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*1164 MR TREVOR OTTON—POLICE MEDAL ENTITLEMENT—Mr Barr to the Minister for Police—

(1) Is Mr Trevor Otton entitled to receive the Granville Medal for work he performed whilst a NSW Police Officer?
(2) Will Mr Trevor Otton be receiving the Granville Medal?
(3) Is Mr Trevor Otton entitled to receive the Valour Medal for work he performed whilst a NSW Police Officer?
(4) Will Mr Trevor Otton be receiving the Valour Medal?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised by the Police Service that Mr Otton’s request to receive a Granville Medal has been reviewed on numerous occasions. I am also advised that the available governmental records dealing with the Granville rail disaster do not mention Mr Otton as being involved in the rescue operation.

(3) and (4) I am advised that whilst Mr Otton’s involvement in the Curl Curl rescue was significant, the incident occurred in 1985 which precludes him from the issue of the Valour Medal. The Valour Medal was inaugurated in 1989 and was not made retrospective.

*1166 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Brogden to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

(1) How many development applications were declared to be State significant development under s.101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in 1995-96, and what was the subject matter of these applications?
(2) How many development applications were declared to be State significant development under s.101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in 1996-97, and what was the subject matter of these applications?
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(4) How many development applications were declared to be State significant development under s.101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in 1998-99, and what was the subject matter of these applications?
(5) How many development applications were declared to be State significant development under s.101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in 1999-00, and what was the subject matter of these applications?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act is not the legal mechanism for declaring development projects as State Significant Development. Section 101 has not been used in relation to determination of development applications by the Minister since 1998.
*1173 MID NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE—Mr Stoner to the Minister for Health—

Please detail the budget allocation and actual expenditure for each hospital (excluding Port Macquarie Base Hospital) in the Mid North Coast Area Health Service for the years:

(a) 1995/96?
(b) 1996/97?
(c) 1997/98?
(d) 1998/99?
(e) 1999/2000?

Answer—

The Department of Health does not routinely collect or aggregate this data. The finances of individual facilities in the responsibility of each Area Health Service.

*1176 OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER—REQUIREMENTS—Mr Kerr to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Is the Office of the Protective Commissioner required to give regular financial statements to the immediate families of persons under their care?
(2) Is the Office of the Protective Commissioner exempt from providing documents under the Freedom of Information Act?

Answer—

(1) The Office of the Protective Commissioner is committed to providing trust account transaction statements to its clients on a regular basis. These statements are posted every six months to clients unless their disability would prevent them from understanding the statements. If a statement is not able to be sent to a client it may, in some cases, be provided to a relative or friend of the client.

(2) Members of the public can lodge applications under the Freedom of Information Act 1989 to seek access to documents of the Office of the Protective Commissioner.

*1181 WATER CHARGES—EAST NOWRA PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE—Mr Richardson to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

(1) What was the Department’s water bill in 1999/2000 for the 598 properties it owns and manages on the East Nowra public housing estate?
(2) How much of this was attributable to excess water charges?

Answer—

(1) The Department’s water bill in 1999/2000 for the 598 properties in which the Department owns and manages on the East Nowra public housing estate was $378,692.

(2) $731 was attributable to excess water charges.

*1186 MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT—Mr Debnam to the Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) Does he stand by his spokesman’s advice to Glenda Korporaal, as reported in The Daily Telegraph, 6 October 2000, that under the ministerial code of conduct, ministers are obliged to disclose any
conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest “between their public duty and private interests”?  
(2) When was the ministerial code of conduct issued, what are the details of its provisions and will he table the Code?
(3) If a Minister discloses a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, where and how is this disclosure made available to the public?
(4) What documents, other than the ministerial code of conduct, govern the ethical behaviour of ministers of the government?
(5) Does he still stand by his statement to Parliament on 17 October 1996 that the Greiner Ministerial Code of Conduct was “dissolved” by a previous Premier?

Answer—

(1) to (5) The Government has a code of conduct for the use of Ministers of the Crown when carrying out their duties and functions. The Government’s Ministerial code of conduct is in addition to the code of conduct that applies to all Members of Parliament.

*1187 OLYMPIC VENUES—FUTURE USES—Mr Debnam to the Minister for the Olympics—

(1) Does he currently have carriage of, or involvement in, the evaluation, recommendation and/or decision making regarding future uses of Olympic venues?
(2) Are public servants, appointed by him, involved in evaluation, recommendation and/or decision making regarding future uses of Olympic venues?
(3) Did he invite offers of employment during his “resignation” media conference?
(4) Is he obligated under a Ministerial Code of Conduct and if so, will he table a copy of that Code?
(5) Given his pending resignation from Parliament, to avoid any conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, will he resign his ministerial responsibilities other than as head of the Paralympics?

Answer—

(1) Yes, as Minister responsible for the Olympic Co-ordination Authority Act.
(2) Officers within the Olympic Co-ordination Authority will make recommendations in consultation with officers from Premier’s Department, The Cabinet Office, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Treasury, and the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning.
(3) No.
(4) The administration of the Ministerial Code of Conduct is a matter for the Premier.
(5) Just like Bruce Baird who announced his retirement from State Parliament several months before his actual departure, I plan to continue as a Minister until my departure.

*1188 MAIN ROAD 92—BRAIDWOOD TO NOWRA—Mr Webb to the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Tourism—

(1) With respect to Main Road 92 between Braidwood and Nowra, has her department considered the potential increase in regional tourism following re-construction of the road?
(2) Has she or her department had any consultation with either Tallaganda or Shoalhaven Councils with respect to the tourism links and possibilities associated with the Main Road 92 project?
(3) Has her department had any discussions with tourism bodies, Chambers of Commerce or other interested parties about the project?
(4) Has she had any input to the Department of Roads with respect to the importance and timing of the project, and if so, when?
Answer—

(1) to (4) Matters pertaining to roads are primarily the responsibility of the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, the Hon. Carl Scully MP and are better addressed to him.

With regard to the tourism portfolio, neither I as Minister nor my agency, Tourism New South Wales, is involved in road planning or upgrading. These are matters between councils and the Roads and Traffic Authority where they are regional or state roads.

I can advise, however, that Tourism New South Wales informs me that it received representations from the Shoalhaven Tourism Board which it referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority for its consideration.

*1192 COMPLAINTS TO THE PIC—Ms Hodgkinson to the Minister for Police—

(1) Is he aware of complaints made by Ms Kerrie Hawkins of Goulburn to the PIC?
(2) Is he aware that the PIC responded to Ms Hawkins in a letter dated 11 June 1998 stating that although Ms Hawkins’ complaints were worthy of the PIC’s investigations, the Commission’s resources are such that it cannot investigate all serious cases referred to it?
(3) How many cases have been rejected by the PIC due to lack of resources in each of the following financial years:
   (a) 1996/97?
   (b) 1997/98?
   (c) 1998/99?
(4) Is this shortfall in resources being addressed?
(5) If so, how?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Part 8A of the Police Service Act 1990 establishes the investigation process for complaints against police. The Police Integrity Commission (PIC) has responsibility for investigating serious police misconduct.

I am advised that the budget for the PIC has increased from $3.59 million in 1996-97 to $13.558 million in 2000-01.

*1193 OLYMPIC LIAISON OFFICERS—NSW HEALTH—Mrs Skinner to the Minister for Health—

(1) How many Olympic Liaison Officers (OLOs) were appointed by NSW Health for the duration of the Olympic Games?
(2) What is the hourly award rate for NUM Level 3 employees under the Public Hospital Nurses Award in NSW?
(3) How many hours in total were OLOs employed in these positions?
(4) Which hospitals employed OLOs and how many hours were they employed in each establishment?

Answer—

(1) 54.
(2) $30.305.
(3) 7,212.
(4) No hospitals employed individuals specifically for this role.

*1194 NSW AMBULANCES—Mrs Skinner to the Minister for Health—

With regard to the 200 new ambulances which he announced will be stationed across NSW:
(1) Please detail where each new ambulance vehicle will be stationed?
(2) What is the timeline for the introduction of the full fleet of ambulances to NSW?
(3) Will these new vehicles replace the current vehicles in the fleet or will additional vehicles be placed at individual stations as required?

Answer—

(1) The replacement plan for 150 of the 200 ambulances at the present time is presented in the following table. The remaining fifty ambulances will be used to replace ten vehicles in each of the five rural areas.

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(2) The 200 replacement vehicles are scheduled to be stationed by the end of March 2001. This replacement schedule may need to be adjusted in line with the operational needs of the Service.

(3) These vehicles replace existing vehicles in the fleet.

*1198 MUDGEE POLICE—Mr Souris to the Minister for Police—

(1) Why is Mudgee Police Command being reduced, by 15, to 60 officers?
(2) Will the 24 hour police station in Mudgee be reduced to a non-24 hour police station?
(3) Why is he betraying the people of Mudgee and Mudgee Shire Council, who purchased the old police station and built the new station, by closing the 24-hour station opened in 1993?
(4) Does the success of Mudgee’s crime prevention strategy and Mudgee Police’s crime clear-up rates reflect the existence of a 24-hour station and a well resourced and dedicated team of officers?
(5) What is the explanation for selecting the following stations for reduced staffing:

(a) Coonabarabran 4
(b) Baradine 1
(c) Coolah 1
(d) Dunedoo 1
(e) Gulgong 3
(f) Mudgee 5
Does his pre-Olympics promise to restore police numbers to pre-Olympics strengths after the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games still stand?

(7) Does his promise that no small police station would suffer a reduction in officers or face closure, after the Olympics, still apply?

(8) Does the promise of the Police Commissioner, restating his commitment in items 6 and 7 above, given before the Olympics, still stand?

(9) What is the progress of the Government’s promised target to produce 2,100 new additional police by the end of the current term of the Government?

(10) Is the promise made by the Police Commissioner, that a third of these additional police would be located in country areas in recognition of the proportion of the NSW population located in country NSW?

(11) Which other police commands in country NSW are designated to suffer a post-Olympics loss of strength?

(12) Will he intervene to reverse the decision?

Answer—

(1) to (12) I refer you to my earlier correspondence on this issue forwarded on 14 November 2000. The Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations, Jeff Jarratt advises me that there will be no change to the police numbers or the provision of 24-hour policing at Mudgee Police Station. I am also advised that there will be a review of the Mudgee Local Area Command’s staffing needs by the NSW Police Service’s Workforce Planning Section in December 2000.

*1199 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANTS—Mr Humpherson to the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—

(1) Have any Community Benefit Fund grants been approved by him this financial year?

(2) If yes, can he provide a list of the grants, amounts, organisations awarded grants and for what purpose?

Answer—

(1) Nil.

(2) Not Applicable.

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(2) Exactly what advice was received from the AVA on each occasion?

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1317 CULLING OF HORSES—Mr Fraser to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

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1319 ALLOCATION OF BEDS IN CESSNOCK—Mr Hickey to the Minister for Health—

1320 CRONULLA MALL INCIDENTS—Mr Kerr to the Minister for Police—

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1324 EDUCATION—SWANSEA ELECTORATE—Mr Orkopoulos to the Minister for Education and Training—

1325 CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP—Mr D. L. Page to the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

1326 LIABILITY OF NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

1327 RAILWAY BETWEEN MITTAGONG AND PICTON—Ms Seaton to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

1328 OJD IN NSW FLOCKS—Ms Seaton to the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

1329 FIREARM AMNESTY COMPENSATION—Mr Souris to the Minister for Police—

1330 FIREARMS LINK ON GOVERNMENT WEBSITE—Mr Souris to the Minister for Police—

1331 MANNING SHELF BIOREGION—Mr Stoner to the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

1332 PHOTOGRAPHY CHARGES—NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Stoner to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

1333 LEGAL ADVICE FOR NSW POLICE—Mr Tink to the Minister for Police—

1334 ROADWORK SPENDING—Mr J. H. Turner to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

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1337 TENNIS COURT FACILITIES—WOOLLOOWARE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Kerr to the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) When will tenders be called for the tennis court facilities at Woolooware High School?
(2) What is the time frame for completion of the tennis court facility at Woolooware High School?

1338 SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING—Ms Seaton to the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which school in:
   (a) the South Coast electorate;
   (b) Southern Highlands electorate;
   (c) Campbelltown;
   (d) Mulgoa;
   have had air conditioning equipment supplied by the State Government in the years:
   (i) 1995?
   (ii) 1996?
   (iii) 1997?
   (iv) 1998?
   (v) 1999?
   (vi) 2000?
(2) Which schools in those electorates have made application for air conditioning equipment?

1339 FIRE INSURANCE AND FIRE BRIGADE FINDING—Mr R. W. Turner to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) What are the total amounts of funding for both the Rural Fire Services and the NSW Fire Brigade for the financial years:
   (a) 1998-1999?
   (b) 1999-2000
   (c) 2000-2001
(2) How are the Rural Fire Services and the NSW Fire Brigade funded?
(3) Of the amount funded by Insurance Companies, what is the approximate percentage of the fire service levy on each policy holder?
(4) What percentage of commercial properties and private properties are covered by comprehensive insurance that incurs a fire service levy?
(5) What incentive is he giving to property owners who are presently uninsured to insure their properties against fire damage?
(6) Does he intend to make fire insurance compulsory as is the practice with Third Party insurance on motor vehicles?

1340 EBET SMART CARD TRIAL—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Gaming and Racing and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—

(1) How was the trial of eBet’s smart card at the Cheers Bar, the Canterbury league’s Club and Wentworthville Leagues Club conducted?
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(2) How many patrons were involved in the trial and what was the average amount of money placed on each smart card?
(3) Does the Government have any plans to expand the trial of the smart card to other clubs and pubs?
(4) If so, which clubs or pubs?

1341 TAFE COURSE CONTENT—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Please provide details of TAFE courses being taught on train services from Central to Penrith and Central to Wollongong?
(2) How many people applied and attended the courses?
(3) What courses were taught?
(4) How long did the courses run for?
(5) What plans are there to extend the courses to other train services?

1342 CLASSROOM CONTRACT CLEANERS—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Education and Training—

What is the average time available for contract cleaners to clean each classroom in both primary and high schools across the State?

1343 TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Police—

(1) How many breath tests on drivers were carried out by police in:
   (a) 1995?
   (b) 1996?
   (c) 1997?
   (d) 1998?
   (e) 1999?
   (f) until 1 November 2000?
(2) How many fines from speeding cameras were issued in:
   (a) 1995;
   (b) 1996;
   (c) 1997;
   (d) 1998;
   (e) 1999;
   (f) until 1 November 2000;
and what was the amount of revenue raised from these fines for each year?

1344 GRAFFITI REMOVAL—JUVENILE COMMUNITY SERVICE—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women, representing the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth and Minister Assisting the Minister for the Environment—

(1) Since January 2000, how many councils across the State have taken up the offer of juvenile offenders cleaning graffiti as part of their community service?
(2) Since January 2000, how many hours of community service involving cleaning graffiti have juvenile offenders undertaken?
POKER MACHINES—NSW CLUBS—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—

(1) How many poker machines were in clubs in NSW as at 28 March 2000?
(2) How many poker machines are in clubs in NSW as at 28 October 2000?
(3) How many poker machine licences for clubs were approved as at 28 March 2000?
(4) How many poker machine licences for clubs were approved as at 28 October 2000?

NUMBER OF CALLS TO G-LINE—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—

How many calls were made to the Government’s G-line for each month from January to November 2000?

PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISING BROCHURES—CAR WINDSCREENS—Mrs Chikarovksi to the Minister for Police—

(1) How many fines have been issued since 1 July 2000 for placing advertising brochures under car windscreens?
(2) How much revenue has been raised from these fines?

TRANSFER OF EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITIES—Mr Debnam to the Minister for Education and Training, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In relation to correcting vertical fiscal imbalance by rationalising duplicated bureaucracies and adopting a joint Commonwealth/State focus on effective service delivery:
(1) Which expenditure responsibilities has NSW Treasury identified as priorities for transfer to the Commonwealth?
(2) To improve effective delivery of services and reduce duplicated bureaucracies, which Commonwealth expenditures has NSW Treasury identified as priorities for transfer to NSW?
(3) In annual negotiations between NSW Treasury and the Commonwealth, which expenditure responsibilities were proposed for transfer to the Commonwealth and in which year were they discussed?
(4) In annual negotiations between NSW Treasury and the Commonwealth, which expenditure responsibilities were proposed for transfer to NSW, in an effort to improve effective delivery of services and reduce duplicated bureaucracies, and in which year were they discussed?

BUDGET CONTROLS—NET COST OF SERVICES—Mr Debnam to the Minister for Education and Training, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In relation to Treasury Circular No. 00/21, “Budget Controls – Net Cost of Services”:
(1) Under the move towards using Net Cost of Services (NCS) as a budgeting control, will agencies be required to advise Treasury in advance of any proposed fees, charges or asset sales?
(2) Will Treasury and the Budget Committee of Cabinet have the power to veto any fees, charges and asset sales proposed by agencies?
(3) Does the Circular signal a policy change in terms of whether unspent user charges revenue is, by default, paid into the Consolidated Fund at the end of the financial year?
(4) Is it true that the introduction of NCS budgeting, combined with the changed policy on unspent user charges gives agencies a greater incentive to “tax and spend”, not manage?

(5) Do the words, “items where an agency has little control over outcomes”, (p.2) refer explicitly to the deductibles listed immediately above and if not, what other “items” are included?

(6) Is the tolerance limit designed to cope with “items where an agency has little control over outcomes” or is the presence of such uncontrolled items grounds for exceeding the tolerance level as well as the budgeted NCS?

(7) In the event of a revenue shortfall, will the new NCS system encourage agencies to raise disproportionate fees and charges instead of seeking a supplementary appropriation?

(8) Has Treasury established benchmark measures of the optimal mix between appropriations and “retained revenue” for each agency and if so, what are they?

(9) What sanction applies when a budget agency exceeds the tolerance level of its budgeted NCS without approval by levying additional fees and charges?

(10) Does Treasury have the computer and reporting systems needed to monitor this new NCS budgeting regime and if not, are new systems being implemented?

(11) Given that Fiscal Principle No. 5 of the General Government Debt Elimination Act (1995) explicitly refers to the need to control NCS, why has it taken the Government five and a half years to introduce NCS budgeting into individual agencies?

1350 NAVAL REVIEW—Mr Collins to the Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) Has the Government agreed to host a naval review on Sydney Harbour to commemorate The Centenary of Federation in October 2001?

(2) What are the details of this international event and which nations are likely to participate?

(3) What will be the estimated value of this event to the NSW economy?

1351 THE GUNNERY—Mr Collins to the Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) What is the current status of “The Gunnery” visual arts centre at Woolloomooloo which was established by the previous government?

(2) (a) Are all artist studio spaces currently in use?
       (b) Who are the occupants?
       (c) What are their respective tenancies?

(3) Can he provide details of studio usage since “The Gunnery” was opened and their contribution to the arts in NSW?

1352 OJD—Ms Hodgkinson to the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

(1) (a) What steps is he taking to ensure results of Pooled Faecal Culture (PFC) tests are made available in a more timely fashion?
       (b) What is the current average time taken to provide test results from the date the test is taken using the PFC method, and what is the accuracy rate?
       (c) What is the current average time taken to provide test results from the date the test is taken using the blood test method, and what is its accuracy rate?

(2) What steps is he taking to enable farmers to obtain proof that it is actually their slaughtered sheep, and not one from another property, which is autopsied (after a test has returned positive) in order that there is no doubt in a farmer’s mind, if they have been declared positive?

(3) Will he ensure that he or a representative from his ministerial office (ie not just a departmental representative) attends a meeting at 1.30pm at the Memorial Hall in Yass on Friday 24 November, being held to discuss the formation of a NSW OJD “umbrella” action group aimed at progressing desperately needed OJD policy reform?
(4) As he admits that many producers do suffer stigma from association with OJD, when will he admit that his policy direction for NSW is failing and needs urgent redressing?

(5) Why is it that only 50 properties in NSW currently have access to Gudaire and when (i.e. approximate date) will other properties be given access to a vaccine?

1353 LEASES FROM PRIVATE SECTOR—Mr Humpherson to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

(1) How many extra homes have been leased from the private sector by the State Government in 1998/99 and 1999/00?

(2) How many are leased within each region?

(3) What is the total number of leased properties by region?

1354 TENANT EVICTIONS—Mr Humpherson to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

(1) How many complaints have been received by the Department regarding unsavoury Department of Housing tenants in the Port Macquarie area in:
   (a) 1995/96?
   (b) 1996/97?
   (c) 1997/98?
   (d) 1998/99?
   (e) 1999/2000?

(2) How many evictions of tenants have been made by the Department in the Port Macquarie area in:
   (a) 1995/96?
   (b) 1996/97?
   (c) 1997/98?
   (d) 1998/99?
   (e) 1999/2000?

(3) How long did it take from initial complaint to eviction for each evicted tenant in (2) above?

1355 CORRECTIVE SERVICES ACADEMY—Mr Humpherson to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) How many new recruits passed their officer training at the Corrective Services Academy for the years:
   (a) 1995/96?
   (b) 1996/97?
   (c) 1997/98?
   (d) 1998/99?
   (e) 1999/2000?

(2) How many new recruits failed their officer training at the Corrective Services Academy for each of the years:
   (a) 1995/96?
   (b) 1996/97?
   (c) 1997/98?
   (d) 1998/99?
   (e) 1999/2000?
1356  LONG BAY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Humpherson to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Has a staff member in the Administration/Logistics area at Long Bay Correctional Centre, claimed more than $45,000.00 in overtime payments?
(2) (a) If yes, does senior management know of this?
(b) If so, what action has been taken?
(3) Is the Administration and Purchasing Department at Long Bay Correctional Centre currently employing a casual employee, despite their inability to arrive at work before 9am each morning?

1357  CRONULLA TRAIN COLLISION—Mr Kerr to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Will he make public the findings and recommendations of the internal inquiry into the Cronulla train collision, which occurred in May this year?

1358  SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING POLICIES—Mr Kerr to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

Does the Government have full confidence in the planning policies of the Sutherland Shire Council?

1359  TENDER INFORMATION SESSIONS—Mr Maguire to the Minister for Public Works and Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

(1) Is he aware that country businesses are being unfairly treated through the choosing of tender information session’s locations too distant to allow attendance by potential country contractors and tenderers?
(2) What will he do to rectify the situation where some business contractors may be excluded from quoting because of inappropriate tender location selection?
(3) When will he adjust the current policy to resolve this unfair situation?

1360  TOWN HALL STATION MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION—Mr O'Farrell to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) (a) Is City Rail conducting an internal investigation into Town Hall station management?
(b) If so, what is the reason for, and terms of reference of, this investigation?
(2) Does the investigation involve the Station Manager and the former Labor Mayor of Burwood, Clyde Livingstone?
(3) (a) Was Clyde Livingstone the subject of an internal investigation in 1997 when David Hill was Acting Chief Executive of the State Rail Authority?
(b) If so, what was the reason for, and terms of reference of, this 1997 investigation?
(4) (a) Did David Hill have any role – either in instigating, overseeing, amking any recommendations, or deciding not to proceed on certain recommendations, in relation to the 1997 investigation?
(b) If so, what was this role?
(5) What were the findings of the 1997 investigation?
(6) (a) Were any changes implemented at Town Hall Station as a result of the 1997 investigation?
(b) If so, what changes?
MANUAL ESCAPE FACILITIES—CITY RAIL ROLLING STOCK—Ms Seaton to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) Will he confirm that the rolling stock used by City Rail, manufactured by ABB Ltd in Melbourne, included manual escape facilities in case of emergencies?
(2) Were these facilities removed by City Rail, and is it true that there are now no manual emergency escape facilities in these carriages?
(3) Will he acknowledge that last week’s fatal tunnel fire disaster in Austria involved a train with no manual escape features, and equipped with power operated doors and fixed windows?
(4) Will he immediately review emergency escape features on City Rail carriages and ensure that such facilities are reinstated in rolling stock?
(5) Does he acknowledge there is a safety risk in the current design of City Rail rolling stock?

SUNDAY TRADING—COUNTRY NSW—Mr Souris to the Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

(1) Is he aware of any decisions by the Department of Industrial Relations to allow Sunday trading in the towns of Dubbo, Tamworth and Gunnedah?
(2) If not, will he investigate claims that the Department of Industrial Relations has overruled a decision by local councils to prevent Sunday trading, thereby placing in jeopardy the success of small businesses in the towns mentioned above?
(3) If he is aware of such a decision by the Department of Industrial Relations, is he also aware that the local councils in these towns are opposed to the introduction of Sunday trading?
(4) If yes, will he take action in order to prevent small businesses in country towns going out of business as a result of the introduction of Sunday trading?
(5) Does the Government have a policy on the rights of small businesses in country NSW in terms of Sunday trading?
(6) If yes, what are the details of this policy?
(7) If not, why not?
(8) What will he do to protect small businesses who are at risk as a result of the introduction of Sunday trading in towns in country NSW?

SUNDAY TRADING—COUNTRY NSW—Mr Souris to the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Tourism—

(1) Does he condone moves by the Department of Industrial Relations to allow Sunday trading in the towns of Dubbo, Tamworth and Gunnedah?
(2) If he does not condone such moves, what action will he take?
(3) If no action, why not?
(4) If he does condone such moves, is he aware that the local councils of the above mentioned towns are opposed to the introduction of Sunday trading?
(5) If yes, what is his response to claims by the community and local councils that the introduction of Sunday trading will jeopardise small businesses in the towns of Tamworth, Gunnedah and Dubbo?
(6) If he was not aware of the objections raised by local councils, will he support local councils and also oppose the introduction of Sunday trading?
(7) If not, why not?
(8) In what ways does the Government support small business in rural and regional NSW?
SUNDAY TRADING—COUNTRY NSW—Mr Souris to the Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney, representing the Attorney General and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) Has his department moved to allow Sunday trading to occur in the towns of Dubbo, Gunnedah and Tamworth?
(2) If yes, is Sunday trading to be permitted in all of the towns mentioned above?
(3) If not, in which towns is Sunday trading allowed?
(4) What are the reasons for allowing such trading to occur?
(5) If Sunday trading is allowed in Gunnedah, is he aware that the Gunnedah local council was opposed to the introduction of Sunday trading?
(6) If yes, why has his department over-ruled Gunnedah council and permitted Sunday trading to take place?
(7) If the department was not aware of the council’s ruling, will he revoke the decision to allow Sunday trading to take place?
(8) Under what legislation has the Department of Industrial Relations acted to allow Sunday trading to occur in the above mentioned towns?
(9) When a decision is made by the Department of Industrial Relations either to permit or ban Sunday trading, who has the right of appeal against such a decision?
(10) Do large supermarket chains have the right to appeal any decisions which ban Sunday trading?
(11) Do small businesses have a right of appeal against any decision to allow Sunday trading to occur in the towns of Dubbo, Gunnedah and Tamworth?
(12) If not, why not?
(13) If not, will he consider legislation changes to enable small businesses to lodge an appeal against such a decision?
(14) If yes, have any small businesses lodged appeals against the decision by the Department of Industrial Relations to allow Sunday trading in Gunnedah, Tamworth or Dubbo?
(15) If yes, which small businesses have appealed?
(16) Has the Department of Industrial Relations received any correspondence from any councils who are against having Sunday trading allowed in their town?
(17) If yes, which councils?
(18) Has the Government conducted any inquiries into the impact of Sunday trading on small businesses in rural and regional NSW?
(19) If not, why not?
(20) If not, will he consider instigating such an inquiry?
(21) If not, why not?
(22) If yes, what were the results of such an inquiry?

FOX BAITING—Mr J. H. Turner to Attorney General, the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Does fox baiting occur on or near the beaches in the Manning Point area?
(2) If so, how often are the baits laid?
(3) If so, what warning is given to the public?
(4) If so, in what manner is warning given?
(5) If warning is given by signage, how many signs are erected and where are the signs erected?
(6) If so, what size are the signs?
(7) Has there been any evidence of domestic animals taking the baits?
(8) If so, what can be done to minimise such occurrence?
(9) Could the baits have an effect on native animals?
(10) If so, what native animals would be susceptible to such baits?
(11) If so, what can be done to minimise such risks to native animals?
1366 NORTHPOWER SECURITY DEPOSITS—Mr J. H. Turner to the Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Has the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) determined that security deposits held by NorthPower through Interest Bearing Deposits are no longer acceptable?
(2) If so, why?
(3) If so, in what form may a security deposit be now lodged?

1367 REPAIR OF FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS—Mr J. H. Turner to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) What councils received funds for repair and maintenance of flood damaged roads for the years:
   (a) 1998/99?
   (b) 1999/2000?
(2) What was the amount each council received for these years?
(3) Was any additional funding allocated for repair and maintenance of flood damaged roads in NSW for the year 1999/2000?
(4) If yes, how much additional funding was allocated to roads in NSW for flood damage in 1999/2000?
(5) If yes, which local councils mentioned in questions (1) and (2) above received additional funding and how much was this additional funding?
(6) If additional funding was received by councils not mentioned in questions (1) and (2) above, what were these councils?
(7) If additional funding was allocated for flood damage, has all of this funding been distributed?
(8) If not, why not?
(9) If not, what councils or roads repair projects have yet to be allocated their funding or any additional funding?
(10) When will these outstanding funding allocations be filled?
(11) Are there any councils who were allocated additional funding for flood damage and then whose funding has been withdrawn?
(12) If so, which councils and why?

1368 HACCP BASED STANDARDS—RETAIL BUTCHERY—Mr Webb to the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

With respect to the HACCP based standards for retail butchers:
(1) What are the health grounds for the implementation of standards?
(2) What pressure has the NSW Government put on the ACT to implement regulations similar to those passed by NSW, namely the Food Production (Meat Food Safety Scheme) Regulation 2000?
(3) Is he aware that local meat inspectors/officers are pushing local businesses to commence compliance practices now?
(4) Why are they demanding compliance now, when there is a compliance period of up to two years?
(5) What has been the cost to the government of implementation?
(6) What has been the average cost to a small retail butchery business?

1369 OVERTAKING LANE INTERVALS—Mr Webb to the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) What are the Department’s standards for overtaking lane intervals?
(2) How would this be applied to the Monaro Highway?
(3) Has he any plans to create overtaking lanes for motorists travelling south on the Monaro Highway between the ACT border and the existing overtaking lane south of Collinton, a distance of approximately 35 kilometres?

(4) If so, what are the commencement and completion dates?

(5) If not, why not?

(6) Are there any corresponding plans for future overtaking lanes for motorists travelling north on the Monaro Highway between the existing overtaking lane north of Bredbo and the ACT border?

(7) If so, what are the proposed commencement and completion dates?

(8) If not, why not?

(9) Are there currently any other plans for overtaking lanes elsewhere on the Monaro Highway?

(10) If so, where?

(11) If not, why?

(12) Are there any plans for overtaking lanes on the Snowy Mountains Highway?

(13) If so, what are the proposed locations:
    (a) east of the bottom of the Brown Mountain?
    (b) on the Brown Mountain?
    (c) west from the top of the Brown Mountain?