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*0002 SNOWY HYDRO CORPORATION—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to Snowy Hydro Corporation:
(1) How much did the company pay in dividends to the NSW Government in the financial year 2005-06?
(2) How much does the NSW Government expect to receive in dividends for the financial year 2006-07?
(3) What is the current credit rating for the company and when was it last assessed?
(4) When will the company's credit rating next be assessed?
(5) Has the Minister been advised of contingency plans to reduce or cease Snowy Hydro's electricity generation due to the drought and local water shortages?
(6) If so, what are details of those contingency plans and when was the Minister advised?

Answer—
(1) to (4) These questions fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.
(5) and (6) On 4 April 2007, Snowy Hydro Limited indicated the drought is impacting across the Snowy Mountains region. Nevertheless, I understand Snowy Hydro Limited continues to meet its water release obligations. Further, with contributions from its gas-fired generators in Victoria, Snowy Hydro is also able to meet its "generator of last resort" electricity obligations across the National Electricity Market.

*0003 ENERGY DIRECTIONS—WHITE PAPER—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) Has the Government's Energy Directions White Paper, which was due to be released in April 2005, been completed?
(2) When will it be publicly released?

Answer—
(1) and (2) The Government has answered these questions on a number of occasions, including the response to QON 5796 answered on 10 May 2006.

*0004 APEC SUMMIT—INFRASTRUCTURE INADEQUACIES—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

Has the Minister received any briefings or reports advising of infrastructure inadequacies related to hosting the 2007 APEC summit in Sydney, and if so, what was the briefing or report and which agency provided the briefing or report?

Answer—
Treasury advises, they've received no such report.

*0005 CENTRAL SAFETY BARRIERS—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the NSW Government's promised installation of central safety barriers on the Sexton Hill section of the Pacific Highway:
(1) What are the proposed start and finish dates of these works?
(2) What is the budgeted cost of these works (please provide figure)?
(3) What measures does the Government propose to implement to reduce traffic congestion during the construction period?

Answer—
I am advised:
Information on roads projects across NSW is publicly provided in Annual Reports, Budget papers and in policy documents such as the State Infrastructure Strategy. Information is also regularly updated on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and is available in community newsletters distributed by the RTA.
PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the NSW Government's plans to upgrade the Sexton Hill section of the Pacific Highway:

1. What are the proposed start and finish dates of these works?
2. What is the budgeted cost of these works (please provide figure)?
3. What measures does the Government propose to implement to reduce traffic congestion during the construction period?
4. What contributions has the Government sought from the Federal Government?
5. Will the Minister undertake an independent costing of the Government's preferred modified Option B, using the same criteria used for the costing of Community Option C?

Answer—
I am advised:
Information on roads projects across NSW is publicly provided in Annual Reports, Budget papers and in policy documents such as the State Infrastructure Strategy. Information is also regularly updated on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and is available in community newsletters distributed by the RTA.

BANORA POINT HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

In relation to providing Banora Point High School funding to expand to Years 11 and 12:

1. When will the Government transfer the $280,000 budgeted by Banora Point High School to expand to Years 11 and 12?
2. When will the Government transfer the initial $60,000 payment promised by NSW Education Department representative Mr Ron Hankins in March 2007?

Answer—
The Principal of Banora Point High School requested financial assistance from the Department of Education and Training on 7 March 2007.

During March 2007, the Department provided financial assistance of $30,000 to the school. During April 2007, the Department supplemented the school's global funding with a payment of $33,848 and provided a further $26,200 in financial assistance. The Department also increased the school's annual utilities allocation by $15,000 to match the school's level of expenditure on gas and electricity.

POLICE RESOURCING—NAMBUCCA SHIRE—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to police resourcing in the Nambucca Shire:

1. Why is there no 24-hour police station in this rapidly growing area of the State?
2. Is there a submission from local police seeking a review of police resourcing for the Nambucca Valley?
   (a) If so, how will you respond to this submission?
   (b) If not, why not?
3. Will you undertake to visit the Nambucca Shire and meet police based at Macksville, Bowraville and Nambucca Heads?
   (a) If so, when?
   (b) If not, why not?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The allocation of police personnel to Local Area Commands is generally a matter for the Executive in consultation with the Local Area Commander. Staffing allocations and operational hours within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander.

Operational policing resources are allocated to Local Area Commands in accordance with a range of criteria including workload, historical allocation, internal reviews, industrial agreements and government commitments. While geographical size and population are taken into account, these factors in isolation do not indicate the level or nature of policing requirements in a given area.

Workload and other policing data are continually examined to ensure policing resources are allocated
adequately.
In my role as Minister for Police it is my intention to visit as many Local Area Commands across the State as I can.

*0009 OXLEY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Oxley Highway:
(1) What is the latest daily traffic count for the sections between:
   (a) Wauchope and the Pacific Highway;
   (b) the Pacific Highway and Port Macquarie?
(2) When is construction of the upgrade to dual carriageway standard between Port Macquarie (Wrights Road) and the Pacific Highway planned to:
   (a) commence;
   (b) be completed?
(3) When is construction of improvements (widening and provision of overtaking lanes) announced in the "Action Transport 2010" document planned to:
   (a) commence;
   (b) be completed?

Answer—
I am advised:
Information on roads projects across NSW is publicly provided in Annual Reports, Budget papers and in policy documents such as the State Infrastructure Strategy. Information is also regularly updated on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and is available in community newsletters distributed by the RTA.

*0011 ADOPTION POLICY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

(1) Does the Department of Community Services have a written policy to discourage the adoption of children, who are voluntarily surrendered into departmental care because the birth parents feel unable to raise their children?
(2) How many children under the age of 5 were adopted in NSW during:
   (a) 2004-05;
   (b) 2005-06;
   (c) to date in 2006-07?
(3) How many children under the age of 5 were voluntarily surrendered into departmental care because the birth parents felt unable to raise their children during:
   (a) 2004-05;
   (b) 2005-06;
   (c) to date in 2006-07?

Answer—
(1) No.
(2) (a) to (c) 76 (excluding intercountry adoptions).
(3) (a) to (c) 52 (up to 31 December 2006).

*0012 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) When will the Corporate Services Efficiency Review of the function and deployment of administrative staff in the NSW Police Force be completed?
(2) Has a draft report of the review been produced yet?
(3) If so, does the draft recommend the redeployment of civilian General Support Officers out of local police stations?
(4) If so, which police stations in the electorate of Burrinjuck will be affected by this redeployment?
(5) Has the review received any submissions from Local Area Commands within the electorate of Burrinjuck recommending the redeployment of civilian General Support Officers out of local police stations?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:
The Corporate Services Efficiency Review seeks to achieve the Government's Global Savings requirements of the NSW Police Force in the financial years 2005-2008. A guiding principle of the Review is to provide Commands with greater flexibility in the deployment of administrative staff in order to meet their needs. The Review is still underway.

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*0014 HOTEL LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

(1) Does the Department of Gaming and Racing keep a record of the number of hotels holding a liquor licence in the State of New South Wales?
(2) If so, how many such premises were in existence at 31 December 2006?
(3) How many of such premises have gone out of business in the six year period ending 31 December 2006?
(4) Has the department identified the reasons these businesses have failed?
(5) If so, what are the reasons for such a number of business failures?
(6) How many of these failures have occurred in rural New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) 2,074.
(3) Details are not held of the number of hotels that have gone out of business.
(4) No.
(5) Not applicable.
(6) See (3).

*0015 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—HERCULES STREET CHATSWOOD—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given a community and stakeholder workshop determined back in December 2004 that community-based mental health services should be reinstated in Hercules Street Chatswood, when will you be reinstating these services?

Answer—

I am advised by Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health that the Assertive Recovery in the Community Team has remained on the Chatswood site.

*0016 LANE COVE TUNNEL—ABOVE-GROUND ROAD CHANGES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What are the 48 above-ground road changes associated with the Lane Cove Tunnel project and when specifically (day/month/year) have or will these changes be taking place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 48 road changes are described on the RTA’s website for the Lane Cove Tunnel project.

26 of these changes were completed by 8 December 2006.

A further 6 of these changes were completed between 9 December 2006 and 18 March 2007.

The final 16 changes were completed at the time the Lane Cove Tunnel and Falcon Street tolled ramps were opened to traffic on 25 March 2007.

*0019 SOUTH COAST RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) Is the Minister aware of concerns surrounding the tender process undertaken by the South Coast Rural Lands Protection Board regarding agistment rights for Travelling Stock Reserve Number 676 - Stoney Creek Reserve Lot 7001 DP 1054918?
(2) What compensation may be in order to landholders found to have been adversely affected by any wrongdoing on the part of the State Government in relation to the tender process?

(3) What was the outcome of the review undertaken by the State Council of Rural Lands Protection Boards in relation to the South Coast Board, and what action will the department take in light of that review?

Answer—

(1) I am aware that concerns have been expressed about this matter.

(2) I am advised that Rural Lands Protection Boards do not represent the Crown and the Crown is not liable for commercial decisions made by Boards.

(3) The State Council of Rural Lands Protection Boards made recommendations to improve the situation at the South Coast Rural Lands Protection Board and I am advised that State Council will monitor implementation of these recommendations. There is no departmental role in this process.

*0020 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the proposed Kurnell desalination plant:

(1) What involvement have Treasury officials or the Minister's office had in preparation or oversight of the tender process?

(2) When do tenders close?

(3) What involvement will Treasury officials have in the evaluation of tenders and what will be the timetable for evaluation of tenders?

(4) What advice did Treasury officials provide to the Government on the imposition of an upfront fee from consortia submitting tenders?

(5) If an upfront fee is required, how much is that fee and when would it be due?

(6) Has Treasury assessed the opportunity cost of spending $2 billion on a desalination plant, and if so what other projects were included in that evaluation?

Answer—

I'm advised:

(1) and (3) Treasury officials are represented on the Desalination Project Control Group which provides broad oversight of the project, including the tender process. The actual preparation and management of the tender process has been the responsibility of Sydney Water.

(2) This Information is provided on www.sydneywater.com.au

(4) and (5) Treasury officers have not provided any advice on upfront fees.

(6) Treasury participated in the development of the 2006 Metropolitan Water Plan which includes a portfolio of measures (dams, catchment transfers, raintanks, demand management, recycling, groundwater and desalination) to address both short term drought and longer term water security in Sydney.

The desalination plant is an important part of the portfolio mix because the water it produces is not rainfall dependent and it offers great flexibility because it can be expanded at relatively low capital cost.

*0021 UNDERGROUNDING OF POWER LINES—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to 'undergrounding' power lines:

(1) What projects are being or have been undertaken in the financial year 2006-07 to place the following existing power lines underground:

   (a) High voltage power lines?
   (b) Standard voltage power lines?

(2) What projects are being or have been undertaken in the financial year 2006-07 to place the following new power lines underground:

   (a) High voltage power lines?
   (b) Standard voltage power lines?

(3) What is the cost of each of these projects, and the suburb or town each project was undertaken?

Answer—
New South Wales has the largest underground electricity network in Australia, with around 30,000 km already in place. It is expected that the underground network will continue to expand, with almost half of Sydney’s network likely to be underground in the next 20 years due to increased development. Undergrounding power lines is around five times the cost of overhead powerlines, depending on the voltage of the line and the terrain involved. During 2006/07, the NSW electricity distributors spent over $285 million on more than 700 undergrounding projects across the State.

In relation to the Country Energy trial of smart meters in Queanbeyan:

(1) Has a report been produced on the trial?
(2) What conclusions about implementing smart meters in New South Wales have been drawn from the Queanbeyan trial?
(3) As a result of the trial:
   (a) Will smart meters be made available to energy consumers across New South Wales?
   (b) If so, what type of smart meters will be make available?
   (c) When will the roll-out of smart meters commence?
   (d) What financial incentives to install smart meters will be available to energy consumers?
   (e) Will smart meters require variable tariffs rates?
   (f) If so, what would the range on tariff incentives be?

Answer—

(1) to (2) Country Energy has advised a final report is expected to be available later this year.

(3) (a) to (c) The Council of Australian Governments is developing a plan to provide smart meters to consumers nationally. Country Energy will take this into account in developing its own strategy for smart meters.
   (d) This has not yet been finalised by Country Energy.
   (e) and (f) Smart meters are most effective when used with variable tariffs. Country Energy will design tariffs to take account of different customer circumstances.

In relation to the Public Reserves Management Fund:

(1) What was the total income and disbursements for the Public Reserves Management Fund for the financial years:
   (a) 2002-03;
   (b) 2003-04;
   (c) 2004-05; and
   (d) 2005-06?

(2) How much money is currently in the fund?

Answer—

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(2) $12,786,437.75 as at 25 May 2007. However, most of this money is committed to projects approved but not paid to trust managers.

In relation to Island Point Road and Princes Highway intersection:

(1) What actions are planned by the RTA to address the dangerous intersection of Island Point Road and
the Princes Highway north of Falls Creek (South Coast)?

(2) Why has the RTA erected a crash camera and mobile signboards rather than implementing the promised intersection upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has spent more than $505M since 1994/95; compared to $39M to date by the Federal Government over that same period.

That means for every $1 the Federal Government spends on the Princes Highway, the NSW Government spends over $13.

State Funding for the Princes Highway has increased 32 per cent to $49.7 million in the 2006/07 financial year. Projects underway include:

• $15 million to extend the Northern Distributor from Bellambi on the Princes Highway at Bulli.
• $5 million to start construction of Kiama ramps to provide better access between Kiama and the Princes Highway.
• $8.2 million for the construction of a four lane dual carriageway deviation of the Princes Highway between Oak Flats and Dunmore.
• $500,000 for planning an upgrade of the Princes Highway between Gerringong and Bomaderry.
• $7.5 million for the construction of a new bridge at Pambula on the Princes Highway
• $4 million towards Stage 1 of Warra Warra Road to Jervis Bay Road for safety improvements and construction of four lanes between Forest Road and Falls Road.

The RTA is currently in the planning phase for junction improvements at Island Point Road.

Funding is provided under the AusLink and State Blackspot Programs. A high-tech camera has been installed to provide important information that will assist in developing improvements to the intersection.

*0026 ULLADULLA HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

What budgetary plans are in place to ensure the ongoing and overdue upgrades at Ulladulla High School?

Answer—

A project to provide new accommodation at Ulladulla High School at an estimated cost of $10.8 million is currently under construction. The project is due to be completed by day 1, Term 1, 2008.

This project includes a new 3 storey building including visual arts, multi media and performance workshops, general learning spaces, store rooms, staff studies, an access toilet/shower and staff toilets. This project also includes a passenger lift to provide access to the building, covered linkways, new girls’ toilets, a new general learning space in Block E, conversion of existing facilities into rooms for special education, a new security fence to the school boundary, an electronic book security system and associated landscaping and site works.

*0027 BIMBI BRIDGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) On what date did the RTA last carry out a safety inspection of the Bimbi Bridge across Burrangong Creek in Weddin Shire?
(2) What was the result of this inspection?
(3) Has this bridge been scheduled for repair or replacement?
(4) If so, when will this occur?
(5) Are you aware that many heavy vehicle drivers choose to use a graded bypass through the bed of the creek because of safety concerns about the bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

Weddin Shire Council is eligible to apply for 50/50 State funding for the replacement of Bimbi Bridge under the NSW Government's $60 million Timber Bridge Partnership.

The RTA has invited all councils to put forward their priority bridges under the partnership program.

Eligible bridges are identified on the basis of sound criteria including safety, strategic importance for freight or tourism to the local community; bridge condition and level of use by heavy vehicles.
**0029** DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PERFORMANCE ISSUES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

With reference to the Auditor General's Report to Parliament 2006 Volume 5 page 111, what proportion of the investigations into the 73.5% of child protection notifications that were either not substantiated or investigations finalised were (a) not substantiated or (b) not finalised?

Answer—


**0030** STAFFING NUMBERS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

What was the staffing for (a) nurses and (b) medical staff for the Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre (PECC) at Hornsby Hospital for December 2006, January 2007, February 2007, March 2007 and April 2007?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(a) and (b)

The Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre (PECC) is a 4 bed multidisciplinary unit co-located with the Emergency Department at Hornsby Hospital.

Over the period December 2006 to April 2007, 14 nursing staff provided the nursing care in the PECC.

Over the same period, a Consultant Psychiatrist and a Psychiatry Registrar provided the medical staffing for the PECC.

The Hornsby PECC staffing profile is consistent with current PECC staffing in NSW and staffing levels were correct for the periods in question.

**0031** MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

(1) When will the Hornsby Hospital Mental Health Intensive Care Unit be completed?
(2) What will be the staffing establishment for nursing and medical staff?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The Mental Health Intensive Care Unit (MHICU) at Hornsby Hospital is currently scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2007. This will be followed by a commissioning phase and staged implementation of services.

(2) The proposed medical staffing establishment is 2 psychiatrists and 2 psychiatric registrars. The proposed nursing staff establishment is 23 nurses.

**0034** POLICE STATION UPGRADE—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What action is being taken to upgrade Cronulla Police Station?

Answer—

As advised previously, an ongoing program to deliver 27 new police stations over the next 5 years was announced in the budget papers of 2004-05. Cronulla is one of the locations included in this program.

**0035** GOVERNMENT MEMBERS—WORKING BACKGROUND—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many of the 52 Government members have never worked as a political staffer or union official?
(2) What electorates do these members represent?

Answer—

Information about Members of the Parliament of NSW, including their backgrounds and qualifications are available on the NSW Parliament's website which can be accessed at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

**0036** JOBS—SELECTION CRITERIA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
(1) Is it Government policy to take into account past criminal convictions when selecting candidates for
senior executive public service jobs or for employment as a security professional?
(2) If there is a difference in the approach taken between these two groups, what are the reasons?
Answer—
The Government's policy regarding criminal record checks is provided in Chapter 2-15 of the Personnel
Handbook.
The Handbook can be accessed at http://www.premiers.nsw.gov.au

*0037 BLUE GUM HIGH FOREST—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment
and Water—
(1) Is the National Trust's nomination as a heritage item of the Blue Gum High Forest in Davidson/Ku-
ring-gai, particularly the Dalrymple Hay Nature Reserve site, supported by the Government?
(2) When will a final formal decision be made?
Answer—
The decision as to whether the entire remnant of Blue Gum High Forest in Davidson/Ku-ring-gai will be
added to the State Heritage Register, and the timing of this, is one for the Minister for Planning, the Hon
Frank Sartor MP.

*0038 WARRINGAH COUNCIL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for
Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
Will the Government guarantee that Warringah Council will return to democratically elected councillors
at the next local council elections scheduled for September 2008?
Answer—
I provide the following details in response to your question:
The next ordinary election for Warringah Council is scheduled to be held on 27 September 2008.
At present there are no proposals before me to change that date.

*0041 NORTH COAST RIVERS—WATER RIGHTS—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Police,
Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
In relation to the Prime Minister's proposal to remove water from north coast rivers to service south-east
Queensland, what is your constitutional interpretation regarding section 100 of the Australian
Constitution that indicates the Commonwealth shall not, by a law or regulation of trade or commerce,
abridge the rights of the states and the residents therein to the reasonable use of the waters of rivers for
irrigation and conservation?
Answer—
I note that Standing Order 128 prohibits members from asking questions which seek an expression of
opinion or a legal opinion.
This matter falls outside the parameters of my responsibilities.

*0043 MINGALETTA TRADITIONAL ELDERS GROUP—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for
Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs,
Minister for Regional Development—
(1) Can the Minister provide contact details and an organisational structure for the Mingaletta
Traditional Elders Group who were granted land south of Port Macquarie Golf Course?
(2) Can the Minister provide an assurance that the group is functioning and making strategic decisions
for their future, including sound financial decisions?
(3) If not, would the Minister consider an audit of the group to assist all parties in ensuring sound
financial and strategic decisions are being made for all concerned?
Answer—
I am advised by my colleague, the Hon Paul Lynch MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and the NSW
Department of Aboriginal Affairs that there is not a group formally registered as the Mingaletta
Traditional Elders Group.
The Mingaletta Development Cooperative Ltd was appointed trustee of the land referred to in the
Question on Notice above. The Corporation's address is: PO Box 876 PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444.
The Mingaletta Development Corporation Ltd is not an Aboriginal Corporation registered with the Office of Registrar, Aboriginal Corporations.

I am advised that there is also a co-operative with the title Mingaletta Development Co-operative Ltd registered under the Co-operatives Act 1992 (NSW). It was registered in March 1999. I am advised that the Co-operative's activities include environmental and natural resource management and housing.

In 1999-2000, the Mingaletta Development Co-operative Ltd received $17,000 for vegetation mapping and environment conservation works in the Port Macquarie area. In the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Annual Report for 2005-06, listed Mingaletta Development Co-operative Ltd as "an Inactive registered provider [that is] … a provider that has not returned their Annual Registration renewal and therefore has not met the minimum requirements for Registration [as at 30 June 2006]" (pp 47-48).

I am advised that this organisation was being managed by two brothers and their mother. The mother (now deceased) was responsible for ensuring that the organisation complied with their administrative and governance obligations and the two brothers managed the land. My Department has confirmed that the Trust's paperwork has lapsed and my Department is currently awaiting confirmation of the Co-operative's status.

The Registry of Associations and Cooperatives in the Office of Fair Trading has advised that no annual statements have been submitted since 2000. In 4 June 2007, the Registry initiated wind-up proceedings of Co-operative under section 601AB of the Act. The Registry advised that their Aboriginal liaison officer contacted those involved in the Cooperative before deciding to commence wind-up proceedings.

The Minister for Fair Trading and the Office of Fair Trading the Department of Commerce are responsible for administering this organisation's compliance with their legislative and corporate governance obligations. Therefore, for further advice on this matter the Member's Question should be directed to NSW Minister for Fair Trading, the Hon Linda Burney MP.

### *0044 INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT AND FURTHER EDUCATION—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

1. Is it considered both constitutional and ethical behaviour for an annual general meeting of a service provider for persons with intellectual disabilities in Port Macquarie known as Intellectual Development and Further Education (IDAFE) to be held without full knowledge of the Port Macquarie membership of the organisation, and for this meeting to be held on a Saturday evening in Tamworth?

2. If this is seen as unethical or unconstitutional behaviour, will the Minister order another annual general meeting of IDAFE be held?

*Answer—*

1. Notice of meetings, their timing and location is a matter governed by the rules of an individual incorporated association. The Associations Incorporation Act 1984 provides that the rules of an association are a contract between each member and the association. Any alleged breach of rules should be dealt with under the dispute resolution procedure in the association's rules or by private legal action. The Registry of Co-operatives & Associations, which administers the Act, has no power to intervene in matters of internal management in an association.

2. I have no power under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 to make such an order.

### *0045 MOTOR ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLES—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

1. Is the Minister aware that the law is clear in relation to the legality of motor assisted pedal cycles, or e-bikes, in that they are legal to use unregistered up to 200 watts power output?

2. Is the law clear in relation to the legality of riders of motor assisted pedal cycles, or e-bikes, in that a license is not required for riding a motor assisted bike up to 200 watts power output?

3. In light of this, is the Minister aware of mixed interpretations of these laws by the police throughout NSW, including the experience of a rider in Cessnock who was told she was only legal on the road if her feet were pedalling the bike, or the rider in Bowral issued with an infringement notice for riding a toy scooter on the road, or the rider in the Sutherland region who was actually issued with a fine by the police, and who on 29 January was successful in defending the matter against the police and was awarded $4200 in damages?
(4) Is the Minister also aware of the many reports, including reports from Port Macquarie, that police are continually stopping riders and issuing threats and 'final warnings', including a rider in Swansea who has been issued nine 'final warnings' by police?

(5) With countries such as Canada and Switzerland providing incentives for people to purchase and use e-bikes, why is there such a reluctance to encourage increased use of these bikes throughout NSW?

Answer—

I am advised that under current legislation, if a bicycle is capable of being propelled by pedals alone and has an auxiliary propulsion motor that has a maximum power output of not more than 200 watts, it is a motor assisted pedal cycle and is not required to be registered.

However, there is a class of vehicle that tests the intent of this exemption. These vehicles resemble motor scooters or small motorcycles, can travel at significant speed, have running boards and screens, small wheels and do not resemble an ordinary bicycle. Some of these vehicles have been modified by the removal of the pedals or chain, and operate on motor power alone. There are also doubts about whether some of their engines have a power output below 200 watts.

The NSW Police Force is currently working with the Roads and Traffic Authority to explore ways of dealing with these vehicles, to ensure that dangerous drivers are not able to flout sanctions while ensuring that legitimate bicycle users can still use small auxiliary engines.

However, police are responsible for enforcing traffic laws and are required to exercise judgement as to whether particular vehicles are exempt from registration or not. Purchasers should be aware that they may need to demonstrate that their vehicle is capable of being propelled by pedals alone, and that their auxiliary motor has a maximum output of 200 watts.

*0046 TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL—MAINTENANCE FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

In relation to the $4.1 million in urgent maintenance and upgrade funding the NSW Government promised Tweed River High School during the 2007 State Election campaign:

(1) When will the Government make these funds available for the work?
(2) What are the start and finish dates of each proposed repair or upgrade?

Answer—

Two projects at Tweed River High School have been included in the Government's Building Better Schools Program. One of these projects includes a major upgrade of the school's administration and staff lounge, materials technology rooms and refurbishment of the school frontage.

A second project to upgrade two science laboratories will also be undertaken.

Projects approved in the Building Better Schools Program will be carried out progressively over the next four years.

*0047 TWEED SAND BYPASS PROJECT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the Tweed Sand Bypass Project:

(1) What monitoring has the Government undertaken to monitor NSW beaches affected by the Tweed Sand Bypass Project?
(2) What plans are in place to reverse the degradation of Fingal and Duranbah Beaches caused by the Sand Bypass Project?
(3) What plans are in place to compensate Tweed residents for the resulting loss of amenity?
(4) What meetings have taken place over the past twelve months and what meetings are scheduled for the next twelve months in relation to the Tweed Sand Bypass Project between the NSW Government and the other two stakeholders the Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council?
(5) Who has⁄will represent the New South Wales Government at each of these meetings?

Answer—

(1) to (5) I am advised that the Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project was approved by the then Minister for Planning under Division 4, Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, in January 1998.

Questions relating to operational issues should be directed to the Minister for Lands.
*0049 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Will the Minister give an absolute commitment that the North West Rail Link will be completed by 2017?

(2) When will construction of the rail line begin?

(3) How many truck movements a day into and out of The Hills Centre site does the Government estimate will be generated by its staged option?

(4) Can the Minister confirm that the project will cost $8 billion, as stated in the Daily Telegraph on 20 November 2006?

Answer—

The 2007 Budget will be handed down on the 19 June 2007. Budget Paper 4 will provide the Budget’s infrastructure statement.

*0050 CARLINGFORD STATION TICKETS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

How many people a week bought tickets at Carlingford Station to travel into town in:

(1) March 2007;

(2) March 2006;

(3) March 2005;

(4) March 2004; and

(5) March 1997?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) RailCorp reports on ticket sales as required in its annual report.

*0051 BLUE-GREEN ALGAE OUTBREAKS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

How many outbreaks of blue-green algae were reported on the Hawkesbury River in each of the following summers:

(1) 2006-07;

(2) 2005-06;

(3) 2004-05; and

(4) 2003-04?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Blue-green algal monitoring is undertaken on a weekly basis by the Department of Water and Energy at three sites on the Hawkesbury River – Cattai, Sackville and Lower Portland. Blue-green algal presence at these sites is assessed against national recreational water quality guidelines published by the National Health and Medical Research Council in 2005. The current guidelines have been in use in NSW since mid 2006.

Under the guidelines, algal presence is classified under three alert levels – Red, Amber or Green. A Red alert is the only level where an algal bloom is present and the water in the river is unsuitable for recreational activities involving body contact with the water.

During 2006-07, a Red alert was current at Cattai for one week and another Red alert was current at Lower Portland for one week. There were no Red alerts for Sackville during 2006-07. There were no Red alerts for any of the three sites during 2005-06, 2004-05 and 2003-04.

*0052 JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE FILTRATION SYSTEM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1) Has a filtration system been installed or is a filtration system being installed for the water supply of Jenolan Caves House?

(2) If so, why has it been found necessary to install a filtration system?

(3) What sort of system is it?

(4) What is the cost of the system and who paid for it?

(5) What pollutants is the system designed to remove?

(6) When did/will the system become operational?
A multi-media sand filtration plant was installed at Jenolan Caves House between December 2006 and February 2007. The system is designed to screen any particles that may be in the water.

The installation of the filtration plant is part of the final stages of a long term strategy developed by the former Department of Public Works in 1994 and updated in 2002 to upgrade the water supply infrastructure at Jenolan.

The cost of the system was approximately $15,000 and was funded by the NSW Government as part of the revitalisation works program.

The filtration system will become operational with the completion of new piping at the end of June 2007.

(1) How many separate outbreaks of caulerpa taxifolia have been detected in Brisbane Water?
(2) What efforts have been made to eradicate these outbreaks?

Answer—

(1) 3.
(2) Management options are being developed with Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority.

(1) When will the new fire station at Old Northern Road, Castle Hill be completed?
(2) Is it the Government's intention to install traffic lights at the intersection of Old Northern Road and Hastings Road to assist appliances to leave the fire station safely?
(3) If not, what traffic control measures will be put in place?

Answer—

(1) The station is expected to be completed by mid August 2007.
(2) The installation of traffic lights is the responsibility of the Roads and Traffic Authority.
(3) Flashing warning lights will be installed in both northbound and southbound directions and a section of the median strip will be lowered to facilitate safe southbound egress by responding appliances.

(1) Will you confirm the announcement made by the Government in the lead up to the recent New South Wales General Election, that the Country Timber Bridge Replacement Program would include the replacement of:
   (a) the Gloucester River Bridge, Gloucester Shire; and
   (b) the second Webbers Creek Bridge, Singleton Shire?
(2) In relation to each programmed bridge:
   (a) When will construction commence?
   (b) What is the project cost for each bridge replacement?
   (c) Will the New South Wales Government contribution of 50% of the cost of the project be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

The replacement of both the Gloucester River Bridge in Gloucester Shire and Second Webbers Creek Bridge in Singleton Shire were announced by the Premier on 7 March 2007 as part of the NSW Government's $60 million Timber Bridge Partnership.

The NSW Government will contribute 50% of the agreed project costs.

Gloucester Council has advised works commenced on Gloucester River Bridge on 2 May 2007. Council's project cost is $1.4 million.

Singleton Council advises that construction on the Second Webbers Creek Bridge is planned to commence following completion of design. Council anticipates this to occur in August 2007. Council's project cost is $730,000.
*0056 SINGLETON POLICE STATION—Mr George Souris asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What is the assigned strength of Singleton Police Station itemised as:
(a) general duties;
(b) detective;
(c) special categories otherwise not specified earlier;
(d) officers on extended leave, stress leave, long term sick leave; and
(e) officers assigned to nearby villages of Broke, Jerrys Plains, Bulga and any others in the local government area of Singleton?

(2) How many officers are deemed required on the total strength of stations in the local government area of Singleton as would permit 24-hour police operations in the local government area of Singleton?

(3) What strategy do you have to progress the Singleton district to 24-hour policing?

Answer—

Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command (LAC) are matters for the Local Area Commander. Commanders monitor and manage their staffing situation and routinely explore a range of options to maximise the number of officers available for duty.

The Hunter Valley LAC allocates resources to each of its sectors, including Singleton, on a needs basis. This allows flexibility across the LAC to address crime, seasonal factors and other issues as they arise. While geographical size and population are taken into account, these factors in isolation do not indicate the level or nature of policing requirements in a given area. Workload and other policing data are continually examined to ensure policing resources are allocated adequately.

Commanders also determine the operational hours of police stations, with a view to providing maximum police coverage of the area to meet community needs. Staffing allocations and operating hours may therefore vary according to operational requirements.

*0057 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—CURRAWONG SITE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Will the Minister consider the Currawong site on the western foreshores of Pittwater for inclusion in the State Heritage Register?

Answer—

I am advised that the Heritage Council is currently assessing a nomination for the site to be included on the State Heritage Register.

*0058 CURRAWONG SITE—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Is the future of the Currawong site on Pittwater a matter of state significance?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Planning has not been asked by any party to consider the future of the site under the State significant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

*0059 CURRAWONG SITE—CONSENT AUTHORITY—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Will you respect the role of Pittwater Council as the appropriate consent authority in relation to any application for residential development at the Currawong site on Pittwater?

Answer—

I am unaware of any such application or proposal.

*0061 NEW TOILET BLOCK—NABIAC—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) What are the construction costs for the new toilet block located just off the upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Nabiac?

(2) Who instigated the provision of this facility?

Answer—

I am advised:
The provision of the facility, including the supply and construction, was carried out by Great Lakes Shire Council and funded by the RTA at an approximate cost of $113,000 (excluding GST). The provision of the facility followed consultation with members of the local community through the Community Liaison Group that was established in accordance with the Minister for Planning’s consent conditions for the project.

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*0063 JA-BIAH ABORIGINAL CORP INC—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

(1) When did the organisation, Ja-Biah Aboriginal Corp Inc first start receiving referrals of young Aboriginal offenders from the courts?
(2) When was funding of the organisation withdrawn?
(3) Up until the withdrawal of this funding, how many persons were referred to the Ja-Biah centre at Dean Park by the courts?
(4) Since withdrawal of this funding, where is this classification of offender held on bail?
(5) Since the withdrawal of the funding has any other organisation taken over the role that was previously carried out by the Ja-Biah organisation?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) January 1997.
(2) The Department did not withdraw funding from Ja-Biah. The funding agreement between the Department of Juvenile Justice and Ja-Biah Aboriginal Corporation expired on 31 December 2006.
(3) Numbers of any direct court referrals would not be known to or recorded by the Department of Juvenile Justice.
(4) Aboriginal young people granted conditional bail to "reside as directed" have been referred to a range of services to meet their accommodation needs and many have been reconnected to their families and returned home.
(5) The Department has referred many Aboriginal young people, in the metropolitan region who have been granted bail, to Marist Youth Care. Marist Youth Care has provided accommodation through Hebersham Aboriginal Youth Services.

*0064 TYNAN ROAD LEVEL CROSSING—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What plans are being developed to close the level crossing on Tynan Road, Table Top near the intersection with the Hume Highway?

Answer—
I am advised:
In 2006/07, the Government will spend up to $9 million in safety improvements at rail level crossings throughout NSW.
Tynan Road is a local road under the jurisdiction of Albury City Council.
The RTA has commenced construction of a new link road from Perrymans Lane to Tynan Road at Table Top, adjacent to the main southern railway line.
Perrymans Lane railway level crossing will be permanently closed once the link road is open to traffic.
The new road's connection to the Tynan Road level crossing will be designed to accommodate future safety upgrades at the site.
For a level crossing to be closed, this action must be approved by the Minister for Transport under the Transport Administration Act 1988.

*0066 BUSHFIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) How many bushfire risk assessments for planning development applications are currently under consideration by the Rural Fire Service?
(2) What is the average length of time taken by the Rural Fire Service to process these applications?
(3) Are sufficient resources allocated by the Rural Fire Service to processing of these applications in order to minimise delays in the planning approval process?

Answer—
(1) 561.
(2) 22 days (for the period between 1-7-2006 and 25-5-2007).
(3) Yes.

*N0067 NORTHERN BEACHES BUSES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What are the number of new buses that have been delivered to the Brookvale Bus Depot and Mona Vale Bus Depot over the past four years?

Answer—
I am advised:
Since 1 January 2003 a total of 65 new buses have been delivered to the Brookvale and Mona Vale Bus Depots.

*N0070 SPIT BRIDGE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Were any senior RTA engineers/managers removed from the Spit Bridge widening project prior to the last State election?

Answer—
The RTA advises me the answer to the question is no.

*N0071 CURL CURL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

How many tenders have been undertaken for the provision of a new Curl Curl North canteen over the past 10 years and will the project be completed this year?

Answer—
I am advised:
There have been two tender calls to upgrade Curl Curl North Public School canteen.
A contract was awarded in May 2007 and the project is scheduled for completion before the end of the year.

*N0072 MILSONS POINT RAILWAY STATION—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Why was Milsons Point Railway Station shut down on the night of 9 May even though there was a major concert at Luna Park resulting in thousands of commuters being stranded?

Answer—
I am advised:
Milsons Point Railway Station was closed between 10.00pm Wednesday 9 May and 4.00am Thursday 10 May 2007 due to a combination of scheduled maintenance work being conducted by RailCorp and the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Buses were used to replace trains on the North Shore Line during this work.

*N0073 EASY ACCESS STATIONS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Which New South Wales railway stations, listed by name, do not have "Easy Access", i.e. do not have access for the disabled, people with prams or those less mobile?

Answer—
I am advised:
Information on station access and facilities for each CityRail Station can be found at www.cityrail.info
T-CARD TRIALS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) When will trials for the T-Card commence?
(2) When will the T-Card be introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Public Transport Ticketing Corporation has commenced stage one of the Bus Commuter Field Trial.
(2) The Tcard will not be introduced until it has been thoroughly tested and proven, in accordance with the requirements of the Tcard contract. The Commuter Field Trials are an important part of this testing process.

AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

(1) Why have disability services continued to decline since the Ombudsman's report in 2004 on the need to improve services for children, young people and their families, which found "significant deficiencies in the department's implementation of its policy leading to inadequate service provision for many families"?
(2) Will the Minister address the fact that complaints of neglect by parents of disabled children have been ignored by Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care management?
(3) As respite providers are ceasing to allow families to choose which agency they use to care for their children with disabilities, will the Minister identify whom exactly the "flexible respite packages" are flexible for?
(4) (a) Why does the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, which previously offered ongoing therapy to disabled children, now offer only short-term services on a 3-6 month referral basis?
   (b) Will families of these children continue to receive disability services once this short period has ended?
(5) Is the Minister aware of concerns amongst parents in the Hawkesbury and Penrith areas about the decline in services?

Answer—

(1) Disability services for children, young people and their families have not declined since 2004. In fact, they have increased.

We are implementing a number of government initiatives and reforms to improve the provision of disability services to children and young people, including:

• The establishment of 12 new Intensive Family Support Services, including three culturally and linguistically diverse specific services. A further three Aboriginal specific services are currently being tendered;
• The establishment of the Family Assistance Fund. This initiative provides flexibility to assist families to address their unique needs by providing small amounts of one-off funding to enable them to buy services and equipment that cannot be accessed in other ways and will make a long term difference in caring for their child with a disability. A total of $3.1 million has been made available in 2006/07, with the same amount for 2007/08; and
• Recruitment of 20 Casework Consultants. These specialist positions are working with frontline staff in DADHC and non-government organisations to improve the quality of services for children, young people and their families.

In May 2006, the NSW Ombudsman tabled a special report to Parliament, Services for Children with a disability and their families: Progress and Future Challenges, commending the Government for its recognition and commitment to addressing the issues raised in the 2004 report. The Ombudsman concluded that we have made significant progress in developing new service models and policies.

(2) This Government is committed to ensuring the handling of complaints in a fair and professional manner. The Department on Ageing, Disability and Home Care's Feedback and Complaint Handling Policy: Principles and Guidelines, is available at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au and complies with relevant legislation, standards and guidelines. Every effort is made to resolve complaints received to the satisfaction of all parties and to reach mutually agreed outcomes where possible.

(3) All flexible respite places funded by the government are operated by non-government providers.
Families and carers are able to directly approach service providers to seek a service for an individual.

(4) (a) DADHC offers therapy services on a short and long term basis. The length of time that a child will receive therapy is based on a comprehensive professional assessment and intervention plan, developed in liaison with the family. A short-term intervention is described as a three to six month period and a long-term intervention is over a six-month period.

(b) A family is able to refer again if they have new or continuing concerns for their child.

(5) There has been no decline in service to the Hawkesbury and Penrith areas. Through Stronger Together, in 2006/07, additional funding and services for the Nepean Local Planning Area, which includes Hawkesbury, Penrith and the Blue Mountains, has led to an increase in therapy, respite and accommodation places. Should the Member wish to make representations to my office regarding specific cases, I will provide further information.

*0076 SALERWONG RESPITE CENTRE—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

(1) Is there an independent investigation about care provision at Salerwong Respite Centre?
(2) If so, who is conducting the investigation?
(3) How many beds are blocked at Salerwong Respite Centre at North Ryde?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) DBM Independent Consultants has been engaged to conduct the investigation.
(3) I am advised that there are currently two respite beds temporarily unavailable at the Salerwong centre. The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is in the process of finalising arrangements to move the clients involved to alternative accommodation models.

*0077 BEGA WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) Will the Minister resolve the infrastructure issues at Bega West Public School including the need for covered walkways, toilet facilities, air-conditioning in four permanent classrooms, a sick bay, a new roadway and hot water to the school?
(2) Will the Minister replace the demountable that continues to leak?
(3) What is the Government's plan for a new school on a greenfield site?

Answer—

There are currently no nominations for maintenance or capital works from Bega West Public School with the Department of Education and Training. The local Asset Management Unit of the Department of Education and Training will visit the school to discuss maintenance issues with the school principal.

The department will review school accommodation in the Bega area once data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census is available. This data is expected in early 2008.

*0078 SNOWY HYDRO CORPORATION AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED ELECTRICITY RETAILERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to sale of the Government's interests in Snowy Hydro Corporation and Government-owned electricity retailers:

(1) What safeguards will be put into place to protect electricity consumers and other stakeholders?
(2) Will the sale of the Government's interests in Snowy Hydro Corporation require legislation?
(3) Will the sale of the Government's interests in electricity retailers require legislation?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The NSW Government has no current plans to sell its interests in Snowy Hydro Corporation or its retail electricity operations.

On 9 May 2007, the NSW Government announced the appointment of Professor Anthony Owen to prepare a report for the Government on the following terms of reference:

• Review the need and timing for new baseload generation that maintains both security of supply and competitively priced electricity;
• Examine the baseload options available to efficiently meet any emerging generation needs;
• Review the timing and feasibility of technologies and/or measures available both nationally and internationally that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
• Determine the conditions needed to ensure investment in any emerging generation, consistent with maintaining the NSW AAA credit rating.

Professor Owen has advertised for submissions from the public and stakeholder groups and is scheduled to report back to Government by the end of August 2007.

*0079 APEC SUMMIT—INFRASTRUCTURE BRIEFINGS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the 2007 APEC summit:

(1) Has the Minister received any briefings or reports advising of infrastructure or transportation inadequacies related to hosting the 2007 APEC summit in Sydney?
(2) If so, what was the briefing or report, when was it provided, what infrastructure was found inadequate, and which agency provided the briefing or report?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) and (2) NSW public transport agencies will work closely with the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Federal Police, the NSW Police Force and other authorities on planning and response needs for APEC Leaders’ Week in September.

RailCorp has liaised with the police and security forces to help them determine what transport should be operating over the APEC period. Three CBD train stations (Circular Quay, Museum and St James) will be closed for 3 days during the APEC conference.

Sydney Ferries will enforce a six knot limit on ferry services between McMahons Point and Fort Denison under the direction of NSW Maritime. This limit will be in place from Thursday 6 September to Sunday 9 September, 2007.

State Transit is in the final stages of planning its transport services for the APEC summit and is well prepared with contingency plans in place to meet possible variations in operational requirements.

There will be additional measures in place to control aviation activity over Sydney including the establishment of a Temporary Restricted Area for a 45 nautical mile radius around Sydney Airport. Any operator wishing to fly in this area at this time will need to apply for permission through the Australian Defence Force.

NSW Police Force and the Australian Defence Force will enforce the Temporary Restricted Airspace and respond to any unauthorised incursions.

*0080 STRICKLAND HOUSE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

In relation to Strickland House at Vaucluse:

(1) What is the status of the Conservation Management Plan for Strickland House?
(2) What are the current arrangements for bookings for the use of Strickland House?
(3) What are the contractual arrangements, revenues and duration of filming during the current financial year?
(4) For how many days was the property hired during the periods 2004-05, 2005-06 and to date from 2006-07?
(5) What are the detailed revenue and expenses, including a breakdown of revenue by type of event (e.g. weddings, charity functions, filming), for the periods 2004-05, 2005-06 and to date from 2006-07?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Matters relating to the management and operations of Strickland House do not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

*0081 YOUNG HOSPITAL DIALYSIS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many residents of the Young region require haemodialysis treatment, which can only be provided at Canberra, requiring a 10-hour round trip three times a week?
(2) What is the total cost paid by the NSW Department of Health to the ACT Department of Health to provide these haemodialysis services?
(3) What is the cost to the NSW Department of Health to pay for the transport of these patients to Canberra?
(4) Has any study been done of the cost effectiveness of locating a haemodialysis facility at Young Hospital, which would also have the effect of significantly reducing the stress of more than 30 hours travel a week to very sick patients?

(5) If so, what was the outcome of this study?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Currently three patients travel to Canberra (two from Young and one from Boorowa) for renal dialysis treatment. The estimated weekly travel time is 12 hours.

(2) $78,973 per patient per year.

(3) $31,833 per annum (total for all three patients).

(4) and (5) No. However, an initial site assessment indicates that significant building works would be required to accommodate such a facility.

*0082 SCHOOL CROSSING TRIAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Has the trial of electronic warning devices in school zones that you announced on 22 October 2006 been concluded?

(2) Have you directed that these results be assessed as a matter of urgency?

(3) When will you make the results of this trial publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

163 school zone sites have flashing lights, covering 186 NSW schools. This includes new flashing lights warning systems that have been installed at 100 schools to increase motorists’ awareness of 40kmh school zones.

These innovative systems include high visibility school zone signs with a flashing “40” built into the device, flashing signs which hang off mast arms over the road, and high-visibility lights built into the road pavement similar to an airport runway.

This new technology incorporates back-to-base reporting mechanisms to ensure their ongoing reliability.

An evaluation group led by the RTA and including the NRMA will evaluate the effectiveness of the lights in decreasing the speed of traffic at the locations as well as their reliability.

*0083 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REVIEWABLE CHILD DEATHS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many child deaths that were reviewable under the NSW Ombudsman’s reviewable deaths function occurred in NSW during 2006?

(2) How many of the children who died (as reported in (1) above) had had concerns about their welfare reported to the Department of Community Services Helpline on one occasion?

(3) How many of the children who died (as reported in (1) above) had had concerns about their welfare reported to the Department of Community Services Helpline on at least two occasions?

Answer—

Data and information used to inform the Annual Report of Reviewable Deaths are a matter for the NSW Ombudsman under the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act 1993.

*0084 SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Will the construction of the substation in Galston be brought forward to meet the needs of the local residents?

Answer—

EnergyAustralia has advised the construction of the new zone substation is the final part of the $30 million upgrade of electricity supply to the Galston/Dural area.

The proposed design and Development Application for the substation is due for submission to Hornsby Council by 30 June 2007. Pending prompt approval from Hornsby Council, EnergyAustralia anticipates the substation will be completed by the end of 2009.
*0085 EXCLUSION ZONE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

How often will the exclusion zone related to the outfall from the Brooklyn/Dangar Island Sewerage Treatment Plant be tested for water quality?

Answer—

Matters relating to the exclusion zone are the responsibility of the NSW Food Authority and fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Primary Industries.

*0086 NEW LINE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) What plans are in place to upgrade New Line Road, Dural?
(2) When will work commence on this upgrade and what will be involved?

Answer—

I am advised:

Recent works undertaken on New Line Road include the installation of a roundabout between Old Northern Road and Sebastian Drive and construction of a deceleration lane at 276-278 New Line Road approximately 200 metres to the south of Old Northern Road.

Further information on roads projects across NSW is publicly provided in Annual Reports, Budget papers and in policy documents such as the State Infrastructure Strategy. Information is also regularly updated on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and is available in community newsletters distributed by the RTA.

*0087 COWAN SEWERAGE CONNECTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) What is the start date for connection of Cowan to sewerage?
(2) What preliminary studies need to be undertaken before this connection can start?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Sydney Water advises planning work on the sewerage scheme is expected to commence in the 2008-09 financial year following development and evaluation of servicing options, community consultation and an environmental impact assessment.

*0088 GALSTON SEWERAGE CONNECTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) What is the start date for connection of Galston to sewerage?
(2) What preliminary studies need to be undertaken before this connection can start?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Sydney Water advises planning work for the Galston Sewerage Scheme is expected to commence in 2010 following development and evaluation of servicing options, community consultation and an environmental impact assessment.

*0089 KURING-GAI LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What is the authorised number of police at Kuring-gai Local Area Command?
(2) What is the actual number?

Answer—

Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command has an authorised strength of 173 and an actual strength of 175.

*0091 RAILWAY BUS—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Why does the railway bus not stop at Eubalong West?

Answer—

I am advised that the current services provide a level of service commensurate with current passenger demand.
MOREE BYPASS—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

What is the construction timeline for the Moree Bypass?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current Moree Bypass project is an AusLink project; project milestones are agreed to between the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Information on roads projects across NSW is publicly provided in Annual Reports, Budget papers and in policy documents such as the State Infrastructure Strategy. Information is also regularly updated on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and is available in community newsletters distributed by the RTA.

Information on AusLink projects is also available on the Federal Government's AusLink website.

CRONULLA POLICE STATION—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the assigned strength of Cronulla Police Station itemised as:

1. General duties;
2. Detectives;
3. Special categories otherwise not specified in 1–3; and
4. Officers on extended leave, stress leave, and long term sick leave?

Answer—

Police positions are allocated to Local Area Commands, not individual police stations. Staffing allocations and leave management within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander.

KU-RING-GAI CONSERVATION ZONES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

1. How many conservation zones has the Government gazetted in the Ku-ring-gai Council area?
2. Where are they?

Answer—

The 11-hectare Dalrymple-Hay Nature Reserve at St Ives, and parts of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Garigal National Park and Lane Cove National Park, fall within the Ku-ring-gai local government area. These gazetted conservation reserves are administered within the Climate Change, Environment and Water portfolio.

Sufficiently detailed maps of the Sydney region will show the precise locations of these parks and reserves in relation to the Ku-ring-gai Council area. A range of such maps is accessible on the Department's website (www.environment.nsw.gov.au).

In addition, Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council owns the Ku-ring-gai Flying Fox Reserve Conservation Area at Gordon, which it manages under a Conservation Agreement established with the Department under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

If the member's questions relate to other areas dedicated for conservation purposes under either Council or NSW Government land use planning arrangements, it would be appropriate to seek advice from my colleague the Minister for Planning.

CHATSWOOD TO EPPING RAIL LINE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

1. How much over budget is the Chatswood to Epping rail line project?
2. What effect will the opening of the new rail line have on train services north of Chatswood on the North Shore Line?
3. How many train services currently run on the North Shore Line compared to two years ago?
4. Will all current services on the North Shore Line be maintained after the opening of the new rail line?
5. By what date will the Epping to Parramatta section of the new rail line be built?

Answer—

I am advised:
The cost of delivering the Epping to Chatswood rail link is $2.25 billion. Project costs were recalculated in August 2006 to take into account an escalated inflation rate and additional works which seek to minimise noise and vibration impacts on local residents once the line becomes operational.

The cost increases on this project are in line with increases being experienced across projects of similar size around the country.

Timetables are being reviewed in time for the opening of the new line.

Information on CityRail timetables is available on the CityRail website www.cityrail.info

While the previously proposed section of the rail line from Epping to Parramatta has been deferred, the rail corridor to Parramatta is being preserved. The deferral of this project has allowed the Government to direct funds to the $1.8 billion Clearways program to untangle the CityRail network - a program that benefits all commuters across the network.

*0096 CAR PARKING LEVY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) Since the introduction of the special State car parking levy, how much as been collected in total and to what purposes have these funds been put?
(2) How much has been spent on "park and ride" facilities overall?
(3) How much of these funds have been spent on the Northern Peninsula?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (3) Information on the Parking Space Levy Program is reported in the Ministry of Transport's annual report.

*0097 PUBLIC SECTOR NURSE—CRIMINAL CHARGE—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

Has any criminal charge been laid against a public sector nurse who has been found by the NSW Nurses Tribunal to have committed sexual violence against women patients, and lost her licence to nurse in NSW for two years and nine months?

If not, why not?

Answer—
Questions about the NSW Nurses and Midwives Tribunal and its inquiries into the conduct of individual nurses should be directed to Minister for Health.

The laying of information for offences under the Nurses and Midwives Act 1991 are matters for the Registrar of the Nurses and Midwives Board and NSW Police.

*0098 APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDER—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

If no police charges are involved in an apprehended violence order, what reasons are given for not making a referral to mediation or to a CJC as a mandatory step in the process, in an effort to lessen court time as well as to deal with the issues of concern in a more informal and detailed manner?

Answer—
The Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) was recently amended to permit courts to refer matters to mediation at a Community Justice Centre at any time when considering whether to make an apprehended personal violence order, or after making such an order.

However some matters cannot be referred to mediation and these are outlined in section 562N (2) of the Crimes Act.

Section 562M (3) of the Crimes Act already provides for an authorised officer to refuse to issue process if satisfied that the application could be more appropriately dealt with by mediation or other alternative dispute resolution.

Community Justice Centres provide training and ongoing feedback to Magistrates and Chamber Registrars to assist them in identifying what matters are suitable for mediation.
HASTINGS SEAFOOD CO-OPERATIVE—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

(1) Has the Department of Lands not renewed the lease for the Hastings Seafood Co-operative, but rather issued a licence?
(2) If so, what are the terms and conditions of the licence and why has a licence been issued rather than a renewed lease?
(3) Is the annual charge on the Co-op any different if the department issues a licence instead of a lease?
(4) If so, what is the difference in the annual charge and why?
(5) With Co-op members having halved in the past five years due to both State and Federal buy-outs, is there room for licence/lease consideration in regard to rental fees?
(6) If, so, what is the process for the Co-op to undertake?

Answer—

(1) Assuming that your question relates to the Hastings River Fishermen's Co-operative Limited, the Co-operative's current lease expires on 31 December 2007. After that date, the Co-operative will remain in occupation under a 5-year licence while the Department of Lands continues to investigate the long-term options for the Crown land in this vicinity.
(2) The terms and conditions of the licence have been agreed to and are typical for commercial premises. However, in recognition that the Co-operative is to be accommodated in any redevelopment of this area, the licence also contains a clause that requires the Department to include the Co-operative in the final planning outcomes for the area. The licence should be viewed as a temporary tenure that will allow the Co-operative to continue to operate as if the current lease had not expired.
(3) Under the Crown Lands Act 1989, all tenures attract a market rent having regard to the purpose, term and conditions of the respective tenure.
(4) The Co-operative has agreed to pay a market rent of $35,000 per annum under the licence. This new rent is a continuation of the existing arrangements whereby the rent payable is adjusted annually in line with changes in the Consumer Price Index.
(5) Yes. If the agreed rent is subsequently beyond the Co-operative's ability to pay, options are available to the Minister for Lands under the Crown Lands Act to waive or postpone the payment of rent.
(6) The Co-operative is already discussing its circumstances with the Department of Lands. It will need to provide the Department with evidence from its accountant or financial institution to substantiate its claim for a reduction in rent.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—CROSS BORDER COOPERATION—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to the Memorandum of Understanding of Cross Border Cooperation signed by the Premiers of New South Wales and Queensland in March 2007:

(1) What are the terms of reference of the MOU?
(2) What resources has the NSW Government allocated to implement initiatives of the MOU?
(3) How many meetings will there be between the two relevant Premiers in relation to the MOU over the next twelve months and on what dates are they planned to occur?
(4) What plans are in place for local community consultation in relation to the MOU?
(5) (a) Is the Premier aware that a similar MOU was signed between the NSW and the Victorian Governments in 2003 at Albury?
(b) Is the Premier further aware that this MOU was roundly criticised by local doctors, business leaders and Federal Labor MPs?

Answer—

(1) to (5) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) does not itself have Terms of Reference but contains Terms of Reference for the Tweed/Gold Coast Partnership, which are:

The Tweed/Gold Coast Partnership will:

(a) identify key cross border issues that may impede efficient and consistent service delivery to communities in the region, now or in the future, and where attempts to resolve such issues at a local level have been unsuccessful, or where a strategic government-government approach is required;
(b) examine and prioritise cross border issues for consideration;
(c) ensure that there is consultation with cross border communities and businesses, local councils, State Government Ministers and government agencies; and
oversee the development and implementation of proposals for policy change, planning or service delivery initiatives.

Work Arrangements:

(a) Alternate meetings of both Premiers, with the first meeting held in Coolangatta on 27 February 2007;
(b) Ad hoc taskforces to consider specific issues and make recommendations to the Premiers;
(c) In the first instance, State Government Ministers and their agencies will remain responsible for the delivery and planning of state services for the Tweed/Gold Coast regions; and
(d) State Government Ministers and their agencies can however, refer matters to the Partnership where they have identified a cross border issue that they are unable to resolve within their own area of responsibility and after discussions with their cross border counterparts.

The NSW Government is allocating resources from relevant Government departments to implement initiatives of the MOU and is engaging in community consultation. For example, a Cross Border Transport discussion paper was released in March 2007. The discussion paper canvassed short, medium and long term improvements to local transport services and was available on the NSW Ministry of Transport website at www.transport.nsw.gov.au. Public submissions on the paper closed 25 May 2007. The discussion paper and submissions will inform advice on a way forward to address the transport needs of the two regions.

A Memorandum of Understanding for health services in Albury-Wodonga was signed on 18 January 2002. I am advised that the Memorandum received strong public support at the time.

*0101 NEW MARINE PARK—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to Marine Parks:

(1) What plans if any does the NSW Government have for a new marine park between Byron Bay and the Queensland border?
(2) What plans does the Government have for the management of Tweed waterways?
(3) Who has/will represent the New South Wales Government at each of these meetings?

Answer—

(1) My colleague the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change has carriage of these matters and so questions of this nature should be referred to him.
(2) Questions of this nature are best referred to my colleague the Minister for Ports and Waterways as he has carriage over such matters.
(3) This question would be best referred to the two colleagues I have just mentioned.

*0102 AREA ASSISTANCE SCHEME PROJECTS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Community Services—

In relation to the announcement of $2.5 million being allocated to Area Assistance Scheme projects in 2007-08:

(1) How much funding will be allocated to projects in the Tweed? (Please provide figure)
(2) What projects specifically will be funded under this scheme in the Tweed? (Please list)

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised that the locally-based Area Assistance Scheme Regional Advisory Committee did not recommend any new funding for Tweed in 2007/08.

*0103 CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

Can the Government guarantee Caulerpa taxifolia will not be disturbed and disseminated when the pipeline from the Kurnell desalination plant is built across Botany Bay?

Answer—

This question falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Water Utilities.

*0104 REPORT RELEASE—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1) When does the Government intend to release its next Energy Use in Government Operations report?
(2) If it has decided not to produce another report, why has the series been scrapped?
Answer—

*0105 SHOWGROUND ROAD VEHICLE NUMBERS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) How many vehicles a day travelled along Showground Road, Castle Hill, in each of the following months:
   (a) March 2000;
   (b) March 2003; and
   (c) March 2007?

(2) What is the capacity of Showground Road, Castle Hill?
Answer—
I am advised:
Traffic counts for Showground Road can be found on the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) website.
The capacity of Showground Road is approximately 1800 vehicles per hour per lane.

*0106 INGLESIDE LAND RELEASE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Will the proposed Ingleside land release proceed before or after the upgrade of Mona Vale Road to a dual carriageway along its entire length?
Answer—
I am advised that the Department of Planning is working with Pittwater Council and relevant state government agencies to determine whether the Land Release at Ingleside should proceed. I am further advised that the Mona Vale Road widening at Ingleside has been identified on the 2006 State Infrastructure Strategy.

*0107 MONA VALE ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will Mona Vale Road be upgraded to a dual carriageway along its entire length?
Answer—
I am advised:
Mona Vale Road has been progressively upgraded to provide dual carriageway in stages to address road safety issues and improve traffic flow.

Completed upgrading works on the eastern end of Mona Vale road include:

• widening the curve west of the Baha’i Temple and installation of a raised median;
• construction of a new intersection and traffic signals at Powder Works Road and a new entry to the Baha’i Temple and future school;
• a new signalised intersection at Manor and Lane Cove Roads; and
• a four lane divided road between Powder Works Road and Manor Road, Ingleside.

Preliminary planning has been undertaken to upgrade at the eastern end between Manor Road, Ingleside and Foley Street, Mona Vale, to provide four lanes and a climbing lane.

*0108 CURRAWONG DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Will you use your discretionary powers under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to take over the assessment of any development application submitted in relation to the Currawong site on the western foreshores of Pittwater?
Answer—
I refer the Member to my answer to Question No. 0059.

*0109 WALLIS LAKE BRIDGE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
(1) Has the Roads and Traffic Authority planned for a new bridge for the towns of Forster-Tuncurry across Wallis Lake?
(2) If so, what is the proposed location?
(3) If so, how many lanes are proposed?
(4) If so, have any plans or design plans been completed?
(5) If so, when is the new bridge to be commenced?
(6) Has the Roads and Traffic Authority planned for an upgrade/addition to the existing Forster-Tuncurry Bridge to provide additional traffic lanes?
(7) If so, when is the upgrade/addition to be commenced?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new bridge for the towns of Forster-Tuncurry across Wallis Lake has been identified in the Great Lakes Council’s Section 94 Contributions Plan for the Forster district, adopted in 2006. Further information can be found at www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

Following requests from Council and community, in 2005 the RTA carried out widening work on the existing Forster-Tuncurry Bridge to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

*0110 BULAHDELAH STATE FOREST FACILITIES—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) Are there any plans by State Forests NSW to remove facilities at the trestle Bridge Picnic Area and Sam's Camp Picnic Area including any facilities along the historic railway walk situated in the Bulahdelah State Forest?
(2) If so, why will these facilities be removed?
(3) If so, please itemise facilities authorised to be removed and who authorised the removal of the facilities?
(4) Has any consultation occurred with the community regarding the dismantling and removal of the facilities?
(5) If not, why not?
(6) If so, what consultation process occurred and with whom did that consultation occur?

Answer—

(1) to (6) Forests NSW has advised me that the Wootton Historical Walk between these picnic areas remains a valuable community visitor facility. It is featured on Forests NSW project maps and brochures which encourage the public to view the remains of the historic trestle bridge and rail line.

Two picnic tables at the Trestle Bridge picnic area have become unsafe and are being removed. An old pit toilet is being decommissioned adjacent to the trestle bridge site as it is in disrepair and is located close to a major creek line. A representative of the Wootton Community Network has agreed to this toilet being removed.

Forests NSW will continue to liaise with the Wootton Community Network in regard to the future of this site.

*0111 FISHERMEN BUY OUT—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) How many fishermen applied to be bought out in conjunction with the gazettal of the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park?
(2) How many were accepted for buy out?
(3) Of those who weren't accepted for buy out, why weren't they bought out?
(4) What was the value of the buy out for those who were bought out?
(5) What was the range of buy out figures?
(6) How many fishermen fishing in the Myall Lakes specifically applied to be bought out?
(7) How many were bought out?
(8) What was the range of the buy out?
(9) Of those who were not bought out, why were they not bought out?

Answer—

Questions of this nature should be referred to my colleague the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change as he has carriage of these matters.
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0112 MOUNT DRUITT TAFE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0113 MANLY LAGOON—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0114 BUDGETED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—INFORMATION BY ELECTORATE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0115 "YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK" POSTERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0116 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0117 MAIN ROAD 54—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0118 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN’S SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

0119 UNLICENSED ELECTRICAL WORK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

0120 PALLIATIVE CARE BEDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

0121 WEEKEND MAINTENANCE WORK—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0122 NORTHERN SYDNEY HEALTH—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

0123 MIRANDA LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0124 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—

0125 ANIMALS IN NSW COUNCIL POUNDS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

0126 CIVIL UNIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0127 JET BOATS IN THE HARBOUR—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Small Business and Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

0128 APEC SUMMIT—TOURISM PROMOTION—Mr Donald Page to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0129 QUARRY AT TERRANORA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0130 POTTSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

0131 POLICE RESOURCES—TWEED-BYRON—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
0132 CITYRAIL COMPLAINTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0133 TICKET SALES—CARLINGFORD STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0134 SHUTTLE SERVICES—CARLINGFORD LINE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0135 NORTH SHORE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0136 GLADESVILLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0137 AVASTIN TRIALS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

0138 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0139 EPPING RAILWAY STATION—ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0140 CROWN LEASES—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0141 CAMPBELLTOWN PERIODIC DETENTION CENTRE—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0142 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (SENIOR LIVING)—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0143 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (SENIOR LIVING)—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0144 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (SENIOR LIVING)—HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0145 TRADE SCHOOL—NAMBUCCA HEADS HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0146 NURSING HOME RESIDENTS—40 YEARS AND UNDER—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

0147 ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT—MID NORTH COAST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

0148 ASBESTOS DISPOSAL—TUNCURRY WASTE DEPOT—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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0149 RURAL LAND STUDIES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
0150 BUS SERVICES—WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0151 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—

0152 CHATSWOOD TOWERS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0153 MS ROSALIND AUSTIN—MEDICAL HISTORY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0154 BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB—CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0155 EUROBODALLA PALLIATIVE CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—

0156 OPHTHALMOLOGY SERVICES—EUROBODALLA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—

0157 STATUTORY REVIEW OF ACT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0158 CLEAN ENERGY ROUNDTABLE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0159 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (MAJOR PROJECTS) 2005 (AMENDMENT NO 16)—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0160 CAR PARKING—SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—

0161 CULBURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—CAR PARK—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0162 BURLEY GRIFFIN WAY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0163 WATER RESTRICTIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

*0164 CHILD DEATH DUE TO SHAKING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many child deaths that were reviewable under the NSW Ombudsman's reviewable deaths function and that occurred in (a) 2006, (b) 2005, (c) 2004, were due to shaking?

(2) How many of the children who died at (1) above had had concerns about their welfare reported to the Department of Community Services Helpline on one occasion?

(3) How many of the children who died at (1) above had had concerns about their welfare reported to the Department of Community Services Helpline on at least two occasions?

(4) How many of the reports at (2) and (3) above had had their investigations completed before the death of the child?

Answer—

Data and information used to inform the Annual Reports of Reviewable Deaths are a matter for the NSW Ombudsman under the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act 1993.
0165 CORRESPONDENCE—IAN THOMPSON—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0166 HERITAGE ZONES—HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0167 BASKETBALL COURT—ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0168 BARWON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0169 DESALINATION PLANT SITE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0170 CORRESPONDENCE—VARIOUS ISSUES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0171 NORTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0172 24/7 BUS LANE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0173 RED LIGHT CAMERA—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0174 RAINWATER TANKS REPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0175 INNER CITY RENT INCREASES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

0176 STATE ARMS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0177 TRANSFERABLE HARBOUR AND ESTUARY LICENCE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0178 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0179 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0180 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0181 REMEDIATION OF HOMEBUSH BAY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0182 REMEDIATION OF HOMEBUSH BAY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0183 REMEDIATION OF KENDALL BAY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0184 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
0185 LANE COVE TUNNEL—SPEEDING FINES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0186 T3 LANE INFRINGEMENTS—VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0187 HARBOURSIDE POLICE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0188 DIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

0189 DIGITALISED VOICE ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0190 EPPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0191 DRUG COURT—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0192 MONA VALE ROAD—UPGRADING AND WIDENING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0193 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (SENIORS LIVING)—PROPOSED AMENDMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0194 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (SENIORS LIVING)—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0195 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0196 "SEAGULL" INTERSECTION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0197 CROWN LAND DEVELOPMENT—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0198 TUNCURRY WASTE DEPOT—INSPECTION—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0199 ANTHONY HEAPY—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0200 SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Minister for Health—

0201 PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Minister for Health—

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0202 AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—

0203 PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
0204 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WATER CHARGES—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

0205 FIRE SERVICES IN PRIVATE FORESTS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0206 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN’S SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Community Services—

0207 PATIENT RECORDS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—

0208 "OBVIOUS OVERSIGHT"—PETER MERCIECA AND LAURA MCHARG—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0209 WATER PUMP RELOCATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0210 PROPOSED LEGISLATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0211 GOVERNMENT-OWNED ENERGY BUSINESSES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0212 ETHANOL-BLENDED FUEL—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0213 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD RATING REVIEW—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0214 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD RATE REVIEW—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0215 CLINICAL SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

0216 MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

0217 MANLY HOSPITAL CREDITORS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

0218 BUS MAINTENANCE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0219 AGE OF BUSES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0220 CANCELLED BUS SERVICES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0221 CLOSURE OF BUS STOPS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0222 DEE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0223 NARRABEEN LAKES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0224 GRENFELL MEN’S SHED—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

0225 PUBLIC DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
0226 SOUTH MAROUBRA OUTREACH PROJECT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

0227 SEWERAGE CONNECTION—COWAN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0228 SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0229 ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL—KITCHEN UPGRADE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

*0230 CHANNELNSW 45—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

(1) What is the annual cost of operating ChannelNSW 45?

(2) What is the maximum number of viewers of ChannelNSW 45 during any one hour period?

Answer—

Matters relating to the general operations of ChannelNSW 45 do not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

0231 DESALINATION PLANT CONSTRUCTION—WATER USAGE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0232 INFORMATION ON REBATES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0233 WIND POWER—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0234 HOUSING STRESS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

0235 SUSTAINABLE CITIES NATIONAL ACTION PLAN—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0236 CROWN LAND—PORT MACQUARIE—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0237 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT—PORT MACQUARIE LAND—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0238 PERSONALISED NUMBER PLATES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0239 PROPOSED DAM—ROCKY CREEK—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0240 PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL—POTTSVILLE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0241 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0242 DIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

0243 DIALYSIS PATIENTS—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

0244 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—
CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA ERADICATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

INTERSECTION UPGRADE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

POLICE RADAR MANUALS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

FORSTER-TUNCURRY—PUBLIC ASSETS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

COUNTRYLINK SERVICES—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

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FERRY MAINTENANCE SPENDING—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

MANLY TOURISM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

MANLY SKIFF CLUB—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business and Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

TAFE ENROLMENTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

MANLY FERRY SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

SEAFORTH TAFE DEVELOPMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

SYDNEY WATER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

BARANGAROO SITE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

BUS ROUTE 380—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

YASS/ACT WATER PIPELINE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
0264 DEMOLITION OF HOUSES ON THE GORDON ESTATE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

0265 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN’S SERVICES LTD (ACS)—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

0266 SEWERAGE CONNECTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0267 SCHOOL ZONES FLASHING LIGHTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0268 PRETORIA PARADE BRIDGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0269 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0270 SAFETY BARRIER—MONA VALE ROAD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0271 BELROSE BUS SERVICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0272 ROAD UPGRADES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0273 URBAN CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0274 OPEN SPACE—DAVIDSON AND KU-RING-GAI ELECTORATES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

0275 GRAFFITI—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0276 BELROSE WSN LANDFILL SITE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

0277 COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—

0278 DENTAL HEALTH—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—

0279 MANAGEMENT PLANS—ROCKY RESERVE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0280 UNLEADED FUEL BOWSER—SOUTHERN BOAT HARBOUR—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0281 LOT 490—PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

0282 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—BULAHDELAH—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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0283 SUSPENSION CENTRES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
0284 NAVIGATORS COMMITTEE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0285 EASY ACCESS RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0286 NAVIGATORS COMMITTEE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Small Business and Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

0287 ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0288 ENERGY COMPANIES—CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0289 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRANSPORT ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Peter Draper to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

0290 NSW FOOD AUTHORITY—Mr Peter Draper to ask the Minister for Health—

0291 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN COUNTRY NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Peter Draper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0292 BOWRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0293 BOWRAL HOSPITAL—CHILDREN’S WARD—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

0294 FLASHING LIGHTS—MARULAN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0295 ROAD WIDENING—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0296 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—

0297 TERRIGAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0298 POLICE STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0299 CHILDREN BELOW AGE OF CONSENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

0300 BOWNING DEVIAITON—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0301 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0302 HORNSBY TAFE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0303 GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
0304 CRONULLA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0305 CRONULLA TOURISM—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

0306 SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0307 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0308 EMERGENCY STORES OF DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0309 HEALTH RISKS OF ROAD TUNNEL PORTALS AND VENTILATION STACKS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—

0310 WATER EFFICIENT HOMES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0311 BICYCLE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0312 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—

0313 UNLICENSED TRADESPEOPLE—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

0314 CYCLING—MOTOR PACING—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0315 BENTINCK STREET ROUNDABOUT—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0316 SCHOOL BUS SERVICE—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0317 ST ANTHONY’S PRIMARY—SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0318 TRAFFIC CROSSING SUPERVISION—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0319 OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0320 OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0321 CASHLESS BUSES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0322 SCOTLAND ISLAND WATER SUPPLY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0323 WATER TANK REBATE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

0324 SEWERAGE CONNECTION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

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0325 SCHIZOPHRENIA—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—

0326 PRINCES HIGHWAY ROADWORKS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0327 ENERGY DISTRIBUTORS—FINANCIAL GUARANTEES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0328 MOUNT PIPER POWER STATION UPGRADE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0329 CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0330 ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0331 PATIENTS ADMITTED TO ACT HOSPITALS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

0332 GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

0333 TARALGA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0334 KINCUMBER AND WAMBERAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0335 PRETTY BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0336 S.430 REPORT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

0337 YOUTH WELFARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

0338 GENERAL SUPPORT OFFICER AT GUNDAGAI—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0339 RAIL LINES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0340 DENTAL STAFF—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

0341 NURSE NUMBERS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

0342 GRAFFITI REMOVAL—HORNSBY ELECTORATE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

0343 OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

0344 OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0345 LEVEL CROSSINGS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
0346 CARBON TAX EXEMPTION DEALS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0347 CAMPAIGN POSTERS DURING THE MARCH 2007 STATE ELECTION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

0348 UNDERGROUND MINING INQUIRIES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

0349 APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDER—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0350 RENAL DIALYSIS BEDS—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health—

0351 LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT LEVY—Mr Robert Oakeshott to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0352 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0353 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0354 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0355 DISABLED PEOPLE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

0356 DISABLED PEOPLE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0357 OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

0358 OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0359 DENTAL PROFESSIONS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

0360 UK NURSES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

0361 SUPREME COURT—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0362 DISTRICT COURT—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

0363 EPPING WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0364 EXPLORATORY GAS MINING—UPPER HUNTER—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

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0428 UNION MEMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

0429 HIGHWAY PATROL FUNDING—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0430 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—BANORA POINT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

0431 MEDICAL WORKERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health—

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0432 WILLMOT DWELLINGS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

(1) How many dwellings are in the suburb of Willmot?
(2) What is the number of dwellings that are under the management of:
   (a) the Department of Housing;
   (b) another housing authority such as a co-operative?
(3) How do the above current figures compare to Willmot five years ago?

0433 MACQUARIE GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to Macquarie Generation:

(1) Does National Electricity Market data show Macquarie Generation's supply bids for electricity during the two hours before the evening peak period between 11 June and 17 June 2007 averaging less than $200 per MW/hr?
(2) Does National Electricity Market data show Macquarie Generation's supply bids for electricity during the evening peak period between 11 June and 17 June 2007 range between $500 to $10,000 per MW/hr?
(3) What is the financial impact on energy retailers of one or more New South Wales base load generators bidding such high prices for the supply of electricity during evening peak periods?
(4) Does the financial impact of such high bids prove to be significantly more disadvantageous for privately-owned retailers than Government-owned retailers because of the moderating effect of the Electricity Tariff Equalisation Fund?
(5) Will the Minister investigate:
   (a) whether given the fragile nature of the NSW electricity market such bidding is a responsible use of concentrated market power by NSW generators during evening peak periods, and does this bidding behaviour distort the electricity market;
   (b) whether the net result of generators' use of concentrated market power to reap super profits during evening peak periods, will be to force private retailers from the market and significantly reduce the profitability of Government-owned retailers?
(6) If this market behaviour continues, will the net result also be electricity price rises to consumers beyond IPART's recent pricing decision?

0434 COAL AND WATER USAGE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to water and coal use by each electricity power station:

(1) In 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 what was the volume of fresh water used in the following power stations:
(a) Bayswater;
(b) Eraring;
(c) Liddell;
(d) Mount Piper;
(e) Munmorah;
(f) Redbank;
(g) Vales Point;
(h) Wallerawang?

(2) In 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 what was the tonnage of coal used in the following power stations:
(a) Bayswater;
(b) Eraring;
(c) Liddell;
(d) Mount Piper;
(e) Munmorah;
(f) Redbank;
(g) Vales Point;
(h) Wallerawang?

0435 SOLAR PROJECT—LIDDELL POWER STATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to the John Marcheff Solar Project at Macquarie Generation's Liddell power station:

(1) Is the solar project fully operational?
(2) What are the benefits of this solar-thermal technology?
(3) How many tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions are saved through this project?
(4) Is the technology used at other power stations?
   (a) If so, which power stations?
   (b) If not, why not?

0436 BABY JOAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

(1) Is the report in the Sunday Telegraph of 17 June 2007 correct in that Pastor Matthew Beckenham was told to stop visiting the abandoned infant known as "Baby Joan" by officers of the Department of Community Services?
(2) If the child's mother is not found, will Baby Joan be placed in long-term foster care or placed for adoption?
(3) If adoption is considered to be in the best interests of the child, will Pastor Beckenham and his wife be considered as suitable adoptive parents?

0437 UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

(1) Has the report to Mr D McIntyre of the Office of Fair Trading's Home Building Service by Mr T Smith of Yass about the ACT company "The Climate Doctor" carrying out unlicensed electrical work in Yass on 27 March 2007 been investigated?
(2) If not, why not?
(3) In the past 12 months how many ACT companies have been prosecuted by the Office of Fair Trading for carrying out unlicensed electrical or refrigeration work in NSW?

0438 IPTAAS DISTANCE CRITERIA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Was information provided by Department of Health staff to Ms M Miller of CANASSIST in Cootamundra that the distance criteria for IPTAAS is measured from the Cootamundra Post Office to the Wagga Wagga Post Office?
(2) If not, what are the specific criteria for measuring distance to decide on eligibility for IPTAAS assistance?
(3) Does the IPTAAS distance criteria make any allowance for travel by patients from homes located in Cootamundra that are more than 100 kilometres from the Riverina Cancer Care Centre in Wagga Wagga?
0439 CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given Cherrybrook Technology High School has nearly 2,000 students with a classroom capacity of 1,200 students, what plans are there for capital works funding to increase the student accommodation capacity of this school?

0440 POWER OUTAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) How many homes and businesses lost power in the storms in the Hornsby electorate over the weekend 9-10 June 2007?
(2) What is the longest time these homes and businesses were without power?
(3) What difficulties were faced in attempting to reconnect power related to the above stoppage?

0441 BROOKLYN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) Is the land currently occupied by the construction of the sewerage treatment plant at Brooklyn Crown land or council (Hornsby Shire) land?
(2) If not, what is its classification?
(3) If owned by Sydney Water Corporation, what classification did the land have prior to the sale?

0442 WATER TANK REBATES—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) How many people in the Cronulla electorate have been recipients of the water tank rebate since January 2006?
(2) How many applications are still being considered?
(3) Has anyone been refused?
(4) If so, for what reason?

0443 KIRRAWEE BRICK PIT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) What price did Sydney Water receive for the sale of the former Kirrawee Brick Pit?
(2) What is the name of the purchaser of the Kirrawee Brick Pit?

0444 CRACKED WATER PIPES—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) How many cracked water pipes have been detected in the Cronulla electorate since January 2005?
(2) Where were these pipes located?
(3) How many of these remained unfixed?
(4) How much has been spent in that time on replacing old pipes with new pipes?

0445 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INCENTIVES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With respect to providing incentives for households to switch to solar energy:

(1) Is the NSW Government aware of South Australia's proposal to develop a feed-in mechanism for residential small-scale solar photovoltaic installations where households are guaranteed a reasonable price for electricity returned to the grid?
(2) (a) What assessment has the NSW Government carried out on the increases in demand for photovoltaic installations that a feed-in mechanism could create in NSW?
   (b) What are the findings?
(3) (a) What assessment has the NSW Government carried out on the increased supply of renewable energy achievable in NSW through residential photovoltaic installations?
   (b) What are the findings of the assessments?
(4) (a) What assessment has the NSW Government carried out on introducing a feed-in mechanism with price requirements on electricity retailers purchasing electricity returned to the grid?
b) What are the findings?

0446 STORM DAMAGE TO OVERHEAD CABLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

With regard to the storms experienced in NSW on Friday 8 June and Saturday 9 June that are reported to have caused power outages for nearly 200,000 people:

1) How many homes in NSW experienced power outages as a result of damaged overhead power lines?
2) How many businesses in NSW experienced power outages as a result of damaged overhead power lines?
3) What assessment has the NSW Government done on the cost to fix the damaged power lines?
4) What are the results of the assessment?
5) What assessment has the NSW Government undertaken on the cost to NSW businesses due to power outages caused by damaged overhead power lines?
6) What are the results of the assessment?
7) Given the loss of power and associated costs caused by the damaged overhead power lines, what further consideration has the NSW Government given to implementing a plan to systematically underground overhead cables?

0447 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Government's plans to upgrade the Sexton Hill section of the Pacific Highway:

Why did the RTA advise the Banora Point community that the Community Option C would require drilling and blasting, but then failed to inform these people that the RTA's own preferred option requires blasting of up to 36,000 cubic metres in the proposed cutting for the Pacific Highway Upgrade at Banora Point?

0448 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—BANORA POINT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Government's plans to upgrade the Banora Point section of the Pacific Highway:

What measures is the RTA intending to implement to ensure the guaranteed protection of one the last remaining rain forest areas of its type on the eastern seaboard from pollutants during construction and operation of the proposed Pacific Highway Upgrade at Banora Point?

0449 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the Government's plans to upgrade the Sexton Hill section of the Pacific Highway:

Is there any arrangement between the RTA and Tweed Shire Council relating to the two bridges which require construction over the Terranora Inlet as part of the traffic management plan for South Tweed? Has the RTA promised Tweed Shire Council any financial assistance in the building of these two bridges?

0450 WEEMALA RESIDENTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

With respect to the residents of "Weemala", located at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney-Ryde and the proposal to relocate them from the RRCS-Ryde site to community housing:

1) Will an individual physiology assessment be carried out on each resident to ascertain the effect a change of Home/Domicile would have on them in view of their long-term residency?
2) (a) What benchmarks will apply to the proposed levels of care for the residents?
   (b) If nominated benchmarks are not achieved or maintained what remedial action is proposed?
3) Why were the plans for the relocation of Weemala abandoned?
4) Why was there no consultation with the residents and/or their families about any changes?
5) Why was it not until Mr Sartor approved the rezoning that the re-building of Weemala was abandoned?
6) What evidence is there to support the contention that the existing residents of Weemala are now suited to community housing when previously they and their families were informed that they were not so suited?
(7) What assessments have been conducted to establish the effect of a move on residents particularly with regard to decimation of the family structure, moving to unfamiliar surroundings, changes to routine, changes to staff?

(8) With respect to one of the "justifications" for the community housing "option" being that some of the residents do not get along with their fellow residents, what evidence do you have to support this alleged justification?

(9) In what geographical radius from Weemala will the community housing be?

(10) If the residents do not want to move into community housing what will their options be?

(11) With respect to advice that the current staff will be offered employment in the community housing, of the community homes that are in existence how many of the staff from RRCS still work in these homes?

(12) What additional training will be given to the staff if they agree to work in community homes to ensure that they are qualified to prepare meals and manage the house?

(13) Who will be overseeing the care provided by the nursing staff?

(14) What standards of care and management will be expected of these nurses?

(15) How many staff (registered nurses) will be employed at a house (at one time) with 4 totally dependent residents?

(16) How many other staff will be employed at a house (at one time) with 4 totally dependent residents?

(17) What will the shift rotations for the staff be?

(18) What evidence is there that the community housing is as safe as Weemala?

(19) What assurances can be given that the residents will be secure?

(20) How will the residents be transported back to RRCS for services?

(21) Who will be responsible for the costs of the transport?

(a) Will carers be provided to travel with the residents?

(b) What ratio of carers to residents?

(22) Will the recreation services still be provided for the residents eg church services, Christmas carols and concerts?

(23) What assurances can be given that the standard of rehabilitation services will be maintained?

(24) What criteria will be used to determine which residents will be grouped together?

(25) What are the expected sales proceeds?

(a) What will the sale proceeds be used for?

(b) In particular what amount will be used for on-site recreational facilities, what amount will be used for research?

(26) What is the expected cost of the development of the existing site?

(27) What would be the cost of building a new Weemala on-site?

(28) What are the costs associated with acquiring and modifying the community housing?

(29) What amount of funding will the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADAC) provide if a new Weemala is built on site?

(30) What amount of funding will DADAC provide for community housing?

(31) What percentage of funds from the sale of the land will be dedicated to Weemala residents in terms of relocation expenses and community housing?

(32) What specifically is the "research" funding going towards?

(33) How many of the board members have actually been to Weemala and asked the residents what they would like and have seen what the residents abilities are?

(34) Why was it necessary for the chairman of the board and his party to go to Europe to see the community housing there if the community housing here is, according to the board, so appropriate?

(35) If the board members are so concerned with the welfare of the residents why have they not (with the exception of Mr Austin) attended any of the meetings with the residents (whose interests they supposedly represent) regarding community housing?
0452 WATER TANK REBATES—HUNTERS HILL—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities—

(1) How many people in the Hunters Hill local government area have been recipients of the water tank rebate since January 2006?
(2) How many applications are still being considered?
(3) Has anyone been refused?
(4) If so, for what reason?

0453 DENTAL PROFESSION VACANCIES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) At which facilities in NSW are the following currently being trained:
   (a) dental nurses;
   (b) dental assistants;
   (c) dental prosthetists;
   (d) dental hygienists; and
   (e) oral health graduates?
(2) How many of each of the above classes of professionals are trained annually?
(3) What is the current number of vacant positions in the public dental system for:
   (a) dental nurses;
   (b) dental assistant; and
   (c) dental prosthetists?
(4) What provisions are being made to fill current vacancies for dental therapists, and future vacancies for oral health graduates in the public dental system?
(5) How many school dental services are currently available statewide, and how many dental professionals (FTE) are currently employed at each facility?
(6) Are there plans to phase out the School Dental Service?
   (a) If so, why?
   (b) If not, what steps are being taken to ensure children can access free dental care?

0454 ORAL HEALTH FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEME—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) In each Area Health Service:
   (a) How many private dentists participated in the Oral Health Treatment Voucher scheme for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (to date)?
   (b) What is the breakdown of the number of participating dentists by the level of service provided; that is, how many dentists provided pain relief services, how many provided general dental work and how many provided denture services?
(2) How many vouchers were issued to public patients for treatment by a private oral health provider through the Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme, for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (to date)?
(3) What was the total expenditure in each Area Health Service on the Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (to date)?

0455 SYDNEY GAS—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—

(1) Will the Minister release your department's analysis of any hydro or other water reports provided to your department on the impact of the proposed methane gas extraction project on ground water in the Bulga Valley?
(2) Will the Minister release any analysis undertaken by your department on the environmental impacts of the proposed Sydney Gas methane gas extraction project in the Bulga Valley?
(3) (a) Does Sydney Gas plan to drill up to 300 methane gas wells in the Bulga Valley as part of its methane gas extraction project?
   (b) What impact will this have on the local water table?
   (c) Will the Minister release any analysis undertaken by your department on the impact of this drilling on ground water?

0456 SYDNEY GAS—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
Given that the Minister has indicated to both Sydney Gas Pty Ltd and to the Hunter Bulga community that the proposed methane gas extraction project in the Bulga Valley would not go ahead without community support:

(1) How and why has the Government determined the project has community support?
(2) What evidence is available to the State Government of that community support?
(3) How was that evidence collected and by whom?
(4) Will the Minister provide the economic analysis undertaken by Sydney Gas and/or your department demonstrating the economic benefits to the Hunter Bulga region of the proposed Sydney Gas methane gas extraction project in the Bulga Valley?
(5) Will the Minister release details of Sydney Gas’ remediation plans and your department’s analysis of these plans for its proposed methane gas extraction project in the Bulga Valley?
(6) (a) Will the Minister release all information provided by Sydney Gas to your department on the environmental impacts of the proposed methane gas project in the Bulga Valley?
   (b) Will the Minister also release your department’s analysis of the environmental impacts claims made by Sydney Gas?

0457 SYDNEY GAS—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
Will the Minister release the road and transport studies undertaken by your department assessing the impact of trucks and other vehicles associated with the proposed Sydney Gas methane mine on local roads in the Bulga Valley?

0458 CHURCH POINT MASTER PLAN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
In relation to the master plan for Church Point currently being prepared by Pittwater Council:
(1) Will the RTA permit the construction of public angle-parking on the non-waterfront side of McCarrs Creek Road, to the west of the post office?
(2) If not, what are the reasons for the RTA’s refusal?

0459 CHURCH POINT MASTER PLAN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
In relation to the master plan for Church Point currently being prepared by Pittwater Council:
What conditions would have to be met in order for the RTA to allow the construction of public angle-parking on the non-waterfront side of McCarrs Creek Road, to the west of the post office?

0460 SCHEDULE 7 COMMENCEMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water—
When will Schedule 7 to the Water Management Act 2000 (NSW) commence?

0461 SURGICAL EQUIPMENT STERILISER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—
In relation to the main surgical equipment steriliser at Macksville District Hospital:
(1) Has this steriliser been taken out of service?
(2) If so, why?
(3) If so, when will it be replaced?
(4) If so, how will equipment be sterilised in the meantime?

0462 REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
(1) Has the department or the Minister obtained legal advice in relation to all of the legal conditions and controls that currently apply to removal of native vegetation or timber from perpetual Crown leases?
(2) If so, will the Minister provide a copy of any such advice?
(3) Will covenants placed on Crown leases after conversion provide at least an equivalent degree of protection to that provided by their current legislative context?
(4) How this will be implemented?
0463  EXPLORATION LICENCE—ROSEHILL AND/OR CASTLEROCK—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) Has your department granted an exploration licence over an area known as Rosehill (EL5431) and/or Castlerock (EL5600) near Muswellbrook?

(2) If so, when?

(3) If so, for how long?

(4) If so, was the exploration licence extended?

(5) If so, when?

(6) If so, for how long?

(7) If so, why?

(8) Are the licensees required to report to your department the outcomes of such exploration?

(9) If so, have they?

(10) If so, are these outcomes available to the public?

(11) If so, when?

(12) If so, where?

(13) If not, why not?

(14) What auditing process or any other accounting process is in place through the Minister's office or his department to ensure the licensees are complying with the exploration licence conditions?

(15) If none, why not?

(16) Is the Minister or his department aware of various residents in the area subject to the exploration licensee mentioned in (1) hereof wishing to have their properties acquired by the company undertaking the exploration licence?

(17) If so, what actions has the Minister or his department taken to assist such residents in view of the fact that the exploration licence will span a period of 11 years, creating hardship for many residents in the area who wish to dispose of their properties for family, personal, health or financial reasons?

(18) If the Minister or his department has taken no action, why not?

(19) Does the Minister or his department believe it reasonable that landlords should be subjected to exploration licences for a period of up to 11 years which sends a message to people that there could be a mine in the area but there is no certainty thus restricting the ability of residents to sell their properties?

(20) Will the Minister and/or his department seek explanations from the Muswellbrook Coal Company as to why they will not expedite the exploration and the determination as to whether they will mine?

(21) If not, why not?

(22) Is the exploration licence for Muswellbrook Coal Company over the subject area of land due to expire in 2009?

(23) If so, will the Minister or his department consider an extension?

(24) If so, why?

(25) If so, on what terms?

(26) If so, will there be a sunset clause contained in such terms, in view of the fact the present exploration licence has run for 11 years with no action being taken by Muswellbrook Coal Company to mine?

(27) If not, why not?

(28) If the Minister and/or his department intends to renew the exploration licence in 2009, will the Minister and/or his department consider insisting that any such renewal will be an assessment lease?

(29) If not, why not?

(30) If so, does an assessment lease mean that affected landholders can be purchased by the licensee?

(31) If so, what will be the procedure for this to occur?

0464  BUDGET PAPER NO 4—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

In the Budget Paper No 4 of the 2007-08 State Budget page 5-14 the following entries appear:

- Accommodating Young People Relocated From Nursing Homes - to be determined
- Accommodation Facilities For Clients - various
- Asset Rationalisation - various
- Fitout Costs (Clients With Challenging Behaviours) - various

What is the amount allocated under each entry to the Myall Lakes electorate?
In the Budget Paper No 4 of the 2007-08 State Budget at page 5-15 the following entries appear:

- Remote Witness Facilities - various
- Court Upgrades - various
- Video Conferencing - various

What is the amount allocated under each entry to the Myall Lakes electorate?