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23 OCTOBER 2001
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*2675 LICENSED PREMISES IN MANLY—Mr Barr to Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—
(1) What records are kept of the incidents where licensed premises have breached rules relating to the responsible service of alcohol or other conditions of their liquor license?
(2) How many times, and on what basis, have the licensed premises in the Manly Local Government Area over the last year:
(a) Breached rules for responsible service of alcohol?
(b) Been warned about breaches of rules for responsible service of alcohol?
(c) Breached other conditions of their liquor license?
(d) Been warned about breaches of their liquor license?

Answer—
(1) The Department of Gaming and Racing maintains a record of breaches of legislation and licence conditions relating to responsible service of alcohol and other matters dealt with by the Department's inspectors. This record does not include breaches dealt with by police officers.
(2) (a) Nil, according to the Department's records.
(b) See (a).
(c) 16 breaches of liquor licence conditions relating to display of harm minimisation signage.
(d) Warning notices were issued to 9 licensed premises re the breaches in (c).

*2676 AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK COMPANY—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
(1) Will the Australian Rail Track Company take over track maintenance in NSW from 1 July 2002?
(2) Will railway sleepers be supplied by the NSW State Forests in northern NSW to Australian Rail Track Company?
(3) Does the Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) use blackbutt or any other white timber for rail sleepers?
(4) Is it a policy of RIC not to use white timber for sleepers?
(5) Is he aware of a trial being conducted using white timber for sleepers?

Answer—
(1) No, however the Australian Rail Track Company and the Government are discussing the lease of interstate track in NSW.
(2) I am advised that the sale of its products is a matter for State Forests.
(3) I am advised that the Rail Infrastructure Corporation purchases timber sleepers in accordance with its specification C.3108 which lists a range of preferred and non-preferred timbers. White timbers such as Tallowwood and White Mahogany are on the preferred list. Blackbutt is on the non-preferred list and Blackbutt sleepers are only purchased on rare occasions, following special approval.
(4) No.
(5) White timbers are already in regular use.
**2679 HUNTER AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Souris to Minister for Health—**

(1) How much money is owed by Hunter Area Health Service in the form of Accounts Payable and current borrowings as at the 30 September 2001?

(2) How much money is outstanding over 45 days?

Answer—

Financial information is published in the Annual Report.

**2680 GREATER MURRAY AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Maguire to Minister for Health—**

(1) How much money is owed by Greater Murray Area Health Service in the form of Accounts Payable and current borrowings as at 30 September 2001?

(2) How much money is outstanding over 45 days?

Answer—

Financial information is published in the Annual Report.

**2681 NORTHERN SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Skinner to Minister for Health—**

(1) How much money is owed by Northern Sydney Area Health Service in the form of Accounts Payable and current borrowings as at 30 September 2001?

(2) How much money is outstanding over 45 days?

Answer—

Financial information is published in the Annual Report.

**2682 CENTRAL SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mrs Skinner to Minister for Health—**

(1) How much money is owed by Central Sydney Area Health Service in the form of Accounts Payable and current borrowings as at 30 September 2001?

(2) How much money is outstanding over 45 days?

Answer—

Financial information is published in the Annual Report.

**2683 MANUS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Maguire to Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—**

(1) Has the redevelopment of Manus Correctional Centre extensions been completed?

(2) Have the extra positions announced in the redevelopment proposals been filled?

(3) If not, why and when will the positions be filled?

(4) When will the announcement by the Minister and his Department of an extra 40 places and up to 8 positions be fulfilled at Manus Correctional Centre?

Answer—

(1) As advised to the Honourable Member on 4 September 2001, in answer to his previous Question On Notice No 2032, the existing kitchen at Mannus Correctional Centre has been converted to accommodation units for 12 inmates. No further redevelopment has since taken place.
(2) There has been no Ministerial announcement of redevelopment proposals for Mannus Correctional Centre.
(3) Not applicable
(4) See (2).

*2684 GISSING HOUSE, WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Maguire to Minister for Health—

(1) How many beds does the psychiatric ward of Wagga Base Gissing House contain?
(2) How many beds can the ward safely accommodate?
(3) What is the maximum number of patients in the last six months domiciled there?
(4) How many psychiatric staff work in the Gissing Centre?
(5) How many psychiatric specialists are based in Wagga Wagga?
(6) If specialists are not domiciled in Wagga, how are specialist services delivered to Wagga Base Hospital and Gissing House?
(7) Have the incidents of violence increased in Gissing House in recent years?
(8) What precautions have you initiated to protect staff?

Answer—

(1) 17
(2) 17
(3) 17
(4) 21.49 full time equivalents nursing staff as well as one Career Medical Officer and one Resident Medical Officer.
(5) There are no psychiatric specialists based in Wagga Wagga.
(6) There is a contracted service whereby psychiatric specialists fly in from Sydney on four days a week.
(7) There is no evidence of an increase in the incidence of violence.
(8) Changes have been made to the physical environment, including refurbishing High Dependency Unit and creation of a seclusion room, replacing all glass with toughened or shutterproof materials, creating egress doors for all consultation rooms, erecting barriers across counter tops at nurses’ station and reception area, replacing glass mirrors with stainless steel and putting in a stable-gate door to the medication room.

The staff have been provided with training in management of aggression, critical incidents and personal security.

*2686 TUMUT DOCTORS—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Health—

(1) Is he aware that Dr Pritchard, who currently practices in Tumut, has recently announced his decision to retire citing as one of his main reasons the increasing costs of medical indemnity insurance?
(2) What action has he taken to address the spiralling costs of medical indemnity insurance?
(3) What action will he take to ensure that the surgical procedures undertaken by Dr Pritchard at Tumut Hospital are continued?
(4) Will he give a commitment that the level of surgery carried out at Tumut Hospital will not be reduced?

Answer—

(1) to (2) Parliament passed the Health Care Liability Act as part of a package of measures to address the problem of escalating medical indemnity insurance premiums. The Government's medical indemnity reform package represents a sensible and balanced approach to the medical indemnity crisis, and protects the interests of both doctors and patients.

The Greater Murray Area Health Service is committed to the provision of surgery at Tumut District Hospital. Apart from Dr Pritchard, two other surgeons visit the hospital on a regular basis. The Area
Health Service is recruiting to replace Dr Pritchard and, subject to successful recruitment action, the level of surgery will not be reduced.

*2687 ASSAULTS AT SAHS HOSPITALS AT GOULBURN—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Health—

(1) How many assaults on staff have occurred during 2001 at:
   (a) Goulburn Base Hospital?
   (b) Chisholm Ross Hospital?
   (c) Kenmore Hospital?
   (d) St John of God Hospital?

(2) How many assaults on staff occurred at these hospitals during 2000?
(3) How many assaults on staff occurred at these hospitals during 1999?
(4) How many assaults on staff occurred at these hospitals during 1998?
(5) How many assaults on staff occurred at these hospitals during 1997?
(6) How many assaults on staff occurred at these hospitals during 1996?
(7) How many assaults on staff occurred at these hospitals during 1995?

Answer—

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*2691 PERISHER SEWERAGE PLANT SPILL—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Since the Crown has recently been fined $500,000 for the sewage spill, what action will your Department take against officers of the Department of Public Works and Services who ignored advice that the plant would fail?
(2) What action will you take to exonerate the various contractors who warned that the plans were flawed?
(3) Why wasn’t the spill reported immediately in the first place?
(4) What action was or will be taken to address this breach?
(5) Why was the reported amount of the spill underestimated by the Department by a factor of approximately 10 to 20?

Answer—

(1) to (2) I am not aware of any such fine.
(3) to (5) I refer the Honourable Member to previous answers concerning this issue.

*2694 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Kerr to Minister for Health—

What number of nursing staff were employed at Sutherland Hospital at:
(a) 1 July 1995?
(b) 1 July 2001?
(1) to (2) As at 1 July 1995 there were 396.20 FTE nursing staff. As at 1 July 2001 there were 408.17 FTE nursing staff. However, with changes in resource allocation as a result of enhanced technology, greater emphasis on community health and preventative programs, and shortened lengths of stays, nurses providing direct patient care have in effect been enhanced by 65.83 FTE between 1 July 1995 and 1 July 2001.

2696 NORTHSIDE STORAGE TUNNEL—Mr Collins to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Because of the experimental/unique status of the Northside Storage Tunnel, was an ethics committee set up to review the objectives and procedures of operating the NSOOS Tunnel system:
   (a) During unpredictable severe peak storm events?
   (b) Without previous full scale trials using uncontaminated water with leak-indicating additives?
   (c) Without any legal protection provided by an operating licence?
   (d) Transporting millions of tons of potentially toxic overflows under private and public property?

(2) (a) Who were the members of this committee?
    (b) Did they represent particular interests and if so were there any possibilities of conflict of interest?
    (c) Were there independent representatives of the public on the committee?
    (d) What access to technical advice did the committee have?

(3) (a) Was there an independent consultant's view of the EIS before the ethics committee reviewed the procedure?
    (b) Did that review include a full examination of changes of actual construction from the EIS (such as the changes in tunnel diameters)?
    (c) Did the consultant's review examine, and reach scientific certainty, on health issues raised in the EIS and the parliamentary inquiry?

(4) (a) Was a list of unknown factors drawn up that were to be evaluated by the experiments?
    (b) Did it include a list of matters of public safety and/or public concern?

(5) Were all matters of uncertainty and public concern raised in the Parliamentary inquiry into the system included in the factors to be evaluated, including all matters covered in submissions and minority reports?

(6) To which unknown factors and in what way did the ethics committee apply the "precautionary principles" to control and safely stage the test procedures?

(7) (a) Were any manuals or legislation on risk management principles or procedures followed?
    (b) Were graphical relationships between frequency of occurrence and severity of damage produced for the variety of factors being examined by the experiments?

(8) (a) Was the method of "receiver operating characteristic" employed to show the relationship of false alarms, failure to detect and signal alert of abnormal operation etc resulting from the experimental results?
    (b) Have costs or insurance risk valuations been determined for failures and false alarms and expected frequency of occurrence?

(9) Were differing numbers and severities of storm events required to reach numerically specified "statistical confidence intervals" of certainty with respect to the factors to be determined?

(10) What is the present status of the experiments: which factors have been fully investigated and when will each of the remaining issues be determined to a confidence interval level justifying conclusion of the experiment?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (d) Many similar facilities like the Northside Tunnel exist around the world. A comprehensive consultative process was conducted, including a Review of Environmental Factors (REF), an Environmental impact Statement (EIS), community meetings and input from the
Waterways Advisory Panel (WAP), as well as approval from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP).

(2) (a) to (d) Refer to (1)
(3) (a) to (c) No independent consultant was engaged to view the EIS as the Waterways Advisory Panel provided expert comment on the process.
(4) (a) to (b) The issues the member is referring to are unclear.
(5) I am advised that Sydney Water Corporation’s submission was a comprehensive examination of issues unlike the Committee’s partisan report and recommendations.
(6) I am advised the ‘precautionary principle’ was addressed as part of the review by the expert panel in assessing commissioning procedures.
(7) (a) The Northside Storage Tunnel Project meets all environmental and planning regulations.
(b) It is not clear as to which experiments the member is referring.
(8) (a) Sydney Water is not aware of any such method being employed.
(b) Sydney Water has not all necessary insurances to cover its facilities and their operation.
(9) Analysis of storm events was carried out to determine operational parameters for the tunnel. These parameters will result in the reduction of sewage overflows by 80-90%.
(10) The member’s reference to experiments remains unclear, making it impossible to answer the question.

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2701 INTERNET ACCESS FOR YASS HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Education and Training—

2704 CLOSURE OF BEGA BLOOD BANK—Mr R. H. L. Smith to Minister for Health—

2705 BUFFER ZONES—Mr R. H. L. Smith to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

2706 NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION—Mr Maguire to Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

2707 FAIR TRADING TRIBUNAL—Mr Maguire to Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

2708 PRIVATE HOSPITAL AT GRIFFITH—Mr Piccoli to Minister for Health—

*2709 PETROL ADDITIVE—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Has the NSW EPA conducted any research into or made any policy recommendations about the levels of the additive MTBE in petrol?
(2) What is the percentage of this additive allowable in petrol sold in NSW?
(3) Have other State Governments required a reduction in this additive in their own jurisdictions?
(4) What are the known effects of MTBE on human and animal populations?
(5) What are the known effects of MTBE on water quality?
(6) Does the government contemplate any changes to the allowable levels of this additive in NSW petrol?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The Commonwealth Government has regulatory responsibility under recently established national fuel standards for the management of the use of octane enhancing fuel additives, of which MTBE is one. I understand that MTBE is only in petrol sourced from oil importers and the Commonwealth announced earlier this year that a national ban on MTBE in petrol will take effect from 2004.

2710 SOUTH EASTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Debnam to Minister for Health—

2711 REVENUE PROTECTION OFFICERS—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2712 SNOWFIELDS HEAD LEASE—Mr Webb to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

2714 MYACK CREEK—Mr Webb to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

2715 PURE FOOD ACT GUIDELINES—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Health—

*2716 LICENSED PREMISES—Mr Kerr to Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development—

How many times, and on what basis, have the licensed premises in the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area over the last year:

(a) Breached rules for responsible service of alcohol?
(b) Been warned about breaches of rules for responsible service of alcohol?
(c) Breached other conditions of their liquor license?
(d) Been warned about breaches of their liquor license?

Answer—

(a) Nil, according to a record of breaches of legislation and licence conditions that is maintained by the Department of Gaming and Racing.
(b) See (a).
(c) 2 breaches of liquor licence conditions relating to display of harm minimisation signage.
(d) See (c).

2717 STAFF ASSAULTS—Mr Kerr to Minister for Health—

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2720 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2721 COUNTRYLINK TRIPS—Mr Webb to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2722 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOULBURN—Ms Hodgkinson to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

2724 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

2726 HEALTH CATCHMENT—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Health—

2727 LPG PRICES—Mr Souris to Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

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2731 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEVY—Mr Webb to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Rural Affairs, representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations, Assistant Treasurer, Minister Assisting the Premier on Public Sector Management, and Minister Assisting the Premier for the Central Coast—

2732 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEVY—Mr Webb to Minister for Education and Training—

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2735 SEAFORTH TAFE—Mrs Chikarovski to Minister for Education and Training—

2736 WATER SAFETY TASKFORCE—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

2738 NEW ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Health—

2739 LINKS AVENUE—Ms Seaton to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
BICYCLE TRACKS, ROYAL NATIONAL PARK—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

SLIPWAYS IN NSW—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT URUNGA—Mr Stoner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

GROUNDSELL BUSH—Mr Stoner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

TABLELANDS SAWMILL—Mr Webb to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

CRONULLA POLICE STATION—Mr Kerr to Minister for Police—

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) To what destinations overseas has she travelled to since becoming a Minister?
(2) What were the accommodation venues and costs incurred?
Answer—

(1) to (2). Costs incurred during official overseas travel were in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.

ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Hazzard to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

TALLAGANDA COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Webb to Minister for Police—

NURSING SHORTFALL—Mr Webb to Minister for Health—

MILK LICENCES—Mr Souris to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

MT KARUAH—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

MYALL LAKES CAMPSITES—Mr J. H. Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
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2759 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOULBURN—Ms Hodgkinson to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

2760 SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE AND ACT HOSPITAL TREATMENT—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Health—

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2761 GISSING HOUSE—Mr Maguire to Minister for Health—

2762 GISSING HOUSE DURESS ALARM—Mr Maguire to Minister for Health—

2763 KAPOOKA BRIDGE—Mr Maguire to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2764 DEPARTMENT HEADS—Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

2765 ALGAE IN MYALL LAKES—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

2766 MACKSVILLE BYPASS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2767 BANGOR BYPASS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2768 TREATMENT FOR OJD—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

2769 STOCK THEFT CONTAINMENT—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Police—

2770 UNUSED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2771 GOTTHARD TUNNEL—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2772 BOWRAL SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
2773 BERRIMA WEIR—Ms Seaton to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

2774 SYDNEY FISH MARKETS—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

2775 CASE WORKERS—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—

2776 AVERAGE SERVICE TIME—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Police—

2777 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Kerr to Minister for Health—

2778 CRONULLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Kerr to Minister for Education and Training—

2779 PATHOLOGY SERVICES—Mr Webb to Minister for Health—

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2780 TERMINATING TRAINS—Mr Kerr to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2781 WINGHAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Health—

*2782 HEALTHY RIVERS COMMITTEE—Mr Oakeshott to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

What is the timeframe for Government implementation of the Healthy Rivers Committee recommendations to protect Lake Cathie, Lake Innes and Queens Lake?

Answer—

(1) The Healthy Rivers Commission is expected to finalise its Independent Inquiry into Coastal Lakes shortly. The Commission is then expected to forward its recommendations for the management of coastal lakes to the Government for its consideration. The Government response to these recommendations will be announced following this process.

2783 SILTATION BUILD UP—Mr Oakeshott to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2784 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mr O'Doherty to Minister for Health—
2785 GRAFFITI—Mr O'Doherty to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2786 FOOD SERVICE FUNDING—Mr O'Doherty to Minister for Health—

2787 PLANNING LEGISLATION—Mr Hazzard to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

2788 ACCIDENTS ON THE HUME AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2789 STOCK THEFT CONTAINMENT—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Police—

2790 APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Ms Hodgkinson to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2791 FOREST WAY BRIDGE—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2792 PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2793 MONA VALE ROAD—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2794 CUSTOM NUMBER PLATES—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2795 WORONORA BRIDGE—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

*2796 DISTRICT COURT CIRCUIT—Mr Piccoli to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

Will the District Court (criminal and/or civil) circuit include Deniliquin in 2001?

Answer—

The District Court is currently not scheduled to sit in Deniliquin during the remainder of 2001. The Chief Judge will continue to monitor the caseload at Deniliquin. If the caseload increases, he can arrange sittings.

2797 FERAL DOG CONTROL—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2798 QUEANBEYAN YOUTH RESOURCES INC.—Mr Webb to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
2799  TICKET SALES—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2800  SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Education and Training—

2801  AMALGAMATED HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Debnam to Minister for Education and Training—

2802  RAILWAY BRIDGE—Mr Maguire to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2803  PLATYPUS NUMBERS—Mr Maguire to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

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2826  BEGA SEWERAGE AND WATER PROJECT—Mr Webb to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

2827  BEGA SEWERAGE AND WATER PROJECT—Mr Webb to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Land and Water Conservation—

2828  GUNNAMATTA BAY—Mr Kerr to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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2839 PERISHER SEWAGE PLANT SPILL—Ms Seaton to Minister for Public Works and Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

2840 PERISHER SEWAGE PLANT SPILL—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

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2842 NORTHERN BEACHES TOURISM—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Tourism—

2843 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Kerr to Minister for Police—

2844 YOUTH DRUG PROBLEMS—Mr Webb to Minister for Health—

2845 SAHS ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Webb to Minister for Health—

2846 INVERELL’S HOSPITAL—Mrs Skinner to Minister for Health—

2847 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

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2848 POLICE TRAINING—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Police—

2849 MONGA FOREST PROJECT—Mr Webb to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2850 BUNGENDORE POLICING—Mr Webb to Minister for Police—

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2852 WITHDRAW TULLOCK TRAIN CARRIAGES—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2853 ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MAYOR OF ASHFIELD—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

2854 CITYRAIL EASY ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2855 BENDEELA CAMPING AREA—Ms Seaton to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2856 COMMITTEE OPERATIONS—Ms Seaton to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

2857 ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS ACT—Ms Seaton to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

2858 POLICE ENQUIRIES—Mr Stoner to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

2859 UPPER MISSABOTTI LANDCASE GROUP—Mr Stoner to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—

2860 INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY TARIFFS—Mr Souris to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2861 HEADER COMBS TRANSPORTATION—Mr Maguire to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2862 WORKCOVER PROMOTION—Mr Maguire Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services, representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations, Assistant Treasurer, Minister Assisting the Premier on Public Sector Management, and Minister Assisting the Premier for the Central Coast—

2863 TRUNK PARKING BAYS—Mr Maguire to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
2864 RESPONSE TO CONSTITUENTS CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Kerr to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2865 NUMBER OF LEADED VEHICLES—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2866 SECOND HAND TEXT BOOKS—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Education and Training—

2867 PROTECTION FORM RIVER EROSION—Mr Oakeshott to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2868 FUTURE OF COOK-CHILL IN GOULBURN—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Health—

2869 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

2870 PATHOLOGY SERVICES—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Health—

2871 ROO BARS ON AMBULANCES—Mr Webb to Minister for Health—

2872 WASTE REDUCTION FUNDING—Ms Allan to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

2873 SNOWFIELDS HEAD LEASE—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

With reference to your response to Question on Notice No 2718, will you now answer the following points, which were not addressed in the answer printed in Question and Answer paper no 128:

(6) reassurances for existing lessees and businesses?
(7) guarantees and safeguards against exploitation in regard to rents or overcharging?
(8) whether the proposal is consistent with the Kosciuszko Regional Plan?
(9) when is the Kosciuszko Regional Plan to be exhibited in draft form?

2874 TRAFFIC VOLUMES ON GOCUP-TUMUT ROAD—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) Are you aware of estimates which indicate that an additional 20,000 tonnes of timber from Bombala will be moved along the Gundagai-Gocup-Tumut road each month because timber trucks are not permitted to use the Cooma-Tumut part of the Snowy Mountains Highway?
(2) As the RTA has only conducted one traffic count on this road for a six day period during August 2000 will you, as a matter of urgency, require the RTA to conduct a further traffic count to measure the increased traffic volume?
(3) Will you commit additional funds to rectify the damage being caused by this additional traffic?

2875 SAFETY POWER LINES—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Are you aware of community concerns in the Tumut Region that Transgrid is currently exceeding the design loads for transmission of power on it’s electricity distribution network?
(2) Has Transgrid in fact exceeded the design load for electrical transmission?
(3) If so on how many occasions and when did this occur?
(4) Given that in hot weather power lines can sag by as much as seven meters creating a high risk of arcing, what measures have you taken to minimise the resultant fire hazard?

2876 COMPLIANT PROCEDURES—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Education and Training—

(1) With reference to your answer to question 2640 which states that there are no specific procedures for dealing with the type of complaint to which my question referred, why then did the Parliamentary Secretary for Education inform me in his letter RML 01/1589 dated 20 April 2001 that “the R/ACLO failed to follow Department of Education and Training procedures”?
(2) Why did the Parliamentary Secretary refer to procedures which do not in fact exist?
(3) Why is the Parliamentary Secretary not aware of what Departmental procedures do or do not exist?
(4) Why did the Parliamentary Secretary give me incorrect information in his reply to my representation?

2877 NURSING HOME RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Debnam to Minister for Health—

In relation to Department of Health letter 001 / 4 NH 1516 dated 2nd August 2001 and my letter 2/ L – 9097 dated 23rd August 2001 regarding the death of a patient in the NSW Health System:

(1) What are the 41 issues that have been identified as being “directly related to the care and treatment” of the patient and what is the response to each?
(2) What are the 45 other issues and what is the response to each?
(3) What is the availability of the “detailed investigation report”?
(4) What is the availability of the “Recommendations to the licensee as a result of the investigation”?
(5) Which “practices at the nursing home were found to be unacceptable” and what was the corrective action in each case?
(6) What is the detail of the “legal obligations” referred to in the second paragraph of the 2nd August letter and is the implication that nurses or medical officers didn’t fulfill them in the patient’s case?
(7) When was the “ongoing monitoring and re-assessment at the next visit to the nursing home” undertaken or when will it be undertaken?
(8) Why has there been a three month delay in answering my 23rd August letter?
(9) Will my 23rd August letter be answered?

2878 JENNIE DOYLE—Mr R. H. Smith to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—

(1) Does she recall that I first contacted her on behalf of Jennie Doyle of Tathra, who suffers from advanced Multiple Sclerosis, back in October 1999?
(2) Is she aware that Jennie’s condition has now deteriorated further, and even though she is still only 48, she is now in a Sydney nursing home?
(3) Is she aware that Bega Valley Shire Council’s Ageing and Disability Service has been working with this family for seven years, and that her Department advised that Jennie’s case would be regarded as a priority under the new Service Access System (SAS) in August 2000?
(4) Is she aware that the SAS assessment plan and budget was completed in August 2001, but that there is a ceiling on the hours per week available, and the assessment will not meet Jennie’s needs?
(5) Is she aware that had her Department been constantly assuring the family that Jennie’s needs would be met, and that Council been aware of this ceiling, they would have applied for virtual pool funding, which would have met Jennie’s needs?
(6) How does she propose to fund the level of service required for Jennie to move back to her home and nearby family in Tathra?

2879 FUNDING FOR WEED CONTROL—Mr Webb to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Is the allocation of funding for weeds for Monaro shires and the Regional Weeds Committee insufficient for councils to control their own weeds let alone those on private and other public lands?
(2) Are you aware that most Monaro districts are experiencing the best season in the last decade, and that infestations of weeds such as Serrated Tussock, African Love Grass, Chilean Needle Grass, Nodding Thistle, Spiny Burr Grass, St Johns Wort, Fireweed, Blackberries and other weeds will rapidly increase over coming months?
(3) Is weed control an urgent issue in the Monaro due to escalating expenses, a reduction in the number of private owner/managers, and the average age of farmers being around 60?
(4) Was the application for funding of a ‘Revolving Fund’ that would have enabled the three Monaro Regional Councils the ability to continue approaching land owners and carrying out control measures unsuccessful?
(5) Will you move to immediately provide additional funds to the Regional committee and the shires of Yarrowumla, Cooma Monaro, Snowy River, Bombala, Tallaganda and Bega Valley to enable them to properly address serious weed problems?
(6) Are you aware that there are vast untreated infestations of blackberries in National Parks and reserves that neighbour farmlands, which weeds will pose a major environmental threat to riverine ecologies and cause financial burdens to land owners who must attempt to control the increasing infestations?
(7) Will you immediately move to double weed funding in NSW and provide for further increases in 2002 and 2003?

2880 KNAPPINGHAT NATIONAL PARK—Mr J. H. Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Have discussions been held with your Department and the Hallidays Point/Diamond Beach Chamber of Commerce and Tourism concerning the excision of land in the Knappinghat National Park?
(2) If so, what is the amount and or length of land involved?
(3) If so, why is it proposed to excise the land?
(4) If so, what is the current position with such excision?
(5) If it is not proposed to proceed with the excision, why is it not proposed to excise the land?
(6) Has the above chamber had discussions with your Department concerning compensatory habitat in the above mentioned National Park?
(7) If so, what is your Department’s reaction to such discussions?
(8) Have you or the Department had any discussions with the Greater Taree City Council concerning the construction of a road through the above park?
(9) If so, what is the status of those discussions?
2881 TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN BOMADERRY AND KIAMA—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) What is the current number of daily train services which run between Bomaderry and Kiama on
   (i) weekdays
   (ii) weekends?
(2) Will he guarantee that under the proposed changes to timetables this level of service will either remain or improve?
(3) What plans are there to upgrade rolling stock on this route?
(4) What plans does the Government have to electrify this rail line?

2882 INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

(1) How many prosecutions have been launched for offences occurring in school grounds under the Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 for the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 to date?
(2) How many prosecutions have been successful for the above years?

2883 LEADER OF THE HOUSE—Mr Richardson to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) Given that the Leader of the House is not now a Minister, what rights and entitlements does he still enjoy?
(2) Does the Leader of the House still have access to a Ministerial car? If so, on what basis: full-time, part-time or on demand?
(3) How many staff additional to his two electorate office secretaries does the Leader of the House have under his control?
(4) Is the Leader of the House still being paid salary additional to his base MP’s salary and electoral allowance? If so, how much additional salary is he being paid?

2884 LAND CHARGES—Mr Torbay to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Is your department currently pressing NSW councils to increase charges for new house blocks by 300 to 500 percent?
(2) Is the Government concerned that this is blatant discrimination against country people and will have a deleterious effect on affordability in NSW country areas?
(3) Will he instruct his Department to adopt the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal approved guidelines (applicable to metropolitan areas and already issued to all councils) over the whole state in the interest of fairness and to put the country areas on the same footing as the city?

2885 MARINE AND FISHERIES TRAINING—Mr Webb to Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Are you aware that the University of Wollongong is expanding teaching facilities and associated capabilities on the south coast of NSW, with particular reference to fish biology and related environmental research and development?
(2) Are you aware that there is a vast potential for fisheries and aquaculture industries to generate jobs and wealth particularly at isolated Eden on the far south coast of NSW?
(3) Are you aware that there have been proposals for enhanced marine and fisheries related teaching, training and research institutions for the Eden area?

(4) Are you aware that the Victorian Government has made a $4 million commitment to fund a research facility at Lakes Entrance (through RMIT and TAFE) for land based aquaculture, estuarine ecology and fisheries management?

(5) Will you move to match the Victorian Government’s initiative for the Eden area, that would capitalise on the potential Eden has to offer for job creation, wealth generation, sound industry and environmental management practises by training NSW people, particularly young people, in these and related areas?

(6) If not, why not?

(7) What are you doing to ensure that NSW people, particularly those from the far south coast, are properly trained and skilled, enabling them to become involved in the quickly growing aquaculture and fisheries industries and related management areas and therefore keeping them and their skills in NSW?

2886 REVENUE ON WATER AND SEWAGE—Ms Seaton to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Is he aware of concerns by residents of Wingecarribee Shire that Wingecarribee Shire Council is able to make a 6 per cent charge by its general fund on the total revenue of its water and sewage fund for the purpose of general infrastructure maintenance?

(2) Did he approve this charge?

(3) How many local government areas impose such a charge on residents?

(4) Are you satisfied that this charge should continue to be levied on residents?

(5) Did you approve of the percentage of the revenue to be re-allocated to the general fund in this case?

(6) Did your Department express a concern that the charge is contrary to National Competition Policy, and express concerns that the council is “deliberately putting its own operation at a commercial disadvantage”? Do you agree with your Department’s assessment?

(7) If so, what action do you propose to take? If not, what action have you taken to resolve your differences with your departmental advisers and do they still stand by their advice?

(8) Is it still your view that residents who oppose this charge and challenge its legitimacy should take the council to court?

(9) Does the Local Government Act exclude water supply authorities from annual charges on pipes and tunnels? Does the Wingecarribee Shire Council comprise a water supply authority?

2887 WINGECARRIBE SHIRE LEVY—Ms Seaton to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Is he aware of concerns by residents of Wingecarribee Shire that Wingecarribee Shire Council is able to make a 6 per cent charge by its general fund on the total revenue of its water and sewage fund for the purpose of general infrastructure maintenance?

(2) Does such a charge exist in other local government areas in regional NSW?

(3) Would this charge create additional costs in the Wingecarribee area, which would create a competitive disadvantage to existing or potential business and employment development in the Wingecarribee area?

(4) Would such a charge be considered a disincentive to businesses weighing up other regional location options such as the Hunter, the Illawarra and the Central West?

(5) Will he take this issue up with the Minister for Local Government?

(6) Will you advise the Minister for Local Government about any concerns regarding regional development opportunities for council areas with comparatively high costs?

2888 GREATER MURRAY AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Maguire to Minister for Health—
What action has been taken by the Greater Murray Area Health Service to rectify their non-compliance with the Public Authorities (Financial Arrangements) Act 1987 in leasing equipment valued at $1.5 million which would involve finance leases regarded by the Attorney General as unlawful?

2889 POLICE FACILITIES—Mr Maguire to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

(1) Has the NSW Police Service completed a strategy for development of operationally appropriate policing facilities across NSW?
(2) If not, why not?
(3) Has the proposal put forward regarding accommodation for NSW Police at Wagga Wagga been considered and what is your response?

2890 MOUNT CONOBOLAS STATE RECREATION AREA (NOXIOUS WEEDS)—Mr R. W. Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) What programs are in place to reduce the area infested by blackberry and other noxious weeds in the Mount Canobolas State Recreation Area?
(2) What is the estimated area in hectares infested by blackberry and other noxious weeds within this SRA?
(3) Is the control program carried out by staff of the SRA or private contractors?
(4) If private contractors are used, what supervision is used to ensure that the correct amount of chemicals is used and coverage of the area is carried out?
(5) Is he confident that the control program used will adequately bring the affected areas under control?

2891 CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT 1997—Mr Oakeshott to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

(1) How many areas in NSW have been declared operational areas under Division 1, Part 3, Welfare of Children in Public Places under the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997?
(2) How many of these remain operational areas?
(3) What success/failure rate has been reported in these operational areas?

2892 GRAINS BOARD SALARIES—Mr Piccoli to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—

What were the salaries of the following officers of the NSW Grains Board in the 12 months prior to its collapse:
(1) The Chairman
(2) The Secretary
(3) The Accountant?

2893 RANKINS SPRINGS RAIL LINE—Mr Piccoli to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) Does the NSW Government plan to close the rail line which currently serves the Rankins Springs grain silos?
(2) If not, are there plans to upgrade and repair that rail line?
CRONULLA POLICE STATION—Mr Kerr to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice 2693, how many police were on duty and physically in attendance at Cronulla Police Station between 2.00am and 4.00am on 16 September 2001?

STATION VANDALISM—Mr Kerr to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice 2671, what are the details of incidents of vandalism which occurred in relation to Cronulla, Caringbah and Woolooware Railway Station between 1 January 2001 and 16 October 2001?

ILLAWARRA TRAIN DELAYS—Mr Kerr to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice 2672, how many delays occurred on the Illawarra line between 1 September 2001 and 16 October 2001 as a result of reasons within the control of Cityrail?

CHILD (PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT—Mr R. W. Turner to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

(1) How many local government areas have an approved program under the Child (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997?
(2) How many other councils have made initial enquiries with a view to being involved in the Child (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997, but have failed to proceed with that application?
(3) Are there any councils presently negotiating with the Department with a view to being involved in the program?
(4) In your view, why aren’t more councils involved with the Child (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997?
(5) Is action being taken to make the act more workable?
(6) Are any evaluations currently being carried out?

MOUNT CANOBOLAS STATE RECREATION AREA—Mr R. W. Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) What control programs are in place to reduce the number of feral animals including pigs, dogs, and cats within the Mt Canobolas State Recreation Area?
(2) If a program is carried out, is that program carried out by:
   (a) SRA Staff
   (b) Private contractors
   (c) A combination of both of the above?
(3) What methods are used in these programs?
(4) Are any programs carried out on neighbouring properties?
(5) Are neighbouring landholders able to access SRA areas to carry out any control programs involving feral animal control?