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- 842 CORRECTIONS—CANNABIS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) What was the full cost to Corrective Services NSW for managing offenders who were convicted under laws related to the use, growing, import or selling of cannabis in 2014/2015? If this figure is unavailable, an estimate is acceptable.
- 843 JUSTICE AND POLICE—CANNABIS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What was the full cost to the NSW Police Force of enforcing laws related to the use, growing, import or selling of cannabis in 2014/2015? If this figure is unavailable, an estimate is acceptable.

- 844 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SEATBELTS ON BUSES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many school buses have had seat belts installed across New South Wales as part of the rollout announced in July 2013?
 - (2) How much has been spent on the rollout so far?
 - (3) What is the current estimated cost of the total rollout?
 - (4) In what year will the rollout be completed?
 - (5) How many school buses will have seatbelts installed by the end of the rollout?
 - (a) What percentage is this of the total number of school buses in New South Wales?
- 845 PREMIER—LOCAL ELECTIONS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Is the NSW Electoral Commission hiring staff and looking for premises for the local government elections?
 - (a) If not, why were general managers from Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC) advised by a representative of the NSW Electoral Commission on 7 March 2016 that they were?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) When will the elections take place?
 - (ii) If the elections are delayed, who will bear the cost of staff and premises in the interim period?
 - (iii) What is the estimated cost to the state, and to local government?
- 846 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
- (1) For the 2015-16 financial year:
 - (a) What is the total amount of money allocated to run the Ambulance service of New South Wales (NSW Ambulance)?
 - (b) How much is planned to be spent on wages/salaries?
 - (c) How much is planned to be spent on capital works?
 - (2) For the 2014-15 financial year:
 - (a) Was NSW Ambulance in technical or actual deficit last financial year, and if so, what were the reasons including which part of the budget was in deficit?
 - (b) What was the total amount of money allocated to run NSW Ambulance?
 - (c) What was the actual amount of money to run NSW Ambulance?
 - (i) How much was planned to be spent on wages/salaries?
 - (ii) How much was actually spent on wages/salaries?
 - (3) How much of the wages/salaries bill was spent on operational paramedics and control centre staff?
 - (a) How much was planned to be spent on wages/salaries?
 - (b) How much was actually spent on wages/salaries?
- 847 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GOLD COAST AIRPORT CROWN LAND LEASE—Ms Barham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- In relation to the lease of Crown Land (Folio 1/1092051) entered into on 18 October 2013 with Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd (Lease No. RE 455699):
- (1) What analysis or assessment was undertaken by the Government to advise the Minister in determining that granting the lease was in the public interest as required by section 34A(2)(c)(i) of the Crown Lands Act 1989?

- (2) What analysis or assessment was undertaken by the Government to advise the Minister in having regard to the principles of Crown land management as required by section 34A(2)(c)(ii) of the Crown Lands Act 1989? In particular, what analysis or assessment was undertaken to assess the potential impact of granting the lease on:
- (a) environmental protection principles in relation to this Crown land?
 - (b) the conservation of the natural resources (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) of this Crown land?
 - (c) public use and enjoyment of the Crown land?
 - (d) multiple use of the Crown land?
 - (e) management of the Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity?
 - (f) dealing with the Crown land in the best interests of the State consistent with the principles in section 11(a)-(e)?
- (3) When conducting any analyses or assessments referred to in questions 1 or 2, what assumptions were made or possible scenarios were considered regarding the potential runway extension and/or enhancement that are permitted within the lease's definition of airport infrastructure works?

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