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*3120 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARK AND WILDLIFE ACT PERMITS—Mr Cohen asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

- (a) What are the names and/or company names of applicants for National Park and Wildlife Act s 87 permits and s 90 consents for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2004?
 - (ii) 2005?
 - (iii) 2006?
 - (iv) 2007?
 - (v) 2008?
 - (vi) 2009 to date?
- (b) For each of the applicants listed, were any aboriginal objects or places destroyed, disturbed or excavated under the permit or consent?
 - (i) If so,
 - (i) where were these objects or places located?
 - (ii) can you provide a description of these objects or places?

Answer—

The Department of Environment and Climate Change has provided a table for each year, which contains the names of companies that were granted section 87 permits and section 90 consents, now collectively referred to as Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits.

The tables do not include details of individuals who applied for permits as this information is protected under section 18 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

Table is available in the Procedure Office, Legislative Council.

*3124 HEALTH—GSAHS VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Mrs Pavey asked the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Given the Greater Southern Area Health Services (GSAHS) recent announcement calling for voluntary redundancies, please provide information of the following:
 - (a) When was the decision made within GSAHS to call for voluntary redundancies?
 - (b) Why was the decision made to call for voluntary redundancies?
 - (c) How many voluntary redundancies have been filed?
 - (d) Which hospitals have the voluntary redundancies been filed at?
 - (e) How much in dollar figures will the total cost savings be for the total redundancies and?
 - (f) Have any voluntary redundancies been filed from front line positions?

Answer—

I am advised:

In line with accepted industrial standards, staff whose positions no longer exist and who cannot be redeployed were offered voluntary redundancies. To ensure equity, the Greater Southern Area Health Service established a website on the 9 April 2009 inviting expressions of interest from all employees who may be interested in voluntary redundancies.

Voluntary redundancies have not been automatic and are only granted where there will be no impact on frontline patient services.

*3125 ROADS—NEWNES PLATEAU ROUTE—Mr Colless asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—

With regards to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) recent rejection of the Newnes Plateau route as a possible path for the Great Western Highway deviation owing to the close proximity of a former military range:

- (1) What is the exact location of this range?
- (2)
 - (a) What maps are available of the Newnes Plateau route option detailing the proximity of the route to the former military range?
 - (b) From where can they be sourced?
- (3)
 - (a) What facilities are contained on the site which may prevent the construction of a road nearby?
 - (b) Where on the site are they located?
- (4)
 - (a) Is public access currently permitted on this site?
 - (b) If not, what security measures prevent public access?
- (5)
 - (a) How long has it been since this military site was last used by any of the Australian Defence Forces?
 - (b) What was the site last used for?
- (6) What plans are there for the immediate use of the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Details of the Mount Victoria to Lithgow project and the Newnes Plateau option can be found on the project website www.rta.nsw.gov.au as well as a number of display venues in Lithgow, Oberon and the Blue Mountains.

(3) (a) Correspondence from the Australian Department of Defence states that the range is used for explosive ordnance disposal training, infantry minor tactics training and military operations in urban terrain training, among other uses. This correspondence is also available on the project website and is attached.

(b) The RTA does not have this information.

(4) - (6) This information is not available to the RTA. These questions should be referred to the Australian Department of Defence.

*3127 JUVENILE JUSTICE—EMU PLAINS JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE—Ms Hale asked the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, Minister for Youth, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1)
 - (a) Have any detainees in any section of Emu Plains Juvenile Justice Centre been confined to their cells for 20 or more hours on any day in the last three months?
 - (b) If not, how many hours each day do detainees at Emu Plains spend out of their cells?
- (2)
 - (a) Is increasing the number of juveniles on remand in the year 2007 to 2008 consistent with the statement of purpose of the Department to, "Provide services to young offenders to decrease their reoffending and increase their capacity to successfully reintegrate into their communities"?
 - (b) If so, how?

- (3) How has the increase in staffing of Juvenile Justice of 159 FTE to 1346.6 FTE, or an increase of 11.8% in the last financial year, improved the educational and vocational care of inmates of the Department?
- (4) Following the closure of Keelong, where are detainees who originate from the Illawarra and South Coast now located?
- (5) Has the closure of Keelong resulted in any juvenile offender being relocated to a centre more distant from their family's place of residence?
- (6) For each of the last five years, how many juveniles of indigenous background were detained?
- (7) For each of the last five years, what proportion of juvenile detainees were of indigenous background?
- (8) In what way is an increase in the number of indigenous juveniles in detention consistent with the Government's stated aim of, "working with aboriginal people to lessen and remove social disadvantage"?
- (9) The Department's Annual Report 2007/08 states that 88% of young people in custody report, "symptoms consistent with a psychiatric disorder." What increase in psychiatric support services for young people in custody has occurred since the changes to the Bail Act were implemented? When did those increases come into effect?
- (10) If there has been no increase in the provision of psychiatric services for young people in custody, when is it anticipated that any increases will occur, and what form will they take?
- (11) Has there been an increase in the number of assaults in Juvenile Justice Centres since the increase in the number of juveniles on remand?
- (12) The Department's Annual Report 2007/08 records a decline in the number of completed conference plans from 90.1% in 2003/04 to 78.9% in 2007/08.
 - (a) Why has this decline occurred?
 - (b) What steps are being taken to reverse this trend?
- (13) The Department's Annual Report 2007/08 records a rise in remand interventions from 3,547 in 2003/04 to 6,775 in 2007/08, with a significant part of that increase occurring since 2005/06. The average daily number of young people in custody has risen from 272 in 2003/04 to 390 in 2007/08, a 43% increase. Has the number of front line juvenile justice staff increased by the same amount over that period?
- (14) The Department's Annual Report 2007/08 records an increase in the number of juveniles on remand who cannot meet bail conditions from 479 in 2003/04 to 928 in 2007/08. What, if assistance is provided to assist juveniles to meet bail conditions?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) In addition to being able to mix with other detainees during normal centre routines, such as meal times, detainees at Emu Plains Juvenile Justice Centre are able to participate in recreational activities for six and a half hours a day.
- (2) (a) & (b) The decision to remand young people in custody are decisions made by police in the first instance and then courts.
- (3) In the last financial year, the Department of Juvenile Justice has overseen an increase of 45.6 FTE staff, or 3.5%. These staffing increases have been in direct response to the increased numbers of young people being remanded into custody, due to police practices around enforcing bail compliance and tougher bail laws. The provision of education and training within juvenile justice centres is primarily a matter for the Department of Education and Training, which funds and staffs each centre's Education and Training Unit. The Department of Juvenile Justice also provides an extensive range of recreational, specialised counselling and personal development programs to young people, aimed at reducing the risk of re-offending and assisting them in addressing underlying issues and behaviours,
- (4) Juvenile detainees are placed in juvenile justice centres according to their age, needs and classification. Consistent with previous practice, detainees from the Illawarra and South Coast are accommodated at juvenile justice centres across NSW, according to their individual circumstances.

For those few young offenders whose transfer from Keelong JJC relocated them further from their families, the department is able to provide travel assistance to family members to ensure contact is maintained throughout their period of detention.

- (5) Refer to response to Question 4.
- (6) The total number of individual indigenous young people in custody for each of the last five years is as follows:

2003-2004	714
2004-2005	727
2005-2006	800
2006-2007	852
2007-2008	992

- (7) The total proportion of indigenous young people in custody, as a percentage of unique individuals in custody for each of the last five years, is as follows:

Remanded	
2003-2004	39.6%
2004-2005	37.8%
2005-2006	37.3%
2006-2007	37.8%
2007-2008	39.6%
Sentenced to Detention	
2003-2004	48.8%
2004-2005	47.4%
2005-2006	47.5%
2006-2007	54.7%
2007-2008	56.3%

- (8) The Department of Juvenile Justice, as a downstream agency, plays no part in the decision to remand young people in custody. The decisions to remand young people in custody are decisions made by police in the first instance and then courts. The department has implemented an Aboriginal Strategic Plan to strengthen its capacity to provide high quality and effective services and programs to Aboriginal young people.
- (9) Justice Health provides psychiatric services to juvenile justice centres. This question should be referred to the Minister for Health.
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- (1) While there has been an increase in the number of assaults since the increase in the number of juveniles on remand, the seriousness of those assaults has decreased dramatically over the last four years.
- (1)
- (2)
- (a) The 78.9% figure quoted in the 2007/08 Annual Report does not account for those outcome plans agreed to at a conference held during the 2007/08 reporting period that were pending completion into 2008/09. The Annual Report also records that 91.2% of finalised outcome plans were successfully completed.
- (b) Sessional supervisors have been engaged to ensure the timely monitoring of outcome plan completion.
- (1) In 2003/04 the department had approximately 1190 full time equivalent staff and approximately 1575 full time equivalent staff in 2007/08, representing an increase of 32%.
- (1) In the current financial year, the department committed around \$1.8 million to better support young people released on bail to secure community-based services such as accommodation, support services, clothing and healthcare, that help these young people meet their bail conditions and stay out of detention. Resources are also allocated to help young people access mental health and alcohol and other drug services.
- Juvenile Justice Officers also offer bail support to help ensure that young people in custody meet the

conditions of their bail.

\$2.34 million has been allocated in the 2009/10 Budget for the establishment and operation of a 24 hour Bail Hotline.

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- 3214 PREMIER—MARDI GRAS FUNDING—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What was the cost of Sydney Mardi Gras 2009, including payment for grants and special facilities such as police, security and road closures?
 - (2) In the answer provided to a Question without Notice, asked on 5 March 2009, the Government stated that "Events NSW will be undertaking a comprehensive review of the 2009 event":
 - (a) Has this review taken place?
 - (i) If so, what were the findings?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (3) Of the estimated \$37.1 million budgeted for Events NSW in 2009-2010, what proportion has been allocated to Sydney Mardi Gras 2010?
- 3215 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—BULLYING IN CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- (1)
 - (a) Did the Minister have a meeting with Mr Corey O'Donnell on 7 April 2009 at Newcastle Town Hall?
 - (b) Was the Minister handed a document at that meeting by Mr O'Donnell regarding allegations by Mr O'Donnell of bullying and harassment over a number of years by Judy Windle, the Director of Human Resources, Department of Corrective Services?
 - (2) Has the Minister asked for the claims of Mr O'Donnell to be investigated?
 - (a) If so, has it been completed?
 - (i) If not, when will it be completed?
 - (ii) When will Mr O'Donnell be advised of the findings of the report?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (3) Did Mr O'Donnell contact the Minister's office by phone on the 21 April 2009 regarding an offer of re-deployment Mr O'Donnell had received by phone from Assistant Commissioner of Corrective Services, Peter Peters?
 - (4)
 - (a) Did the Minister's office contact Assistant Commissioner Peters after the call from Mr O'Donnell?
 - (b) Did the Minister's office advise Assistant Commissioner Peters to offer Mr O'Donnell the "Transferred officers package" as part of his redeployment from Cessnock Correctional Centre?
 - (5)
 - (a) Is the Minister aware of medical advice received by Mr O'Donnell, which indicated that a redeployment of Mr O'Donnell to St Heliers Correctional Centre would be inappropriate due to a work-related post-traumatic stress disorder?
 - (b) Had Mr O'Donnell advised the Commissioner of Corrective Services of these health issues?
 - (6) Did Mr O'Donnell suffer a heart attack, after being handed charges of misconduct by the Department?
 - (7)

- (a) How many staff of Cessnock Correctional Centre are currently on sick leave?
- (b) How many staff of Cessnock Correctional Centre are off duty due to stress-related health issues?
- (8) How many staff of Cessnock Correctional Centre are currently facing misconduct charges that have arisen due to conflict between staff at Cessnock Correctional Centre and management of the Department of Corrective Services?
- (a) Has the Minister advised management of the Department of Corrective Services in their dealings with staff at Cessnock Correctional Centre to take into account the stress and pressure experienced by them during the recent aborted privatisation process?
- (b) If so, what guidelines have been given to management to assist staff in regaining confidence in management of the Department?
- 3216 COMMERCE—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS—Mr Lynn to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- In relation to question 3031, placed on the Question and Answer Paper of 2 April 2009, and your answer received on 7 May 2009, that "The matter referred to relate to ongoing legal proceedings. Detailed responses may compromise these proceedings":
- (1) Who are the parties to these legal proceedings?
- (2)
- (a) Have proceedings commenced in a court or tribunal?
- (b)
- (i) If so, in which court or tribunal have those proceedings commenced?
- (ii) If so, on what date were those proceedings commenced?
- (c) If not, exactly what is the nature of the "legal proceedings" referred to in your answer?
- (3) Was the officer referred to in question 3031 involved in any way in the preparation of your answer to that question?
- 3217 WATER—CHAFFEY DAM IN THE STATE BUDGET—Mr Khan to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) With regards to the reference to Chaffey Dam Upgrade Phase 1 contained in the 2009-10 Budget Paper No 4. at 4-45:
- (a) What is the \$2,733,000 allocated for 2009-10 to be spent on?
- (b) Does the estimated total cost of the project listed as \$19,089,000 relate only to the safety upgrade of the Dam?
- (c)
- (i) Does the estimated total cost of the project listed as \$19,089,000 relate to the augmentation of Chaffey Dam's capacity to 100 Gegalitres?
- (ii) If so, how much relates to the augmentation?
- (2) Is there any provision for the augmentation of Chaffey Dam contained in this years budget?
- 3218 HEALTH—SWINE FLU IN SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- (1)
- (a) Have eight schools across the state now been hit by swine flu, forcing students into isolation and closing classes?
- (b) At Botany Public School, were witches' hats used to separate affected children from the rest of the school at recess and lunch breaks?
- (c) Have sixty boarders at The King's School, Parramatta been placed in isolation awaiting

- pathology?
- (d) Have up to 60 children been given a dose of antiviral Tamiflu, sent home for 72 hours of quarantine and forbidden to return until Thursday?
 - (e) Have new cases of swine flu been confirmed at Westfield Sports High, J J Cahill Memorial High, Marist Brothers Pagewood, Marsden High and Dubbo Christian School, St Margaret Marys Primary School and Bethel Christian Academy?
- (2) What is NSW Health doing to assist those schools that have been identified as having cases of swine flu?
- (3)
- (a) Is the ventilation level of school classrooms adequate?
 - (b) What is the optimal ventilation rate (number of air changes per minute) that experts advise to limit the risk of airborne spread of infectious agents such as human swine flu?
 - (c) In what proportion of classrooms is that ventilation rate achieved?
 - (d) What is the mean ventilation rate during teaching sessions and what is the range?
 - (e) Is ventilation being kept at levels lower than infection control experts advise to maintain air temperature at comfort levels at reduced energy cost?
 - (f) If so, is that practice exposing pupils and teachers to an avoidable risk to their health?
- (4) What is NSW Health doing to assist schools as to preventative and precautionary measures?
- 3219 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SWINE FLU IN SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- (1)
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 - (f) If so, is that practice exposing pupils and teachers to an avoidable risk to their health?
- (4) What is the Department doing to assist schools as to preventative and precautionary measures?
- 3220 HEALTH—PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- Public transport and the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza
- (1) Will the increasing crowding of public transport have an impact on the transmission of infection,

including pandemic influenza?

- (2)
 - (a) What is the estimated risk of contracting influenza on public transport from another infected passenger?
 - (b) Is the risk greater if the transport is crowded?
 - (c) If so, to what extent?
- (3) What is the current average number of peak hour journeys:
 - (a) by bus that involve at least some passengers standing for over half an hour?
 - (b) by train that involve at least some passengers standing for over half an hour?
 - (c) by ferry that involved at least some passengers standing for over half an hour?
 - (d) How has this number changed compared with 2008, 2007 and 2006?
 - (e) What is the expected number for 2010?
- (4) What is the optimal ventilation rate (number of air changes per minute) that experts advise to limit the risk of airborne spread of infectious agents such as human swine flu for air conditioning in trains?
 - (a) In what proportion of trains is that ventilation rate achieved?
- (5) What is the optimal ventilation rate (number of air changes per minute) that experts advise to limit the risk of airborne spread of infectious agents such as human swine flu for air conditioning in buses?
 - (a) In what proportion of buses is that ventilation rate achieved?
- (6) What is the optimal ventilation rate (number of air changes per minute) that experts advise to limit the risk of airborne spread of infectious agents such as human swine flu for air conditioning in ferries?
 - (a) In what proportion of ferries is that ventilation rate achieved?
- (7) What is the mean ventilation rate during travel and what is the range on:
 - (a) Trains?
 - (b) Buses?
 - (c) Ferries?
- (8)
 - (a) Is ventilation on trains, buses and ferries being kept at levels lower than infection control experts advise to maintain air temperature at comfort levels at reduced energy cost?
 - (b) If so, is that practice exposing commuters to an avoidable risk to their health?

3221 FINANCE—ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRY REGARDING SWINE FLU—Ms Ficarra to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

WorkCover assistance to industry regarding Swine Flu

- (1) What is WorkCover doing to assist workplaces in New South Wales to manage procedures of transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza?
- (2) Has WorkCover developed any model "Risk Management" strategies to provide to and assist industry and workplaces to comply with occupational health and safety legislation in the event of the risk of swine flu?

3222 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—MANAGEMENT OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

Management of the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in NSW Prisons

- (1) Have any prisoners, prison officers or prison staff been suspected or diagnosed with swine flu?
- (2) What is the Department doing to address the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza?

- 3223 JUVENILE JUSTICE—MANAGEMENT OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, Minister for Youth, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—
- Management of the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in NSW Juvenile Justice Centres
- (1) Have any prisoners, prison officers or prison staff in Juvenile Justice Centres been suspected or diagnosed with swine flu?
 - (2) What is the Department doing to address the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in any of its facilities?
- 3224 COMMUNITY SERVICES—MANAGEMENT OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Community Services—
- Management of the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in NSW Department of Community Service facilities
- (1) What is the Department doing to address the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in any of its facilities?
- 3225 DISABILITY SERVICES—MANAGEMENT OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Management of the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in NSW Department of Disability Services facilities
- (1) What is the Department doing to address the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in any of its facilities?
- 3226 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—MANAGEMENT OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- Management of the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in Aboriginal communities
- (1) What is the Department doing to address the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in indigenous communities?
- 3227 CITIZENSHIP—MANAGEMENT OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- Management of the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza in non-English speaking background (NESB) communities
- (1) What is the Office of Citizenship doing to educate people in NESB communities regarding the transmission of infection, including pandemic influenza?
 - (2)
 - (a) Will education guides be published in various community languages?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- 3228 HEALTH—STIMULANT MEDICATIONS LINKED TO SUDDEN DEATH IN YOUTHS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- Stimulant Medications Linked to Sudden Death in Youths
- (1)

- (a) Is the Minister and Department of Health aware that stimulant drugs commonly given for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD] are associated with an increase in sudden unexplained deaths in young people?
- (b) Are odds of suddenly dying increased by a factor of 7.4 in such circumstances?
- (2)
- (a) Is the prescription of these drugs, that is purportedly tightly controlled by state legislation, increasing in New South Wales?
- (b) If so, to what extent?
- (3)
- (a) Has the Minister considered the expert opinion in Physician's First Watch 16 June 2009 that this finding of an increase in sudden unexplained deaths should be considered in the context of other data about the risk and benefit of stimulants in medical treatment?
- (b) If so, will this opinion be acted upon?
- 3229 ROADS—GRANTS FOR CYCLE PATHS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—
- (1)
- (a) Does your Department provide grant funding for the creation of cycle paths?
- (b) If so:
- (i) what is the total amount of funding available for such grants?
- (ii) when must grant applications be received by your Department in this regard?
- (iii) where can information be found for those wishing to apply for grants in this regard?
- 3230 SPORT AND RECREATION—GRANTS FOR CYCLE PATHS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- (1)
- (a) Does your Department provide grant funding for the creation of cycle paths?
- (b) If so:
- (i) what is the total amount of funding available for such grants?
- (ii) when must grant applications be received by your Department in this regard?
- (iii) where can information be found for those wishing to apply for grants in this regard?
- 3231 YOUTH—GRANTS FOR CYCLE PATHS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, Minister for Youth, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—
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- 3232 INFRASTRUCTURE—GRANTS FOR CYCLE PATHS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
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3233 ROADS—P PLATE CHARGED OF SPEEDING OFFENCES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—

"P" Plate Drivers charged and convicted of speeding offences:

- (1) How many "P" Platers were charged with speeding offences for the following periods:
 - (a) 2004/05?
 - (b) 2005/06?
 - (c) 2006/07?
 - (d) 2007/08?
 - (e) 2008 – present?
- (2) How many "P" Platers were convicted of speeding offences for the following periods:
 - (a) 2004/05?
 - (b) 2005/06?
 - (c) 2006/07?
 - (d) 2007/08?
 - (e) 2008 – present?
- (3) How many "P" Platers had their cases dealt with under Section 10 of the Crime (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 for the following periods:
 - (a) 2004/05?
 - (b) 2005/06?
 - (c) 2006/07?
 - (d) 2007/08?
 - (e) 2008 – present?
- (4) How many "P" Platers had their licenses suspended after being convicted of speeding offences for the following periods:
 - (a) 2004/05?
 - (b) 2005/06?
 - (c) 2006/07?
 - (d) 2007/08?
 - (e) 2008 – present?
- (5) How many "P" Platers had their licenses revoked after being convicted of speeding offences for the following periods:
 - (a) 2004/05?
 - (b) 2005/06?
 - (c) 2006/07?
 - (d) 2007/08?
 - (e) 2008 – present?
- (6) What action is being taken to address the incidences of speeding by "P" platers?

3234 ROADS—P PLATE DRIVERS AND DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Roads—

"P" Plate Drivers charged and convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

- (1) How many "P" Platers were charged with Driving Under the Influence offences for the following periods:
 - (a) 2004/05?
 - (b) 2005/06?

- (c) 2006/07?
 (d) 2007/08?
 (e) 2008 – present?
- (2) How many "P" Platers were convicted of Driving Under the Influence offences for the following periods:
 (a) 2004/05?
 (b) 2005/06?
 (c) 2006/07?
 (d) 2007/08?
 (e) 2008 – present?
- (3) How many "P" Platers had their cases dealt with under Section 10 of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 for the following periods:
 (a) 2004/05?
 (b) 2005/06?
 (c) 2006/07?
 (d) 2007/08?
 (e) 2008 – present?
- (4) How many "P" Platers had their licenses suspended after being convicted of Driving Under the Influences offences for the following periods:
 (a) 2004/05?
 (b) 2005/06?
 (c) 2006/07?
 (d) 2007/08?
 (e) 2008 – present?
- (5) How many "P" Platers had their licenses revoked after being convicted of Driving Under the Influence offences for the following periods:
 (a) 2004/05?
 (b) 2005/06?
 (c) 2006/07?
 (d) 2007/08?
 (e) 2008 – present?

3235 LANDS—OLD QUARRY SITE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Old Quarry Site - 13A Amourin Street, North Manly

- (1) Has the Aboriginal Lands Council lodged a claim over this land?
- (2) What is the process to be followed for determining the application?
- (3) How can the community have an input in the process?

3236 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

DA 2008/1771 for the subdivision of the school at Lot1 Malinya Road, Allambie Heights

On 12 May 2009, Warringah Council resolved the following:

1. That Council call on the Minister for Education to withdraw DA 2008/1771 for the subdivision of the school at Lot1 Malinya Road, Allambie Heights as the site contains remnant indigenous vegetation, threatened species, aboriginal relics and provides a significant local amenity for the neighbourhood.
2. That Council writes to Minister for Planning, Minister for Environment and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, advising of the aboriginal relics on site as well as threatened species on site.

- (1)
- (a) Has any action been taken in response to the Council's resolutions?
- (b) If so, what?
- 3237 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- DA 2008/1771 for the subdivision of the school at Lot1 Malinya Road, Allambie Heights
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 2. That Council writes to Minister for Planning, Minister for Environment and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, advising of the aboriginal relics on site as well as threatened species on site.
- (1)
- (a) Has any action been taken in response to the Council's resolutions?
- (b) If so, what?
- 3238 PLANNING—SCHOOL AT LOT 1 MALINYA ROAD—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- DA 2008/1771 for the subdivision of the school at Lot 1 Malinya Road, Allambie Heights
- (1) Is the Minister aware that Warringah Council on 12 May 2009 resolved: That Council call on the Minister for Education to withdraw DA 2008/1771 for the subdivision of the school at Lot1 Malinya Road, Allambie Heights as the site contains remnant indigenous vegetation, threatened species, aboriginal relics and provides a significant local amenity for the neighbourhood.
- (2)
- (a) In view of the remnant indigenous vegetation, threatened species, and aboriginal relics on site will the Department of Land intervene to protect the site from subdivision and development?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 3239 LANDS—ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- DA 2008/1771 for the subdivision of the school at Lot1 Malinya Road, Allambie Heights
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- (1)
- (a) Has any action been taken in response to the Council's resolutions?
- (b) If so, what?

Lynn Lovelock
Clerk of the Parliaments

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