1907 VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1908 REAPPOINTED VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1909 HOMICIDE VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 1910 TEACHING POSITIONS IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1911 SCHOOLS IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1912 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1913 HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 1914 PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1915 STAFF AT SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1916 WESTCONNEX—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1917 PARK AND SPORT FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1918 MACARTHUR SERVICE CENTRE AT GREGORY HILLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1919 DRIVER TESTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1920 MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- 1921 CAR PARKING AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1922 STAFF AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1923 MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1924 LINE MARKING EXPENDITURE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1925 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1926 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1927 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1928 BICYCLE ROUTE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1929 SMARTROLL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1930 NATIONAL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CURRICULUM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1931 INNER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1932 CONSTRUCTION NOISE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1933 NATIVE GAME BIRD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 1934 SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1935 RELEASE OF A PRIVATE LETTER—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1936 RELEASE OF A PRIVATE LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY PREMIER—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- 1937 TELARAH FIRE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1938 FEMALE BATHROOM FACILITIES IN PARLIAMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1939 SAVE OUR RAIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1940 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1941 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 1942 AMALGAMATION OF COUNCILS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1943 RUTHERFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1944 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1945 HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1946 SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT AWARD PROCESS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1947 SECURITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1948 CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- *1949 RIVERINA REGION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- With regards to OCHRE initiatives in the Riverina region;
- (1) How many times have officers from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs visited the Riverina region between 1 January 2015 and 12 November 2015?
 - (2) How many times has the Minister visited the Riverina region since becoming the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs?
 - (3) How many programs administered or co-ordinated by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs are currently run in the Riverina region?
- Answer—
- (1) Officers from Aboriginal Affairs have visited the Riverina region 20 times during the period 1 January to 12 November 2015.
 - (2) Since becoming the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in April 2015 the Minister has visited the Riverina region once meeting with multiple organisations.
 - (3) Aboriginal Affairs is working with up to 9 Aboriginal communities in the Riverina Murray region to support the establishment of a new regional governance body, the Riverina Murray Regional Alliance.
- The NSW Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program led by Aboriginal Affairs is being delivered in Brungle and Three Ways (Griffith).
- Aboriginal Affairs supports the Riverina Murray communities to connect with services delivered by NSW and Commonwealth agencies.
- 1950 LEMNOS CLUB LOCATED AT 44 ALBERT STREET, BELMORE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1951 JOBS AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1952 WARNERS BAY SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1953 MOTOR REGISTRY OFFICES—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1954 STRATA OWNERS AND TENANTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1955 COMMON AREAS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1956 SERVICE NSW NETWORK—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1957 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1958 STUDENTS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1959 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—

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- 1960 LIDCOMBE TAFE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 1961 LYMPHOEDEMA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1962 SKATE PARK FOR BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1963 TRAIN SAFETY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1964 LAND TRANSFERS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1965 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1966 M4 EAST TUNNEL AND M4 WIDENING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1967 WESTCONNEX PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1968 REPORT INTO OUTCOMES-BASED CONTRACTING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1969 SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1970 BUDGET ESTIMATES—CONSULTATION REGARDING OUTCOME-BASED CONTRACTING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 1971 FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1972 BOXING DAY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1973 OUT-OF-HOME CARE DELIVERY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 1974 ASBESTOS REMOVAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1975 ILLEGAL ASBESTOS DUMPING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 1976 BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1977 BULLI HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—
- 1978 WOLLONGONG COAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 1979 WAITING TIME FOR AN ENDOSCOPY APPOINTMENT—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health—
- 1980 FIREFIGHTING FOAM—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1981 MODULAR CELL BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

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- 1982 GRAFTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1983 GLENN INNES CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1984 ADDITIONAL BEDS AT WELLINGTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1985 WELLINGTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1986 EXTRA BEDS IN CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1987 COST OF DETAINING OFFENDERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1988 COURT HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1989 POLICE HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 1990 ABACUS PROPERTY GROUP PROPOSAL FOR LIVERPOOL CBD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 1991 SEARCH AND ADMINISTRATION FEES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General—
- 1992 PUBLIC WORKS NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1993 PROPERTY PORTFOLIO LIST—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1994 PROPERTY PORTFOLIO—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1995 OUTSOURCING OF SERVICEFIRST NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1996 LEASES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1997 HUNTER WATER BUILDING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1998 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW WEBSITE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 1999 GREYHOUND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2000 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2001 FUTURE TRAVEL FARES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2002 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2003 WORKERS AFFECTED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIVATISATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2004 SENIOR OPAL CARD HOLDERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2005 EXTENSION OF LIGHT RAIL IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 2006 PRIVATISATION OF NEWCASLTE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 2007 CONCERNS RELATING TO WESTCONNEX—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2008 KANGY ANGY RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2009 RE-CONTRACTING FRAMEWORK FOR OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2010 EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALISTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2011 JUST TERMS REVIEW—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2012 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2013 TEACHERS AIDES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2014 TRUANCY PROGRAMS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2015 FIRST AID TRAINING—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2016 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2017 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN FLETCHER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2018 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASKFORCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2019 TAFE DELIVERED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- *2020 VET FEE-HELP LOANS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many students enrolled at Glendale TAFE have signed to a VET Fee-HELP loan in 2015 (to 16 November 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) VET FEE-HELP is a Commonwealth Government program. Statistical data for the program can be found at <https://www.education.gov.au/vet-fee-helpstatistics>.

- 2021 GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- *2022 INTERNATIONAL FEE PAYING STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many international fee paying students have enrolled at Glendale TAFE in 2015 (as of 17 November 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-weoperate/annual-reports>.

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- 2023 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2024 IT STOPS HERE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2025 JOBS AT SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2026 PURCHASE OF ILLICIT TOBACCO—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2027 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2028 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2029 MULTICULTURAL NSW OFFICE SPACE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2030 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2031 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN OFFICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2032 SUITORS FUND ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2033 CORONIAL COURT FILES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2034 COURTHOUSES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 2035 WALLSEND ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2036 SELF-HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2037 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2038 RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2039 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2040 SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2041 AMALGAMATIONS OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 2042 MINE RELATED COLLAPSES—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

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- 2043 WESTCONNEX STAGE 1—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2044 LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING DEVICES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2045 DENTAL SERVICES AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2046 LENIENCY BY THE STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2047 FINES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2048 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2049 CONSULTATION PERIOD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2050 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2051 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2052 RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2053 M4 EAST TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2054 AIR QUALITY MONITORING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2055 DRIVER ATTACKS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2056 BUSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2057 COMMUTER CARPARKS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2058 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2059 VARRO VILLE HOMESTEAD—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2060 CEMETERY SITES—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2061 PRESCHOOLS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2062 FUNDING FOR ROADS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2063 MILTON ULLADULLA HOSPITAL—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2064 FIRE STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2065 HOME INVASIONS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- 2066 COAL MINES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2067 COAL MINES IN AND AROUND THE LEARD STATE FOREST—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2068 ALLIANZ STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 2069 TENANT ACCESS CARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2070 CARDIAC CARE FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2071 WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION BY PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2072 GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION ACT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2073 PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT SPORTING EVENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2074 IMPROVING CYCLIST SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 2075 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Attorney General—
- 2076 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS FUNDING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 2077 NEW LAMBTON DISTRICT OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2078 PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2079 AIR-CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2080 TRAIN DELAYS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2081 POLICE YOUTH LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2082 STAFF AT HOUSING NSW OFFICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2083 HANDYMAN SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2084 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2085 CORRIMAL BEACH—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2086 COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 2087 PUBLIC HOUSING RENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

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- 2088 DESIGNATED CARPARKS AT SERVICENSW CENTRES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2089 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2090 GLEDWOOD HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2091 ORAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2092 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2093 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL CONSULTATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2094 ALBURY POLICE STATION—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2095 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE EMPLOYEES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2096 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2097 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2098 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2099 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2100 OURIMBAH RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2101 CENTRAL COAST WATER AND SEWERAGE ASSETS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 2102 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2103 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2104 BUSINESS CASES FOR LIGHT RAILS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2105 NEWCASTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2106 NEWCASTLE DISTRICT COURTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—
- 2107 AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- *2108 FISHING BANS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Was the introduction of fishing bans by the NSW Environment Protection Authority, following the Williamtown RAAF contamination, obstructed by the Federal Department of Defence?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

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- The introduction of fishing bans is a matter for the Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries.
- 2109 WAIT TIME AT MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2110 FAIRFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2111 CABRAMATTA POLICE CITIZEN YOUTH CLUB—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2112 CALLOUTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2113 AMBULANCE CALLOUTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2114 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2115 FORMER FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION SITE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2116 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 2117 AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2118 FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOLS—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 2119 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2120 LAND ZONES—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2121 NEWCASTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2122 TRANSPORT FARES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2123 REGIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 2124 RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2125 GREYHOUND INDUSTRY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2126 WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 2015—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2127 SERVICEFIRST—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2128 CONTRACT REGISTERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2129 WORKERS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT ACT 2015—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2130 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2131 RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS IN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning—

- 2132 SERVICE NSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2133 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2134 COMMON AREAS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 2135 COMPUTER LITERACY RATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2136 INCREASED SALARY FOR PRINCIPALS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Education—
- 2137 METRO LINE BETWEEN BANKSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2138 RAIL LINK BETWEEN BANKSTOWN AND BADGERYS CREEK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- *2139 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) What steps are being taken to address the over representation of Indigenous persons in our criminal justice system?
 - (2) Is the Minister taking steps to address the rehabilitation of Indigenous people who are incarcerated for minor sentences?
- Answer—
- The Minister for Justice and Police, and the Attorney General are best placed to respond to these questions. The Justice Cluster has responsibility for the criminal justice system in New South Wales and has policies and programs in place to address Aboriginal incarceration.
- 2140 XPT FLEET—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2141 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2142 METFORD RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2143 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- *2144 STUDENTS FROM QUEANBEYAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) In each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 19 November 2015), how many students who live in Queanbeyan have enrolled in:
 - (a) Canberra Institute of Technology;
 - (b) NSW TAFE?
- Answer—
- (1) (a) Canberra Institute of Technology is not a part of TAFE NSW.
TAFE NSW does not have access to Canberra Institute of Technology systems and records—including those relating to enrolments.
 - (b) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide data in its annual reports which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.
- 2145 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2146 CATEGORY C FUNDING APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- 2147 APRIL SUPER STORMS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2148 DROUGHT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 2149 DULWICH HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2150 NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2151 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR STRATEGY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 2152 FAIRFIELD MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 2153 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2154 LOCHINVAR POLICE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 2155 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NEAR GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 2156 REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2157 FORMER AGL GASWORKS SITE AT HAMILTON—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 2158 BENEFITS REDUCED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2159 NUMBER OF INJURED WORKERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2160 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- *2161 SKILL OF STONEMASONRY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) Have you sought to discover, or have you been informed, as to how many trade qualified stonemasons have been trained by NSW TAFE in the past 30 years and could be assumed to be involved in, or able to re-enter, the stonemasonry trade that will be outsourced, and if you are aware of this total number, what is it?
 - (2) Will funding be assured and available for future training of stonemasons?
 - (3) Will stonemasonry be on the Smart and Skilled list of supported TAFE subjects?
- Answer—
- (1) As Minister for Skills, I am briefed on a range of matters.
 - (2) Smart and Skilled funding has been prioritised for those courses that have strong employment outcomes or high employment demand.
 - (3) The Certificate III in Stonemasonry (Monumental/Installation) is on the 2016 NSW Skills List as an apprenticeship with a student fee cap at \$2,000.
- TAFE NSW offers the Certificate III in Stonemasonry (Monumental/Installation) at Miller College.
- 2162 WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

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