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CANCER PREVENTION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What progress is being made in terms of cancer prevention in New South Wales?
(2) How do these figures compare with figures for Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the Cancer Institute:

(1) The NSW Government, through the Cancer Institute NSW, launched the second NSW State Cancer Plan for 2007-2010 in December 2006.

The Plan focuses on five high priorities most likely to improve cancer results. These are:

1. Preventing cancer;
2. Detecting cancer early;
3. Improving cancer services and professional education;
4. Accelerating improvement through research; and
5. Relevant data and information.

Smoking is the leading behavioural risk factor for cancer in NSW. Since 2003, smoking rates have declined by around 4%. The NSW Government, through the Cancer Institute NSW, has significantly contributed to those declines by implementing over 40 social marketing mass media campaigns to encourage smoking cessation.

The Cancer Institute NSW has also conducted campaigns to raise awareness of the dangers of tanning and to encourage participation in cervical, breast and bowel screening.

Cancer screening for early detection and prevention is a key element in achieving the goals of the NSW Cancer Plan. In 2006-07, the Cancer Institute NSW increased investment in marketing BreastScreen NSW and cervical screen. As well as advertising to the broader population, media campaigns were produced in other languages and adapted at a community level in order to get key health cancer screening messages to people traditionally identified as 'hard to reach'.

The $1.9 million Cherry and Pea campaign was launched again in September 2006 as part of a comprehensive strategy to increase breast screen participation among women aged 50-69. In addition to press, radio and television, Cherry and Pea utilised outdoor media (billboards and bus sides) and a multilingual campaign to reach a greater number of women. Grants totalling $280,000 were also provided to community groups in Sydney's western and south western suburbs to promote BreastScreen NSW services to hard to reach women. At its peak, the Cherry and Pea campaign achieved 62% recognition among women aged 50-69.

While cervical cancer screening is the most effective of all cancer prevention programs, rates of Pap test participation have declined. In 2007, one in four NSW women had not had a regular Pap test. In 2006-07, the Cancer Institute NSW implemented a mass media campaign, Don't Just Sit There. Adapted from the successful campaign in Victoria, Don't Just Sit There struck a chord with a clear message that cervical cancer is easy to avoid with a simple, regular Pap test. The Don't Just Sit There campaign achieved 58% recognition among women.

Research by the Cancer Institute NSW in 2006 found poor awareness of the incidence of bowel cancer and the benefit of early detection. In April 2007, the Cancer Institute launched a mass media campaign which highlighted the increased risk of bowel cancer for men and women aged over 50 and the importance of being aware and acting on the signs and symptoms. The bowel cancer awareness campaign achieved 60% recognition among men and women.

On World Cancer Day 2007, the Cancer Institute distributed more than 500,000 copies of "The Cancer Prevention Plan" - a blueprint for the NSW community in reducing the risk of cancer. "The Cancer Prevention Plan" includes seven simple guidelines to reduce cancer risk and suggests practical ways to implement them in everyday life.

1. Choose a diet rich in a variety of plant-based foods
2. Eat plenty of vegetables and fruits
3. Maintain a healthy weight and be physically active
4. Drink alcohol only in moderation, if at all
5. Be aware of what you eat
6. Protect your skin in five ways
7. Do not smoke or use tobacco in any form

Further details on prevention programs implemented through the Cancer Institute including details on "The Cancer Prevention Plan" can be accessed at: www.cancerinstitute.org.au

(2) Mass media campaigns run by the Cancer Institute NSW are planned and delivered so as to reach, and be effective, in areas of greatest need. Smoking prevalence is higher in the Sydney West Area Health Service than for NSW overall but has been declining. In contrast, sun exposure in secondary school students in the Sydney West Area Health Service were slightly more likely to have a high sun protection score than the state average. Breast and cervical screening participation is lower in the Sydney West Area Health Service than the state average and programs are designed to address this. Analysis of the cervical screening campaign demonstrated that it led to an increase in Pap test numbers in areas of the state with traditionally lower than average screening rates, including Penrith and Blacktown and a number of community based projects to encourage women to participate in Breast Screening were conducted in the Western Sydney region in 2007.

*3905 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Further to the response to Question 2866 what progress has been made on the introduction of a Cross-Border Policing Agreement with Victoria?
(2) When will the agreement be signed and implemented?
(3) What locations will be covered by the agreement?
(4) Is it intended that the agreement will be extended to other border areas after a trial period?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised:

(1) The working party is next scheduled to meet next month.
(2) When all issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the parties involved.
(3) Those on and around the border.
(4) No.

*3906 RTA PROJECTS IN ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Roads—

What is the current status of the following RTA projects in the Albury Electorate:

(a) Jackson’s Bridge realignment, Tumbarumba Shire;
(b) Pedestrian walkway at the Mulwala Canal Crossing, Corowa Shire;
(c) Tynan Road intersection with Hume Highway, Albury City;
(d) Upgrade of Riverina Highway to Lake Hume, Albury City;
(e) Remedial work to mitigate noise from the Hume Freeway, Albury City;
(f) Planning for a new Yarrawonga-Mulwala bridge, Corowa Shire?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) The RTA has commenced the development of concept alignments to improve the approaches to Jackson Bridge. The RTA has also installed additional warning signage at the Bridge.
(b) Corowa Shire Council is undertaking a safety audit at this location. Council has advised that as an outcome of the audit process, it will provide the RTA with options and indicative estimates for pedestrian crossing improvements at the canal bridge by the end of 2008.
(c) The RTA has commenced preliminary investigations to identify possible options and associated costs to eliminate the level crossing on Tynan Road and provide an overpass of the Hume Highway. The RTA is continuing to monitor the situation at this location to ensure that safety is maintained if traffic flows increase.
(d) The RTA regularly monitors the Riverina Highway, a State Road, to identify any required works. Routine maintenance is carried out as needed.
(e) The noise assessment report for the Albury Wodonga Hume Freeway prepared by consultants, Renzo Tonin and Associates, identified 20 properties as requiring further treatment to mitigate Freeway noise, as required by the conditions of approval for the project. The contractor has substantially completed these treatments for extra noise mitigation measures. This is in addition to the extensive noise mitigation measures implemented prior to the Freeway opening last year, including noise walls, mounds and double-glazed windows on individual houses.
(f) VicRoads has managed a Yarrawonga-Mulwala Crossing Options Study to review previous studies undertaken in the area, to provide an estimate of future traffic volumes between Yarrawonga and Mulwala and identify options for an alternative crossing. The next stage of the process is to commission a Route Selection Study, a more detailed study where a preferred option would be determined.

*3907 OAKLANDS TO BENALLA RAILWAY—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What progress has been made in discussing the future transportation of grain from southern New South Wales to Geelong once the Oaklands to Benalla rail freight line is stranded because of the conversion of the main line to standard gauge?
(2) Has the NSW Government pressed the Commonwealth Government to address the issue of grain transportation by rail to minimise additional heavy traffic, road maintenance costs and public safety concerns?
(3) What action will be taken to assist Corowa and Urana Shire Councils with road upgrades and maintenance if the Victorian Government does not convert the Oaklands to Benalla rail line to standard gauge?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) While part of the Oaklands to Benalla railway line is in New South Wales, I am advised that the line is actually managed by the Victorian Government.

The Oaklands to Benalla rail line is classified by the Victorian Government as a Silver line. I understand that discussions on further investment in the Silver lines are continuing with major stakeholders, including the grain industry. These are decisions for the Victorian Government.

Negotiations are taking place with the Australian Rail Track Corporation (as lease holder of the main interstate line) to install a new junction at Benalla that will provide for a connection, should an economic case be made for its future operation.

The NSW Government is working with the Federal Government and their recently announced Grain Taskforce, who together with industry are determining long term viable solutions to the grain transport task in NSW.

*3908 ROZELLE HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) What organisations are currently operating in:
   (a) the former Rozelle Hospital;
   (b) at Callan Park?
(2) Which of these organisations are offering mental health services?
(3) What mental health rehabilitation services are now available at this site?

Answer—

Questions relating to the Callan Park site should be directed to my colleague, the Minister for Planning.

*3909 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) Further to the response to Question 3128 what are the locations of the 40 additional non-acute mental health beds within the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service?
(2) How many of these additional beds have been commissioned to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There are two additional 20 bed non-acute mental health units within South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service. One is located at Sutherland Hospital and the other at Shellharbour Hospital.

(2) Commissioning of the 20 non-acute mental health beds at Sutherland Hospital will commence once building works are completed. It is anticipated that clinical operations at Shellharbour Hospital will commence once Occupational Health and Safety and Risk Assessments are completed.

*3910 CONTACT WITH RTA MANAGEMENT—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads—

Will the Minister continue his predecessor's policy of forbidding RTA management from having contact
with non-Government members?

Answer—

I am advised:

No such policy exists. However, to ensure that local member's issues are dealt with as best possible, it is recommended that the Ministers Office be used as the first point of contact.

*3911 FITZGERALD BRIDGE—REPAIR OF RAILING—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads—

(1) Why has the RTA failed to repair the railing on Fitzgerald Bridge in the Port Stephens electorate that was damaged in a well-publicised car accident six months ago?

(2) When does the RTA intend to repair the railing on the Fitzgerald Bridge in the Port Stephens electorate?

(3) What is the expected cost of the repair to the railing on the Fitzgerald Bridge in the Port Stephens electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The replacement railings are currently being manufactured. Following the accident the bridge was assessed and there was no structural damage to the bridge. The damaged guardrail has been removed and temporary barriers have been installed.

(2) The RTA expects to take delivery of the railing in late October 2008 when the repairs will be made.

(3) The estimated cost of the repairs is $16,000.

*3912 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

(1) Does the NSW Government sponsor the Hunter Valley Research Foundation to a maximum of $150,000 per annum?

(2) Is the Hunter Valley Research Foundation, in conjunction with Sharon Grierson MP, hosting a "Treasurer's Economic Update Breakfast" on Monday 29 September 2008 with all proceeds going to the Newcastle ALP FEC?

(3) Does the Minister agree that using the resources of the Hunter Valley Research Foundation to raise money for a political party is inappropriate?

(4) What actions will the Minister take to ensure that no further NSW Government funding is directed towards the Hunter Valley Research Foundation?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The Hunter Valley Research Foundation has been sponsored by the NSW Government for more than two decades.

*3913 TREE DANGERS—MOSSY POINT—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Will the Minister address the dangers to the community by falling tree branches and trees on the highly utilised public reserve near the estuary at Mossy Point?

(2) Is the Minister aware that his Department has visited the reserve, expressed concern and done nothing since?

(3) When will the tree dangers be resolved?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) and (3) Officers from the Nowra Office of the Department of Lands have been investigating and dealing with complaints of dangerous trees on Crown land at Mossy Point since 2005. Tree dangers resolved in the area to date include the removal of two coral trees of medium risk from the reserve which were situated in close proximity to freehold residential properties. An investigation by the Department revealed that the removal of three dead trees in one particular location, as requested by a local resident, was not warranted after they were assessed by an arborist as being of low risk to users of the reserve and to nearby property. The Department is not aware of any outstanding tree issues at Mossy Point Reserve, however it will investigate the matter again if provided with further details.
(1) (a) Will the Minister meet with Pat Brancatisano, a South Coast fisherman, who has had his fishing boat forcibly tied up by the department since the beginning of the year?
   
   (b) If not, why not?

(2) Why was Mr Brancatisano’s boat tied up?

(3) Why was he allowed to fish for two and a half years before this decision?

(4) Why was this decision not brought forward before the buyback?

(5) Is the Minister aware of the lost jobs and economic activity as a result of this decision for Bermagui?

(6) Is the Minister aware of the $500,000 investment that Mr Brancatisano has made into this fishery, $200,000 of which was made after the buyback?

(7) What reviews have been made into the shark fishery with which Mr Brancatisano is involved?

(8) Why has there not been a MAC meeting since October last year?

(9) What is the outcome of the review into licences held by Mr Brancatisano?

(10) Will the Minister compensate and buyout Mr Brancatisano for the dangers caused by his department's actions?

Answer—

(1) (a) My office arranged for senior staff from NSW DPI to meet with Mr Brancatisano earlier this year to discuss his issues.

(b) I am satisfied the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) staff who met with Mr Brancatisano adequately explained the Government's position to him and that his submissions for a review of the case have been satisfactorily dealt with.

(2) Upon application, and consistent with the policy in place at the time, the maximum boat length on Mr Brancatisano and his partners fishing boat licence was increased to 19.7 metres on the basis that they also held a Commonwealth tuna longline permit.

My Department took action to restore the NSW fishing boat licence to its original length of 12.27 metres when it discovered they had surrendered their Commonwealth permits under the Federal Government's Securing Our Fishing Future Commonwealth fisheries adjustment scheme.

Once the length on the NSW fishing boat licence was reduced, the physical boat could not be lawfully used to take fish for sale in NSW waters.

(3) Mr Brancatisano was authorised to engage in commercial fishing in NSW using the 19.7 metre boat until the boat licence was amended in September 2008, following the surrender of the Commonwealth tuna longline permit and after a 'show cause' process.

(4) The action was taken as a result of the fishing business owners opting to surrender their Commonwealth tuna longline permit as part of the Federal Government's buy-out.

(5) It was the business owner's decision to surrender their Commonwealth tuna longline permit, thus relinquishing their eligibility to use their large boat. All other NSW licence holders are subject to these same licensing rules.

(6) I have been briefed on the matters raised during the earlier meeting between Mr Brancatisano and senior NSW DPI staff. Claims about such investment should not be used as a reason to disregard the boat licensing requirements that are in place to ensure that the State's fishery resources are harvested in a sustainable way and apply to all other NSW licence holders.

(7) I can advise that a review was undertaken in 2007/08 in response to significant increases in the catch of large shark species by NSW operators. Following the review, new management arrangements were introduced on 1 September 2008 to help ensure a long term sustainable and viable commercial fishery.

(8) Management Advisory Committee meetings are occurring where necessary, including use of teleconferences, to progress issues of importance to their respective fisheries.

(9) NSW DPI reviewed submissions lodged by Mr Brancatisano in relation to the initial decision to reduce the boat length specified on their fishing boat licence to 12.27 metres. After considering the submissions, an additional 1 metre in length was granted to increase the maximum boat length on the licence to 13.27 metres. This tolerance was also made available to all other NSW licence holders.

A review looking into the potential risk of increased fishing effort in NSW waters following the Commonwealth buy-out process and the action that should be taken if necessary to remove or reduce that risk, is also close to completion. Mr Brancatisano will be fully informed of any proposed action, if any, resulting from that review in due course.
(10) It would be unfair to use public funds to provide compensation to Mr Brancatisano for enforcing a licensing policy that applies to all other NSW fishing business owners. The owners still have the option of acquiring a different boat licence with sufficient maximum allowable dimensions to cover the size of their boat.

*3915 DR YONG-XIN SHI—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) What are the reasons for the Greater Southern Area Health Service not renewing Dr Yong-Xin Shi's contract with Bateman's Bay hospital?
(2) Has the Government made any referrals to the HCCC or the NSW Medical Board regarding any complaints received against Dr Shi?

Answer—
I am advised by the Minister for Health:
(1) The Greater Southern Area Health Service, as part of its obligations by law, is required to make an assessment as to the suitability of practitioners for appointment. Dr Shi's application for appointment to Batemans Bay Hospital as a Visiting Medical Officer - General Practitioner was not successful.
(2) No.

*3916 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the number of employees in the NSW Government Total State Sector:

(1) As at 30 June 2008 what were the number of employees including fulltime, part-time and casual in each of the following sectors:
   (a) Budget Dependent Sector;
   (b) Non-Budget Dependent Sector;
   (c) Public Trading Enterprise Sector;
   (d) Public Financial Enterprise Sector?

(2) As at 30 June 2008 what were the "Fulltime Equivalent" number of employees in each of the following sectors:
   (a) Budget Dependent Sector;
   (b) Non-Budget Dependent Sector;
   (c) Public Trading Enterprise Sector;
   (d) Public Financial Enterprise Sector?

Answer—
I'm advised that the requested information is collected and maintained by the Department of Premier and Cabinet as part of the NSW Public Sector Workforce Profile. Currently the 2008 Workforce Profile data is still in the collection and compilation stage and is therefore unavailable.

*3919 CHILDREN'S WARD—BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

Concerning the refurbishment of the Children's Ward at Bowral and District Hospital:

(1) Will the Minister guarantee that the funding agreed to by the NSW Treasury for the much needed refurbishment of the Children's Ward in Bowral Hospital will not be deferred?
(2) If so, when is work expected to commence on the refurbishment of the Children's Ward?

Answer—
I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:
(1) and (2) The Chief Executive Sydney South West Area Health Service advises that tenders for the main construction phase have closed and are currently under review. The project is expected to be completed by July 2009.
Concerning monies owed by the Greater Southern Area Health Service:

(1) How much money is owed by the Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS) to creditors in the Goulburn electorate?

(2) How many outstanding invoices payable by the GSAHS are:
   (a) over 45 days from the date of the invoice;
   (b) over 60 days from the date of the invoice;
   (c) over 90 days from the date of the invoice;
   (d) more than 120 days?

Answer—

Health Services are expected to manage their budgets and pay suppliers’ invoices in line with contract terms. Budget allocations are made to health services having consideration to factors such as population size and health needs.

The management of creditors is essential to the maintenance of supplies to public health facilities. Since 2004/05 the Department of Health has set a benchmark that creditor payments should not exceed between 35 and 45 days from receipt of invoice. In 2008/09 the benchmark now ranges from 35 to 44 days.

The Department of Health is working with health services to ensure that strategies are in place to improve their financial position and ensure that creditor payments are returned to within benchmark.

Best practice protocols have been introduced across the state when health services deal with creditor enquiries. The protocols require:

• a dedicated telephone number for creditor enquiries;
• timely feedback to creditors in relation to their enquiries;
• Health Service purchase orders to contain appropriate telephone contact numbers for supplier enquiries;
• a log of telephone enquiries is to be maintained;
• payment to suppliers is to occur within the stipulated payment terms.

The status of invoices payable varies on a day-to-day basis across the state. Health Services do not monitor the electorate details of businesses supplying the Health Service with goods and services.

Creditors with enquiries are encouraged to contact the Greater Southern Area Health Service creditor info line on 1800 044 553.

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I am advised that statistics relating to the numbers of female and child murder victims who died as a result of domestic violence, as recorded by the NSW Police Force, are publicly available from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.
(1) Is the Rail Infrastructure Corporation planning capital works to rectify the safety concerns identified in the Minister's response to my Question 0339 dated 6 June 2007 allowing for the resumption of services on the Cowra-Blayney rail line?

(2) Will the Minister also guarantee that the Cowra to Harden line will remain open?

(3) As the Cowra to Blayney line is an alternative route for the main southern line, will the Minister ensure that this route remains open?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (3) The Rail Infrastructure Corporation suspended operations on the Cowra to Blayney rail line on 4 July, 2007 due to safety concerns. This suspension remains in place.
The Corporation is currently funded to maintain train services on the Cowra to Harden line.

*3925 BLACK SPOT FUNDING – MOUNT COLAH—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Roads—

(1) With respect to the $14 million allocated to NSW black spots, has any of this funding been allocated to traffic lights at the intersection of Pacific Highway and another chosen intersection at Mount Colah such as Foxglove or Excelsior?

(2) If not, are there any other sites in the Hornsby electorate targeted for black spot funding?

(3) If not, when will the request for an intersection with the Pacific Highway at Mount Colah be granted?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (3) The RTA has submitted two projects in the Mt Colah area for Federal Blackspot funding in the 2008/09 financial year. These are the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Excelsior Road and improvements to the existing traffic signals at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Yirra Road.

*3927 GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

(1) (a) Are there plans to close Galston High School?

(b) If yes, when is this likely to occur?

(2) What reasons are being used as to the necessity of this action?

Answer—
The Department of Education and Training has no plans to close Galston High School.

*3928 FIREARMS—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many licensed firearm holders are there in the Cronulla electorate?

(2) How many registered firearms are there in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:
(1) 1,008.
(2) 3,238.

*3929 FUNDING FOR REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

How much money did the Government provide to Sutherland Shire Council in 2007 for the removal of graffiti in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—
As this matter falls outside of my portfolio responsibilities I suggest the Member redirect his question to the appropriate Minister.

*3930 UNDERAGE DRINKING CHARGES—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
How many charges for underage drinking have been laid against how many people in relation to incidents in the Sutherland Shire since June 2007?

Answer—
As I am not the Minister responsible for recording and maintaining these statistics, I suggest the Member redirect his question to the appropriate Minister.

*3931 RTA POWERS—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Roads—
(1) Is the Minister aware that even though a magistrate can hear a driving offence matter in court and determine that no penalty should apply because of particular circumstances, the RTA still penalises the driver by insisting that the demerit points still apply, often leading to the driver's loss of licence?
(2) Why is the RTA given more power than the courts?
(3) Will the Minister introduce legislation to amend existing laws so that the magistrate's decision regarding fines, penalties and demerit points is final?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) Where a court finds a person guilty of an offence, it may determine the level of penalty that is to apply. However the Court has no jurisdiction to vary or direct that no demerit points apply.

Section 10 of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 is a sentencing option available to the Court that allows it to find a person guilty of an offence but not proceed to a conviction. In doing so, the penalties that rely on a conviction are not imposed. In the case of road transport law, penalties include fines, gaol terms and periods of disqualification from driving.

Section 14(2) of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Act 1998 provides that the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) must allocate the prescribed number of demerit points where a person is found guilty of an offence specified in the national schedule of demerit points, or any other offence specified in the regulations.

Drivers who are issued a suspension notice by the RTA for exceeding their demerit points limit will have the option of electing to be of good behaviour for 12 months (unrestricted licence holders), or have the right to appeal the RTA decision to a Court (provisional licence holders)

(2) Section 14(2) the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Act 1998 is based on the greed national driver licensing policy that the application of demerit points is an administrative system that is separate from the Court process.

(3) Continuing to allocate demerit points maintains the deterrent effect on re-offending which is the intent of the demerit point scheme. Allowing an offender to evade the consequences of demerit points would be contrary to that intent.

*3932 PROVISION OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
When will the NSW Government provide its teachers with laptop computers and free access to high-speed internet?

Answer—
Laptop computers are available as an option under the Department of Education and Training's Technology for Learning program where all schools determine their preferred ordering options for computer entitlements including laptops. Many teachers have access to laptops as part of their school's entitlement.

Additionally, teachers in NSW government schools are currently able to acquire laptop computers through salary sacrifice. Discounts are also provided to teachers in NSW government schools for private purchase through the current equipment suppliers.

Teachers in NSW Government schools currently have free high-speed internet access at all sites.

*3934 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
In relation to Tweed Byron Local Area Command:
(1) Is there currently an active Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer?
(2) If not, when will this position become active?
With an upsurge in gang related violence reported in the Tweed is there consideration for a second Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) and (2) There is currently one Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer at the Tweed/Byron Local Area Command (LAC).

(3) The LAC targets this type of activity in the area through policing strategies that include high visibility special operations and Suspect Target Management Plans.

*T3935 TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—DRUG SQUAD UNIT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to the NSW Drug State incidents report:

(1) As Tweed has been listed as No. 3 in the State for the most drug-related offences, will the Tweed-Byron Local Area Command be appointed a Drug Squad unit?

(2) If not, what level does the Tweed have to reach to qualify for a unit?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the Answer given to Written Question 3722 by the Hon David Campbell MP.

*T3936 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that the Government is currently advertising for two Senior Project Officers for the Climate Change, Policy and Programs Group with the Department of Environment and Climate Change:

(1) Why is the Environment Department taking the lead on developing a NSW cycling strategy instead of the Ministry of Transport?

(2) Why is the Environment Department taking the lead on developing sustainable transport projects instead of the Ministry of Transport?

(3) Has the Government determined the limits of the Climate Change portfolio in taking over responsibilities from:

(a) Transport;

(b) Energy; and

(c) Water?

Answer—

The Department of Environment and Climate Change is promoting improvements in the use of more sustainable forms of transport as part of its work on reducing the impacts of climate change and improving air quality. It works closely with other departments on these initiatives.

The fact that the Department of Environment and Climate Change is working on these initiatives does not mean it has taken over the responsibilities of any other Departments.

*T3937 NSW GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION SCHEME—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) On what date did the Minister's office receive the report detailing the operation of the NSW Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scheme during 2007?

(2) On what date will the Minister release that report to the public?

(3) Given the report was compiled in July 2008, why has the report been delayed in the Minister's office by more than two months?

Answer—

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy. The questions should therefore be directed to the Hon Ian Macdonald MLC for response.

*T3939 DONALD WILLIAM MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) When will Therese Mackay receive a written response from you regarding her petition, signed by more than 2000 people, calling for an independent and open investigation into the surgery, treatment,
care and subsequent death of her husband Donald William Mackay, as a result of the five weeks he spent in Royal North Shore Hospital, as promised by the Minister's office on 24 July 2008?

(2) When will Mrs Mackay receive the written update from the HCCC, as promised by the Minister's office on 24 July 2008?

Answer—

I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

(1) A response was forwarded to Mrs Mackay on 8 August 2008.

(2) The Health Care Complaints Commissioner wrote to Mrs Mackay on 14 October 2008.

*RIVERBANK EROSION—NAMBUCCA RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to serious riverbank erosion on the north bank of the Nambucca River in the vicinity of Ferry Street Macksville:

(1) Is the department aware that the erosion problem has seen a number of trees fall into the river and is now undermining the road verge?

(2) Has the department been approached by the Nambucca Shire Council for assistance to resolve this problem?

(3) What are the Minister's plans to address this pressing matter?

Answer—

(1) The Government has previously provided funding under the NSW Estuary Management Program, administered by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, to Nambucca Shire Council to prepare an Estuary Management Plan for the Nambucca River. The Department is aware that river bank erosion at Macksville is identified as a high priority issue in Council's Management Plan.

(2) Nambucca Shire Council has recently applied for funding assistance of $200,000 under the 2008/09 NSW Estuary Management Program, to implement actions identified in the Management Plan. I understand that addressing bank erosion at Macksville is a high priority for Council under its grant application.

(3) Council's application is currently under consideration.

*MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING FOR NEW PURPOSE BUILT SUPPORT UNIT—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

In relation to the availability of funding for a new purpose built support unit at Melville High School for students with disabilities:

(1) Are students and support workers at risk of physical injury with the existing facility located in two demountable buildings at the far rear of the school for the past 20 years?

(2) Does vermin enter the facility from under the floor of the demountables creating problems for staff trying to meet adequate hygiene standards?

(3) When will the new support unit be built to ensure safety, comfort and hygiene for staff and students?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised that the specialist facilities at Melville High School are in good condition and a purpose built Special Education facility will be considered in a future major capital works program amongst other competing regional and state nominated priorities.

*MANNING RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) Has the new emergency department at Manning Rural Referral Hospital by and large been completed?

(a) If so, will the department be adequately staffed to ensure it provides the optimum level of service?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) What is the minimum staff level, broken down into each category of staff, including medical and support staff, which is necessary for an emergency department such as is to operate at the Manning Rural Referral Hospital?

(3) How many staff presently operate in each category in the emergency department at the Manning Rural Referral Hospital?

(4) If less are presently operating than the optimum level, why?
(5) If less are presently operating than the optimum level for the new emergency department, when will staff increases occur to ensure the optimum level of the new emergency department is achieved?

(6) If it is not intended to increase staff levels to the optimum level of the new emergency department, why not?

(7) If it is not intended to increase staff levels to the optimum level for the new emergency department, what risks will patients presenting at the emergency department bear?

(8) Are these risks acceptable?
   (a) If so, why?
   (b) If not, what will the Minister do to alleviate such risks?

(9) What is the optimum number of beds in all categories that will be operating at the new emergency department at the Manning Rural Referral Hospital and describe each category?

(10) If less than the optimum level for the proposed new department, will the Minister increase the number of beds to the optimum level?
   (a) If so, when?
   (b) If not, why not?

(11) If not, will patients presenting to the emergency department be at risk?
   (a) If so, is that risk acceptable?
   (b) If not, what will the Minister do to alleviate the risk?

(12) How many beds are presently in place at the emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

Stage 1 of the new Emergency Department at Manning Rural Referral Hospital is planned for completion by early next year. The Emergency Department will be staffed to service the anticipated level of presentations at the time of completion.

There are no prescribed minimum staffing levels for Emergency Departments. Staffing needs are determined taking into account the nature and extent of the workload, performance against Key Performance Indicators, staffing levels at comparable facilities and guidelines from industrial and professional associations.

Current staffing levels at the Manning Rural Referral Hospital's Emergency Department include 9.8 FTEs in the medical category and 19.75 nursing FTEs.

Bed numbers for the new Emergency Department are based on projected needs to 2016. Bed capacity will be managed according to the clinical need of the patients.

The current Emergency Department has nine treatment spaces with provision for extra treatment spaces in the adjacent services area.

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(Paper No. 87)
Why has NSW Maritime ignored current leases held with residents renting 'mud and water' and charged them a substantially higher rate than that prescribed in the lease?

Answer—

The Honourable Member is referred to the response to Question No. 2699.

*3950 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

Can the Minister confirm that employers currently paying contribution for workers compensation includes contributions to super and long service leave, however when workers compensation claims are paid workers only receive payment for wages?

Answer—

The premium formula takes into consideration the total remuneration paid to employees, including superannuation contributions. This prevents employers from structuring their businesses to avoid paying premium, which would require higher premiums to be collected from those employers that are doing the correct thing.

Superannuation is not payable while a worker is in receipt of workers compensation benefits and is totally unfit. The Australian Taxation Office has determined that superannuation is only payable on 'ordinary time earnings'. Workers compensation benefits are not classified as 'ordinary time earnings'. Superannuation is therefore not payable, either by the employer of an injured worker or the workers compensation insurer.

3952 MOUNT PANORAMA FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

*3953 DRUG DEALS—NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What action have police taken regarding complaints made about alleged drug dealing outside and near the needle distribution centre on Pittwater Road in Manly?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the Manly Local Area Command maintains a tough stance against any drug supply within the vicinity of the centre and continues to respond to available intelligence. The Manly Local Area Command continues its 15 year close working arrangements with the operators of the centre.

3954 NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

3955 ROAD ACCESS TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—

3956 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

3957 FUNDING TO EDUCATION CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

*3958 RESTRUCTURING OF THE NSW FISHING INDUSTRY—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) What are the issues being discussed at a State Government level with the Seafood Industry Advisory Council (SIAC) for restructuring of the NSW fishing industry?

(2) Why have these issues not been openly directed at all shareholders of the resource for open debate and comment?

(3) Why are fishing families, such as the Puglisi family of Bermagui who are a stakeholder in the fishery and are looking at investing in the industry in the future, unable to get direct answers from the Fisheries Department or, more importantly, the Fisheries Minister so that they can make an informed business decision?
Answer—

(1) The Seafood Industry Advisory Council (SIAC) has been established to provide strategic level advice on matters vital to the future commercial viability and environmental sustainability of the NSW seafood industry. A working group of SIAC has been specifically tasked with providing advice to SIAC on structural adjustment in the commercial fishing industry.

(2) SIAC have been discussing various issues to do with the commercial fishing industry. I note that structural adjustment was raised at its first meeting in 2005 and has been raised on numerous occasions since. The minutes of SIAC meetings are available on the Department's website.

(3) All shareholders in the fishery have access to information provided by the Department.

(4) and (5) I am advised that the boat size limits are legal.

(6) Yes. This issue has not been ignored.

(7) Vessel size is related to the amount of fishing effort that can be applied to a fishery. Maintaining a limit on vessel length helps to mitigate the risk of overfishing.

(8) See above.
(9) Both the commercial fishing industry and the general public were widely consulted whilst preparing the current Fishery Management Strategies and Share Management Plans, as well as during the preceding processes for assessing the environmental impacts of NSW’s major commercial fisheries. Consultation will continue to occur as needed.

(10) Each fishery is different and the Management Strategy for each is tailored to meet its needs and address the specific risks posed by its operation. I note that the majority fishers in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery use vessels between 4 and 6 meters in length and still manage to operate safely and produce quality seafood.

(11) This question should be addressed to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP.

(12) Yes, I am aware of a number of issues surrounding the Offshore Constitutional Settlements.

(13) (to 15) Negotiations on a range of Offshore Constitutional Settlement (OCS) issues are ongoing. Appropriate consultation will occur if required, however there are no such plans at this time.

(16) Last year I commissioned a review of the current fisheries consultation mechanisms and I am anticipating that the results of this review will be provided to me shortly, together with any recommendations for changes needed to provide an optimal system for fishery advisory processes in NSW.

(17) (to 19) The minutes of SIAC meetings are available on the Department’s website. Any proposal for change to commercial fishing related to structural adjustment will be subject to full consultation with the fishing industry.

(20) There is no set timetable. Any proposal for change to commercial fishing related to structural adjustment will be subject to full consultation with the fishing industry.

3959 PAYMENT TO SUPPLIERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

3960 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads—

3962 COST OF FREE BUS TRAVEL SCHEME—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

*3963 ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

For each electorate in NSW, what were the kilowatt hours generated by:

(a) fossil fuels; and
(b) renewable energy?

Answer—

Information on the amounts of electricity generated by each NSW-based fossil fuel and renewable power station greater than 30 megawatts capacity connected to the national electricity grid and listed as a Registered Participant by the National Electricity Market Management Company can be found on the website www.nemmco.com.au

3964 AMBULANCE PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

3965 BODIES AWAITING A CORONIAL AUTOPSY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

3966 TRAINING TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—DEATHS REPORTING—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Planning,
and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister
for Emergency Services—

(1) How are deaths, caused as a result of domestic violence, reported for statistical purposes i.e. is there
a category for domestic violence?
(2) (a) Are statistics for so-called "honour"-based violence kept separately?
(b) If so, has the Minister noticed an increase in these statistics in New South Wales?
(3) What are the details?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Police Force has advised me: All homicides are recorded on the COPS system as Murder,
Manslaughter, Shoot with Intent to Murder (or Homicide, pre 1994). These can be further
categorised by associated factors including Domestic Violence Related or Domestic Violence
(Section 23D), which relates to child abuse.
(2) and (3) No.

GUNDAROO PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for
Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency
Services—

(1) Is it departmental policy to seek trustees for local park trusts from within local communities?
(2) If so, will the Minister explain why the Department of Lands advertised for nominations for persons
interested in appointment to the board of the Gundaroo Park Trust in the Queanbeyan Age newspaper
on 1 August 2008, when this newspaper is not sold in Gundaroo?
(3) Why was this advertisement not placed in the Yass Tribune newspaper, which has an extensive
readership in Gundaroo, until after members of my staff recommended that the Goulburn office of
the Department of Lands place this advertisement?
(4) What was the cost to the NSW taxpayer of the incorrect advertisement placed in the Queanbeyan
Age on 1 August 2008?
(5) On how many occasions in the past 12 months have similar advertisements been placed in incorrect
media outlets?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) and (3) Since Queanbeyan has the same post code as that of Gundaroo, staff at the Goulburn Office of
the Department of Lands were of the understanding that the Queanbeyan Age was the appropriate
newspaper.
However, when Ms Hodgkinson's staff advised that the Yass Tribune was a more suitable paper for
Gundaroo, a fresh advertisement was placed in that newspaper on Wednesday, 6 August 2008.
(4) Nil. The advertisement in the Queanbeyan Age was withdrawn prior to publication.
(5) Nil.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for
Community Services—

(1) Will the Minister explain why it took almost 12 months for Ms Staader's foster children to receive
the PANOC service due to communication delays between Central Sydney DoCS and Nowra DoCS
(PANOC) office?
(2) Is the Minister aware that because of this delay two young children have missed out on almost 12
months urgently required counselling?
(3) Will the Minister explain why the Murray family were unable to access Brighter Futures Early
Intervention Support for four months because of delays in transferring their file from Mount Druitt
DoCS to Nowra DoCS?
(4) What measures is the Minister taking to ensure other high-need families do not endure similar
stresses?
(5) Will the Minister explain why Ms Susan Cuninghame of Noah's Ark Early Intervention Centre
Nowra has been unable to assist these families by having her phone calls returned by Sydney DoCS
staff in a timely manner?

Answer—

In the course of handling a high volume of information and urgent casework matters, the Department of
Community Services sometimes incurs delays in responding to requests. The delays experienced by these clients are regretted and the Department of Community Services has endeavoured to improve service responsiveness.

The NSW Government established the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW. The Government recognises that although we have made a record investment in child protection, there is still room for improvement.

The Hon. James Wood AO QC is the Commissioner and is due to report his recommendations to the Governor by 31 December 2008.

*3970 JOHNES DISEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Will the Minister confirm industry reports that Animal Health Australia is currently investigating the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the Rural Lands Protection Boards for problems arising from the mishandling of Johnes Disease Market Assurance Program in NSW?

Answer—
I am advised that Animal Health Australia is extremely satisfied with the handling of the Johne's disease Market Assurance Programs ("MAPs") in NSW.

I can confirm that Animal Health Australia has recently initiated a tender process for a wide ranging review of the MAPs nationally. NSW Department of Primary Industries and some of the livestock industries requested the review of the MAPs to ensure that these programs continue to service the needs of industry into the future.

*3971 BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—SCHOOL HALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Has there been a policy change to enable Berowra Public School to improve its school hall accommodation and build a new one?

Answer—
There has been no change in the Department of Education and Training's policy with regard to the construction of new school halls.

3972 MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

3973 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MEALS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

3975 TOM UGLY'S BRIDGE—MOVABLE LANE MARKERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—

*3976 POLICE NUMBERS IN THE HILLS DISTRICT—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In view of the Hills district being one of the fastest growing areas in NSW and noting the rapidly developing North West sector with an estimated population the size of Canberra, what steps is the Minister taking in respect of the following matters:

(a) Increasing the police numbers in the Hills Local Area Command from the present 101 noting that they have fallen from 115 since the March 2007 State election;
(b) Ensuring that the Hills Local Area Command which presently has a one officer to 3851 has a similar ratio as the State average of one to 1103 residents;
(c) Rectify the situation where at present a Hills general duties constable has to attend 603 incidents a year when the State average is 394;
(d) Provide at least 21 additional officers estimated by the Police Association to be essential to provide a safe policing environment for the Hills community?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:
(a) Actual police numbers in The Hills Local Area Command have remained consistently higher than the authorised strength since March 2007.
(b) It is not clear exactly what the question is asking. It seems to have some errors in the way it is constructed.
(c) Enquiries indicate that the figures quoted in this question are incorrect.
(d) Resources are allocated to Local Area Commands according to a range of criteria including workload, internal reviews, demographic issues, crime trends, and government commitments. Resource allocations are continually reviewed to ensure they are deployed appropriately.

3977 TRANSPORT REFORM—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

*3978 GM FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

Given genetically modified canola products produced in NSW could be in the market as soon as this November:

(1) How will the NSW Food Authority ensure that food producers in NSW are aware of their requirements to include the statement "genetically modified" in conjunction with the name of the food or ingredient, in line with Standard 1.5.2 of the Food Standards Code, when products that contain genetically modified food components are sold?
(2) Are oils produced with genetically modified canola required to include labelling that indicates that the oil is produced from "genetically modified" food?
   (a) If yes, what are the labelling requirements?
   (b) If not, why not?
(3) Are meat products made from animals fed with GM feed required to include labelling that indicates that the meat is produced from "genetically modified" food?
   (a) If yes, what are the labelling requirements?
   (b) If not, why not?
(4) How will the NSW Food Authority enforce and police labelling requirements of foods sold in NSW that contain "genetically modified" food components?

Answer—

(1) Section 21 of the Food Act 2003 requires individuals to comply with the Food Standards Code in relation to the conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale. This includes genetically modified labelling requirements as specified in the Food Standards Code.

In New South Wales and on an ongoing basis the NSW Food Authority conducts regular sampling and testing of food potentially containing approved genetically modified food to ensure compliance with the Food Standards Code.

(2) Current national genetically modified labeling requirements under the Food Standards Code allow consumers to make an informed choice about the food they buy and eat.

The Food Standards Code provisions require food that is "genetically modified", or contains a "genetically modified" ingredient, to include a statement to that effect in conjunction with the name of the food or ingredient.

"Genetically modified food" is defined by the Code as one which contains novel DNA and/or novel protein; or has altered characteristics. As oil from genetically modified canola does not contain novel DNA and/or novel protein, nor does it have altered characteristics it does not require labelling as genetically modified.

(3) As meat products made from animals fed with genetically modified feed does not contain novel DNA and/or novel protein, nor does it have altered characteristics it does not require labelling as genetically modified.

(4) See (1).

3979 DISCRIMINATION IN AGED CARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

3980 MOTOR CYCLE TOLLS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
3981 PARKING ON FOOTPATHS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—

3984 MODIFIED VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—

3986 CANCER CASES—WARRINGAH COUNCIL AREA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

3987 OVERSEAS TRAVEL FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

3988 AGE AND BREAKDOWNS OF ROLLING STOCK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

3989 LINDFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

3990 NOXIOUS WEEDS ERADICATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

3991 BREACHES OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

3992 TRAFFIC BOTTLENECK—PYMBLE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Roads—

3994 RAIL TICKET SALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

3995 DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

*3997 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFICER – TWEED BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to the Domestic Violence officer for the Tweed Byron Local Area Command (LAC):

(1) If there are domestic violence incidents occurring in the Tweed Byron LAC what is the location of the closest domestic violence officer?

(2) What is the domestic violence statistics for the Tweed Byron LAC for the years:

(a) 2007;
(b) 2008?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) There are currently two Domestic Violence Liaison Officers based at the Tweed/Byron Local Area Command (LAC), not one as suggested in the question.

(2) As I am not the Minister responsible for recording and maintaining these statistics, I suggest the Member redirect his question to the appropriate Minister.

3998 TOURISM FUNDING FOR THE NORTHERN RIVERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—

*3999 NSW DRUG STATE INCIDENTS REPORT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

In relation to the NSW Drug State incidents report: How many times has the Regional Drug Squad attended drug related incidents in the Tweed Byron Local Area Command within the last 12 months?

Answer—

"Regional Drug Squads" were disbanded as a result of a Royal Commission recommendation.
4000 RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4001 TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4002 PURCHASE OF TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4003 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT UNITS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4004 INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4005 “COMMUNITY KILOMETRES”—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4006 PROPOSED NETWORK CHANGES—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

*4007 ENTRANCE CHANNEL—BROKEN BAY INTO BRISBANE WATER—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Who is the legal owner of the submerged lands comprising the entrance channel from Broken Bay into Brisbane Water?

(2) What action is his department taking to ensure safe navigation along the entrance channel from Broken Bay into Brisbane Water?

Answer—

(1) The submerged lands belong to the State of New South Wales as they comprise Crown land managed by the Department of Lands in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

(2) According to long standing arrangements under the Waterways Program, administered by the Department of Lands, the Minister offered to help fund the required dredging in cooperation with Gosford City Council on a 50-50 basis.

*4008 SILTATION OF ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

What action is his department taking to ensure that siltation of the entrance channel from Broken Bay into Brisbane Water does not cause a hazard to navigation along this waterway?

Answer—

In recent years NSW Maritime has:

• installed six additional navigation marker buoys to mark the channel in the vicinity of Lobster Beach;
• conducted 3 hydro-geographic surveys of the channel; and
• issued a Notice to Mariners in June 2007 and in September 2008 advising mariners to travel at a safe speed and maintain a proper lookout while navigating through the area, and providing latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates of the additional markers.

A NSW Maritime Boating Service Officer monitors the channel each day.

Issues relating to dredging at Brisbane Water are a matter for the Minister for Lands.

4009 TREE PRESERVATION OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

4010 DEDICATED LAND AT CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4011 COMPANION ANIMALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
PROTECTION OF FISH STOCKS—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

In relation to fisheries issues on the Mid North Coast:

(1) What is the Government doing to protect fish stocks on the Mid North Coast from illegal fishing including trawling beaches at night, netting the Macleay and Nambucca rivers with joined nets and fishing protected areas in those rivers?
(2) What is the Government doing to protect the local fishing industry from professional Queensland-based fishers denuding local beaches of luderick, silver bream and mullet during their breeding season?
(3) Is the new Fisheries patrol boat stationed at Port Macquarie to be used to patrol the area north to Nambucca Heads?

Answer—

(1) Fisheries officers patrol our estuaries and offshore coastal waters across the Mid North Coast targeting high-risk offenders to deter and detect illegal fishing activities. Commercial fishers must adhere to strict regulations governing their fishing activities and fisheries officers regularly check fishers to ensure compliance with the legislation.
(2) The government only permits NSW licensed commercial fishers to operate as beach hauling crews in the ocean haul fishery. These fishers may live or be based in any state but must adhere to the stringent regulations pertaining to this fishery.
(3) The new Fisheries patrol boat stationed at Port Macquarie will be predominantly used to patrol estuarine and ocean waters from Scotts Head to Hat Head. The waters off Nambucca Heads are patrolled by a range of vessels located at Coffs Harbour.

MOUNT COMBOYNE TRIG POINT AND LOOKOUT—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) Is access to the trig point and lookout of Mount Comboyne open to the public?
(2) If not, why not?
(3) If not, how long has the trig point and lookout been closed to tourists and the general public?
(4) If not, is the lack of access advertised by way of a road sign or on the State Forest's website to inform the general public?
(5) If not, why not?
(6) Is the Minister aware visitors from Sydney and Melbourne recently travelled to the trig point lookout of Mount Comboyne but access was denied because of locked gates across the road?
(7) When will the gates be reopened to tourists and the general public?

Answer—

(1) No.
(2) While the area was used by many bone-fide four-wheel drive enthusiasts and other recreational users, it was also victim to excessive vandalism and misuse. This rendered the fire lookout tower, which is a strategic tool in fire management of the region's State forests, unsafe for use. Additional vandalism had occurred to the Forests NSW radio repeater, which is used to service the whole of the region and is an important tool for the safety of staff. To preserve the safety of the tower operators and other staff, the gate was locked and access permitted to walking traffic only.
(3) Comboyne Trig Road and Trig Point have been closed for approximately 1 month coinciding with the restoration of the fire tower and the upgrade of the road. The restoration of the fire tower and Comboyne Trig Road cost in excess of $10,000.
(4) A sign was erected in the area approximately two years ago advising of the intention to lock the gate.
(5) See above.
(6) No.
(7) Gates will not be open to casual tourists due to safety risks to visitors, and due to excessive vandalism to the fire lookout tower and the radio repeater. A number of other vantage points are available in the region, including North Brother Lookout (picnic and toilet facilities available), Bago Bluff Lookout (Pine Hut Road, Bago NP), Rawson Lookout (Borganna NP), Newbys Lookout and Flat Rock Lookout (Coorabakh NP). These all provide views of Camden Haven and surrounds.
4016  FUNDING FOR THE NORTH WEST RAIL LINE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

4017  FATIGUE WORK DIARY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—

4018  CLOSURE OF WESTMEAD FORENSIC SERVICES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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4019  VOLUNTEER RUN KIOSK AND GIFT SHOP—MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4020  USE OF TRANSPORT TO THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

4021  WIRELESS BROADBAND—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4022  CONFIRMATION OF STATEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

4023  BUS ROUTE 311—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4024  BUS ROUTE 910—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4025  URBAN TRANSPORT STATEMENT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4026  INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERA—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Roads—

4027  SERVICES FOR CANCER PATIENTS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4028  REVIEW OF MATERNITY SERVICES—BEGA AND PAMBULA HOSPITALS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4029  HEAVY VEHICLE PERMITS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Roads—

4030  PROGRAMS TO COMBAT BULLYING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

4031  EDGECLIFF INTERCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4032  BUS SERVICE CUTBACKS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4033  BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
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4034 UPPER NEPEAN AQUIFERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4035 REVIEWABLE DEATHS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

4036 MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4037 COUNTRY AREA PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

4038 HORNSBY HOSPITAL RENAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4039 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL—LOSS ON INVESTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

4040 FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT—POLICE OFFICERS NUMBER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4041 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BIRTHS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4042 CANCER PREVENTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

4043 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—OUTSTANDING INVOICES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4044 COST OF BY-ELECTIONS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

4045 GOVERNMENT DATA CENTRES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

4046 PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

4047 TOURISM INDUSTRY FUNDING—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—

4048 APPRENTICE LOCKSMITHS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4049 CREDITORS OF CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4050 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4051 CROSS BORDER TRANSPORT TASKFORCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads—

4052 GRAVEL TAKEN FROM MACLEAY RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—

4053 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
Free Immunisation—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Community Services—

(1) Following the closure of the free immunisation clinic at Nelson Bay on 1 September 2006, what has the Minister's department done to ensure local families have access to free immunisation?
(2) (a) Is there currently somewhere for parents to access free immunisation in the Port Stephens area?
   (b) If so, where?
(3) What role does the NSW Government play in the provision of free vaccination?
(4) What does the provision of free immunisation cost the NSW Government each year?
(5) Does the Minister have any intention of reviewing the amount of money spent on free immunisation in New South Wales?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Health, who has responsibility for this matter.
TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS—OVERSEAS STUDENTS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

DEATH OF ANGELA PLEVEY—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

BROGO DAM—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

INCREASES IN COSTS AND CHANGES IN STAFF AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

ANALYSIS OF RIVER RED GUM WETLANDS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LEGAL COSTS AND LIABILITIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

ANALYSIS OF HEALTH AND SURVIVAL PROSPECTS OF THE BABY WHALE, COLIN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

SMOKE-FREE ZONES—HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

REPAIR OF HOUSING NSW HOMES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

CONSEQUENCES OF GROUP OFFENDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI OFFENDERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

ENHANCEMENT FUNDING—BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

ENDOCRINOLOGIST AND NEPHROLOGIST SERVICES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE—ST IVES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

FEMALE RATES OF LEUKAEMIA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

POLICE SERVICE BRANCH—DOSSIERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
4089 RADIATION/ONCOLOGY SERVICE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4090 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—REDUCED YIELD FIGURES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4091 MORISSET STATION SECURITY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4092 CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4093 STAFF OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4094 MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4095 ILLEGAL DIVERSIONS IN THE MACQUARIE MARSHES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4096 BOTTLED DRINKING WATER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4097 TRUEGAIN WASTE-OIL REFINERY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4098 CONVICTION OF BRUCE MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

4099 LAND TITLE INFORMATION SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4100 NAMBUCCA HEADS ISLAND GOLF CLUB LIMITED—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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4101 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4102 CALLAN PARK SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

4103 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT CALLAN PARK—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4104 CO-PLACEMENT OF SIBLINGS IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—

4105 MANLY JETCAT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4106 PREVENTION OF BIOSOLIDS ODOUR—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
COPY OF SIGNED COMMISSIONING FORM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

NORTHERN BEACHES STORAGE PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

ELECTRICITY COSTS—PENSIONERS IN RETIREMENT VILLAGES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

INSPECTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—NEW PREMISES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

BUILDING AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

ETHANOL FUEL AND HYBRID VEHICLES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

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MURWILLUMBAH PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICE OFFICE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

EATING DISORDERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

HILLTOP RIFLE RANGE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

PROBITY CHECKS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

GULLEN RANGE WIND FARM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

DEATHS FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

HOUSING NSW WATER SAVING INITIATIVES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

BUS SERVICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
4126 MONEY RAISED BY VOLUNTEER KIOSK—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4127 PROPOSALS FOR EASTERN SUBURBS (REGION 9) BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4128 ALCOHOL FREE ZONE EVALUATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

4129 BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

4130 NOISY VEHICLE SUMMER OPERATIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4131 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4132 RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

4133 TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES OF THE RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—

4134 TYPE 1 DIABETES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4135 PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM GREENWASH—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

4136 SCULPTURE BY THE SEA—FUNDING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

4137 CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DETERMINATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

4138 PURCHASING OF SCHOOL STATIONERY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

4139 ACUTE CARE BEDS AT COOLAMON/ GANMAIN HOSPITAL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4140 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING UNITS—COHEN STREET SPEERS POINT—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—

4141 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—BASE CASE SUPPLY FORECAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

4142 DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY CHARGES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

4143 RESURFACING OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY—SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads—

4144 PART 3A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
CAMP WOLLUMBIN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

COST OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT FOR RENAL DIALYSIS PATIENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

JOINT POLICE OPERATIONS IN ALBURY WODONGA AREA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

NEW POLICE STATION—TWEED HEADS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

SMOKING AREAS AT DUBBO RSL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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ADMINISTRATION OF GREAT LAKES COUNCIL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

UPGRADE OF MITCHELL HIGHWAY AND GORDON ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Russell Turner to ask the Minister for Roads—

ELECTORAL COMMISSION—CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—

NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—FINDINGS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

STATE-OWNED GENERATORS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

STAFF AT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN LISMORE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

GRANTS TO WOMEN’S GROUPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

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4162 GENDER PAY EQUITY GAP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

4163 REBATES FOR RAINWATER TANK INSTALLATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4164 PART 3A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

4165 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4166 NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVE STAFF—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

4167 RADIATION AND ONCOLOGY SERVICES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4168 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AT GOSFORD AND WYONG HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4169 ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

4170 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

4171 GROWTH CENTRES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

4172 LAND IN THE SOUTH WEST GROWTH SECTOR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

4173 LAND IN THE NORTH WESTERN GROWTH SECTOR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

4174 COST OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PER PASSENGER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

4175 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4176 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

4177 MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICER—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

4178 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG GALSTON ROAD—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

4179 REPRESENTATION ABOUT POOR ROAD NETWORKS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

4180 BIKING COMPETITION FACILITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

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TEACHER SHORTAGES—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

MONEY OWED TO CREDITORS OF NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

DIP SITES IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

NSW/QLD HEALTH JOINT PLANNING STUDY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

ECONOMIST—ADVERTISED VACANCY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

DATA SPECIALIST IN GREENHOUSE MODELLING AND ANALYSIS—ADVERTISED VACANCY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

CLIMATE STUDY—DR MILTON SPEER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

NORTH WEST METRO—ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

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RURAL FIRE SERVICE—CONSULTATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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RURAL FIRE SERVICE—LEASED ASSETS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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INADEQUATE POOL FENCES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

POWERS OF PLANNING ARBITRATORS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

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APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PLANS FOR SUBDIVISION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

TIME FOR ASSESSMENT OF DISCRETIONARY PROPOSALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

POWERS OF MINISTER FOR PLANNING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

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ANTI-GAMBLING ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

CYCLING PROJECTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

ASSISTANCE FOR RESPIRE CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE BY NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

LAND TO BE ADDED TO GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

TRAINING FOR NURSES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

UPGRADE OF POLICE RADIO NETWORK—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

FLOOD MANAGERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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ENERGY EFFICIENT AUDIT AND REFIT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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REVENUE FROM PARKING FEES AT HOSPITALS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How much money has been raised by the collection of parking fees at the Mount Druitt Hospital for each of the last three years?
(2) How much money was raised for the same period through the collection of parking fees for the Blacktown Hospital?
(3) For what purpose are these monies allocated?

PRIVATISATION OF CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) Is the NSW Government considering the privatisation of Cessnock Correctional Centre?
(2) If so:
   (a) Why is the NSW Government considering the privatisation of Cessnock Correctional Centre?
   (b) How much of Cessnock Correctional Centre and its services will be privatised?
   (c) When would the NSW Government be looking to privatise Cessnock Correctional Centre?
   (d) How much does the NSW Government estimate Cessnock Correctional Centre would cost to purchase?
   (e) Has the NSW Government considered the financial impact on the local economy if Cessnock Correctional Centre was privatised and, if so, what are the impacts?
   (f) Would the privatisation lead to job losses at Cessnock Correctional Centre?

GLASSING ATTACKS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) What is the Government doing to curb the growing number of glassing attacks in pubs and clubs, particularly in the Hunter region?
(2) Will the Government consider tougher penalties for glass attack offenders?
(3) What are the current penalties for glass attack offenders?
(4) Will the Government consider enforcing the use of plastic cups in all pubs and clubs or at venues:
   (a) Which have frequent glassing attacks;
   (b) At certain times, e.g. Friday and Saturday nights?

VOLUNTEER-RUN WILDLIFE RESCUE UNITS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Is it NSW Government policy to support the establishment of volunteer-run wildlife rescue units?
(2) If so:
   (a) What financial support is available to volunteer groups wishing to establish a wildlife rescue unit?
   (b) How does a proposed wildlife rescue unit obtain a license from the Department of Environment and Climate Change?
(c) What other steps must a proposed wildlife rescue unit take to establish a legitimate unit?
(3) (a) Does the NSW Government provide funding to the Native Animal Trust Fund in the NSW Hunter region?
(b) If so, how much annually?

4244 IMPACT OF THE AILING HEALTH OF THE MYALL RIVER ON TOURISM—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) What representations has the Minister made with regards to the ailing health of the Myall River at Tea Gardens?
(2) Is the Minister aware of the potential downturn in tourism in the Port Stephens area this summer as a result of the ailing health of the river system?
(3) What investigations have been carried out by the Minister's Department into the expected impact of the ailing river on the local tourism industry?

4245 INCREASED RENT FOR REGISTERED CLUBS ON CROWN LAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Why has the Department of Lands decided to increase the rent for registered clubs on Crown Land, as announced by the Department on 28 August 2008?
(2) What is the expected annual revenue to be generated for the NSW Government from this rent increase for registered clubs on Crown Land?
(3) Do clubs have the option to appeal this rental increase?
(4) What review is available for clubs who may face closure as a result of increased costs?

4246 INCREASED FEES FOR PARKING AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) Why has the Hunter New England Area Health Service (HNEAHS) decided to increase fees for parking at John Hunter Hospital?
(2) How much revenue will this create for the HNEAHS for the coming 12 months?
(3) Where will that money be spent?
(4) How does the Department regulate such fee increases as parking on NSW Health grounds?
(5) (a) Will people who have to travel long distances to reach John Hunter Hospital, including from Port Stephens where public transport and taxis are not viable, be forced to pay the same parking fees?
(b) If so, given they do not have the option of public transport and taxis and must drive to the Hospital, will the Minister consider some sort of refund system for people who must drive to the hospital?
(c) If not, why not?

4247 YOUNGER PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) Why was Nardy House refused funding for its supported accommodation project under the expanding supported accommodation options under the NSW younger people in residential aged care program?
(2) How many people with a disability are currently residing in aged care facilities in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shire local government areas?
(3) Given they were expected to provide an "indicative" budget what were the concerns of the department in relation to the costings?
(4) In light of Nardy House respite service being currently managed by DADHC why was there a problem in relation to issues pertaining to the location of the site given the refusal?
(5) In light of the 2500 people with a disability under the age of 65 who are currently residing in aged care in NSW does the Minister believe the sector has the capacity, both in terms of experience in delivering services and the placements, to meet the demand from many of these individuals who seek to reside in more appropriate care?
(6) In light of Nardy House being a new service how does the Minister expect new service providers to assist the government meet this challenge, if one of the requirements in order to attain funding is that the service provider must have experience in delivering services to the YPIRAC target group?
4248 ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) Is the Minister aware of NSW Health policy directive PD2006_059 and the requirements in relation to the advertising of positions on page 13 of that document?
(2) Have there been any recent appointments of level 4 or 5 jobs at Pambula Hospital?
(3) If so when were the positions advertised and where?
(4) Were the positions appointed internally?
(5) What were the criteria for the appointments?

4249 FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the benefits that the former interest subsidy scheme gave to small independent schools in country areas?
(2) What are the guidelines under the new building grants scheme?
(3) Has the scheme been finalised and how has it been communicated to school communities on the far South Coast.
(4) Is the Minister aware of the difficulty in planning for future development at new schools, particularly given that their future growth is dependent on new infrastructure at this time without any scheme available?
(5) What funding can be attracted by Far South Coast schools to assist with fibre optic cabling and high speed internet?

4250 NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Why has the Minister not finalised the National Park advisory committees for the State's South East?
(2) Given nominations closed back in February 2008 how long will it be before the Minister finalises this?

4251 JOHN MARCHEFF SOLAR PROJECT—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women 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:

(1) Given the response to Question 3781 said "The project is now in the commissioning phase", what is the expected date of completion of the commissioning phase?
(2) Given the Minister said "sufficient period of time" when referring to an assessment of cost savings, what does a "sufficient period of time" mean in this context?
(3) Have any Labor MPs or Government Ministers visited the John Marcheff Solar Project in the last 12 months and if so, who and when?

4252 VISIT TO SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY GENERATORS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to Solar Thermal Electricity Generation:

Given the response to Question 3871 said "An important function of the office of Premier or Minister is to visit companies and organisations to discuss initiatives which have benefits for New South Wales, including energy and environmental projects", when has the Premier or his Ministers visited any solar thermal electricity generators in this State or anywhere else in world?

4253 ABOLITION OF THE RTA—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

In relation to abolishing the RTA:

Given the response to Question 3961 said "As part of the mini-budget process the Government is looking at all reasonable options to realise budget savings", on what basis does the Premier propose that the abolition of the RTA would constitute a "reasonable" policy option?

4254 RAIL SERVICES ON THE NORTHERN LINE—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) Will rail services be cut on the Northern Line by 50% affecting the Ryde electorate?
(2) If not, will there be any cuts to these services, by how much and which services?
(3) If yes, when will this take place and which services will be cut?

4255 GRANTS TO WOMEN’S GROUPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) Will the Premier identify all government grants provided to women's groups for the advancement of women in the calendar year 2007?
(2) Will the Premier provide all appraisals and/or evaluations of grants provided to women's groups in the calendar years 2006 and 2007?

4256 WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—

Regarding the WSN-AGT joint venture:

(1) How much has WSN invested in the AGT joint venture to date?
(2) What was the cost of processing 5000 tonnes of mixed glass fragments?
(3) What prices has the WSN-AGT joint venture obtained for the product, described as market ready glass granules?
(4) Where are these glass granules being stored in the meantime?

4257 GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

Regarding the 2007-8 Budget, which identifies $150,000 in grants and subsidies to agencies for recurrent purposes, will the Minister identify these grants and provide evaluations?

4258 ANNUAL REPORT—JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Regarding the Annual Report for the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust 2006-07, which has still not been tabled:

(1) Has the report been completed and if so why was it not tabled by 23 October 2008?
(2) Will the report be tabled as a matter of urgency?
(3) Given that the 2005-6 Annual Report makes no reference to litigation expenses, were no legal costs incurred by the trust in that financial year?

4259 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) Has the Minister read the correspondence from Dr Stephen Nolan expressing concern at the Government's failure to build the proposed Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest?
(2) When will the Minister respond to this correspondence?

4260 SEPP (MAJOR PROJECTS) 2005 (AMENDMENT NO. 33)—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

In recommending the making of SEPP (Major Projects) 2005 (Amendment No. 33) on what information did the Minister rely to determine the boundaries and objectives of the zones and permissible uses within them?

4261 FORMER AIR SERVICES AUSTRALIA LAND AT CRANE BROOK—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) Has the Minister or the Department of Planning made any decisions on the future use of the former Air Services Australia land at Cranebrook?
(2) If not, when will a decision be made on the future use of the site?

4262 MEETING WITH MEDICAL SPECIALISTS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) When will the Minister meet with medical specialist representatives of the staff councils of Mona Vale and Manly Hospital to discuss the future hospital needs of Northern Beaches representatives?
(2) Will the Minister agree to the above meeting along with the Members for Wakehurst, Davidson, Manly and Pittwater?
4263 JACKGREEN ENERGY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Is the NSW Government paying a subsidy to the company JACKGREEN Energy for the provision of renewable electricity?
(2) If so, how much does the NSW Government subsidise this company?
(3) Is the Minister aware that this company has sent a letter threatening to harm the credit rating of one of my constituents, Mr J McFarlane of Cowra, even though he has never engaged in any contract with the company?
(4) Given that taxpayers' money is expended supporting this company, will the Minister act to ensure that it is not spent to threaten people who have never had financial dealings with the company?

4264 FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

(1) Given the answer to my question 3601 dated 29 July 2008 by the previous Minister for Fair Trading, that the towns of Young, Harden and Boorowa were not covered by a financial counselling service following the announcement of the Financial Counselling Grants on 6 June 2008, which existing service has the Minister nominated to provide an outreach service to Young, Harden and Boorowa?
(2) If the Minister has not nominated an outreach service, from where will the residents of Young, Boorowa and Harden who need financial counselling access this service?

4265 REPRESENTATION ABOUT AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULE 97—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

When will Mr T. Szagmeister of Hornsby Heights have an answer to his concerns about Australian Road Rule 97 made in a representation dated 31 July 2008?

4266 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CYCLE WAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

When will the representation made by Mr Lars Emmerson, dated 23 May 2008, regarding a cycle way between Hornsby and Berowra Heights, be answered?

4267 REPRESENTATION ABOUT WIRE ROPE BARRIERS ALONG THE F3—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—

When will the representations from Mr Noel O’Kell, dated 25 July 2008, regarding concerns about wire rope barriers along the F3, be answered?

4268 NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

What are the benefits of nicotine replacement therapy and other drugs that help addicts to quit smoking to the New South Wales economy?

4269 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

How many students in the Sutherland Shire undertook the Higher School Certificate in each of the following years:

(a) 2008;  
(b) 2007; and  
(c) 2006?

4270 EMERGENCY SECTION—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) What is the mean waiting time for the treatment of patients in the emergency section of the Sutherland Hospital?
(2) How many nurses are rostered on the emergency section at Sutherland Hospital?

4271 MIRANDA LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
(1) What is the current authorised strength of police at Miranda Local Area Command?
(2) What is the actual strength?

4272 TUMUT HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) (a) Has the Minister met with the Federal Minister for Health, Nicola Roxon, in the past three weeks?
(b) If so, was the Tumut Hospital redevelopment discussed?
(2) Does the Minister agree with the Federal Member, Dr Mike Kelly, who says the building is an OH&S risk or the Federal Minister for Health who said the building is adequate and is a State responsibility?

4273 SCHOOLS AND TAFE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—

With respect to the current concerns being raised by teachers across NSW, including concerns raised by the NSW Teachers Federation:

(1) What action has the NSW Government taken in response to teachers' concerns that the proposed transfer system will result in hard-to-staff schools not having teachers and students missing out on learning?
(2) What assessment has the NSW Government made of future teacher needs and the call for an additional 1,000 teachers to meet current needs?
(3) What action has the NSW Government taken to respond to the expected retirement of 16,000 teachers over the next four years?
(4) How will the Government respond to concerns about current proposals undermining professional standards and teacher qualifications?
(5) What submissions have been made to the Government proposals for changes to school staffing, and what key concerns have been raised?
(6) What assessment has the NSW Government made of teacher salaries in other jurisdictions and how NSW salaries compare?
(7) What action has the Government taken in response to concerns about proposals for TAFE restructuring that will remove central Gender, Multicultural, Outreach, Corrections and Disability Equity Units?
(8) What action has the Government taken in response to concerns about the impact of fee increases on access to TAFE for disadvantaged groups, and for part time students?

4274 LAND CLEARING SATELLITE MONITORING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

With regard to the former Premier's 2007 announcement to allocate an additional $3.5 million of ongoing funding for an expanded satellite monitoring system to detect illegal land clearing:

(1) During the 2007/2008 financial year, how much of this additional $3.5 million was actually spent on satellite monitoring that was used to detect illegal land clearing?
(2) If this figure is less than $3.5 million, why wasn't all of it spent on a satellite monitoring system to detect illegal land clearing?
(3) In 2007/2008 how many incidents of illegal land clearing were detected using satellite monitoring?
(4) How many hectares of clearing were involved in these incidents?
(5) During this financial year, how much of this additional $3.5 million so far has been spent on satellite monitoring that is being used to detect illegal land clearing?
(6) During this financial year how many incidents of illegal land clearing have been detected using satellite monitoring?
(7) How many hectares of clearing were involved in these incidents?
(8) What specific areas in NSW are currently being monitored for illegal land clearing though a satellite system?
(9) How does the Department of Environment and Climate Change determine which areas require monitoring?

4275 BINGE DRINKING IN ENTERTAINMENT ZONES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
With respect to ongoing media reports and increasing community concern about binge drinking in the Government-declared 24 hour trading inner city entertainment zones, particularly involving young people:

(1) What assessment has the NSW Government made of the scale and impacts of binge drinking in inner city entertainment zones?
(2) What research has the NSW Government carried out or commissioned into effective strategies used in other jurisdictions?
(3) What action has the NSW Government taken to implement effective strategies to address binge drinking and associated crime and anti-social behaviour?
(4) What plans does the NSW Government have to implement effective strategies to address binge drinking and associated crime and anti-social behaviour?

INNER CITY POLICE COMMANDS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

With respect to the resources allocated to inner city Police Commands, which deal with complex social problems including:

- Large-scale inner city entertainment venues, clubs and hotels;
- Strip clubs, street sex work and the sex industry;
- Large numbers of homeless people;
- High levels of chronic alcohol abuse and street drinking;
- Drug dealing, youth crime and violence;
- Large Housing NSW estates;
- Sporting Stadia at Moore Park and Fox Studios;
- Significant "public order" concerns, including protection of VIPs and public institutions, street events and rallies; and
- Large numbers of tourists and visitors:

(1) How does the Government allocate resources to Police Commands across NSW, and what criteria are used to determine priorities?
(2) How do inner city Commands such as The Rocks, City Central, Kings Cross, Surry Hills, Rose Bay, Leichhardt, Newtown and Redfern compare with other Commands?
(3) What assessment has been made of staffing needs for these Commands since former Commissioner Ryan downgraded Commands from Level 1 to Level 2?
(4) What action has the Government taken to reallocate resources to these Commands since I began asking for increased resources in 2003?
(5) What plans does the Government have to review and reallocate resources to Commands facing serious crime and anti-social behaviour concerns?

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED DYING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

Following the Victorian Parliament considering the Medical Treatment (Physician Assisted Dying) Bill 2008, currently being debated as a matter of conscience, which would give people with a terminal illness or advanced or incurable disease the right to have assistance from a doctor to die peacefully:

(1) Is the Government aware of this Bill, its approach to this sensitive matter and the current debate in the Victorian Parliament?
(2) What plans does the NSW Government have to introduce similar legislation in NSW?
(3) What assessment has the NSW Government made of the levels of community support for this sort of legislation, and what plans does the NSW Government have to encourage and facilitate community discussion and education on this matter?
(4) Is the Government aware of similar developments in South Australia?
(5) Is the Government aware of interest in a Commonwealth Government Inquiry into the Northern Territory Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill?
(6) What action has the NSW Government taken to facilitate a national approach to this matter with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories?

PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
(1) What is the Department of Fair Trading doing to prevent private investigators claiming that they can legally access information that is not legally available to them?
(2) How many private investigators have been successfully pursued in NSW for making such claims in the past two years?

4279 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) What is the Police Department doing to prevent private investigators claiming that they can legally access information that is not legally available to them?
(2) How many private investigators have been successfully pursued in NSW for making such claims in the past two years?

4280 ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE—KU-RING-GAI—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) How many extra dwellings is the Electricity Commission planning to service in the Ku-ring-gai Council area over the next 20 years?
(2) What extra capacity has been planned for over that period of time?
(3) What is the current value of the capital electricity infrastructure in the Ku-ring-gai Council area?
(4) What extra capital expenditure will be required over the next 20 years?

4281 LICENSED AND REGISTERED FIREARMS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many firearms registration applications were approved by the Firearms Registry in:
   (a) 2006;
   (b) 2007; and
   (c) 2008 to date?
(2) How many licensed firearm holders are there in the Ballina electorate?
(3) How many registered firearms are there in the Ballina electorate?

4282 STATE RADIOThERAPy PLAN—Mr Donald Page to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) When will the State Government release the State radiotherapy plan to the public?
(2) (a) Will the State radiotherapy plan be released within the next month?
   (b) If not, why not?

4283 MOTOR ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLES—CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Roads—

In a document released by the RTA in February 2008 titled "Better regulation of motor-assisted pedal cycles: issues and solutions" it was proposed to offer conditional registration for non-exempt motor assisted pedal cycles.

Given that it was proposed to apply the conditional registration to vehicles, purchased before 1 January 2008 from an Australian retailer, that do not conform to the exemption from registration of motor-assisted pedal cycles or to the standards applying to a moped or small motor cycle, for a period of three years:

(1) (a) Has this recommendation been rejected?
   (b) If yes, what are the reasons for this rejection?
(2) Will the proposal be revisited given that the absence of the conditional registration option has rendered many motor-assisted mopeds illegal?

4284 SURPLUSES PRODUCED BY PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

What progress has the Government made toward introducing a feed-in tariff for surpluses produced by
domestic photovoltaic installations?

4285 ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to Tweed Hospital:
(1) What are the type and number of positions that have not been replaced in Allied Health Services over the past 12 months?
(2) How many Allied Health positions have not been filled which have been advertised over the past 12 months?

4286 LISMORE WESTPAC HELICOPTER SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to the Tweed Hospital:
(1) How many retrievals has there been by the Lismore Westpac Helicopter service in the past 12 months?
(2) If there have not been any, why has this service not been utilised?

4287 SURGERY AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to the Minister's response in Parliament on 21 October 2008 regarding Tweed Hospital which stated that Tweed Hospital would be undertaking more complex surgery, as more beds are available:

What type of complex surgery would be undertaken at Tweed Hospital?

4288 ENERGY EFFICIENT AUDIT AND REFIT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that the Government announced an energy efficient audit and refit program for low-income households ten months ago in December 2007:
(1) When will the promised smart meters start to be rolled out?
(2) What company is supplying the smart meters?
(3) How much does each smart meter cost?
(4) When will energy efficiency audits for small and medium businesses be available?

4289 PRESUMED EXTINCT LIST—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

Given the re-discovery of the dusky hopping mouse in 2003 and the desert mouse this month:
(1) When will the Department fund and organise a broader search for species in the Sturt National Park?
(2) How often does the Department review its 'presumed extinct' list?
(3) As the desert mouse had not been seen in NSW since 1857, how long does a species stay on the list before it is classified as 'extinct'?

4290 BIOBANKING TRUST FUND—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) How much money is currently in the BioBanking Trust Fund?
(2) How much has the Fund's value fallen in the last 6 months?
(3) Where do the Environmental Trust and Treasury Corporation invest the BioBanking Trust Fund money?
(4) Given that the income generated from the Fund is used to make scheduled annual payments to Biobank site owners, how will Biobank site owners be paid in a falling investment market?

4291 UNPAID HOSPITAL BILLS—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

What was the level of unpaid creditors as at 31 August 2008 and 30 September 2008 for invoices that were received within the previous 30 days and earlier than 30 days for and in respect of services or material for:
(a) Gloucester Hospital;
(b) Dungog Hospital;
(c) Singleton Hospital;
(d) Denman MPS Hospital;
(e) Merriwa Hospital;
(f) Scone Hospital;
(g) Murrurundi Hospital;
(h) Quirindi Hospital;
(i) Maitland Base Hospital;
(j) Tamworth Base Hospital;
(k) Muswellbrook Hospital?

4292 REPRESENTATION REGARDING LEARNERS PERMIT PERIOD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—

In relation to my representation to the Minister regarding an application from Sarah Mills of Nambucca Heads for an exemption from the requirement to undergo a further 12 months learners permit period prior to applying for a drivers licence:

(1) Is the Minister aware that Ms Mills’ drivers licence had been cancelled due to unpaid fines not related to driving offences?
(2) Is the Minister aware that the RTA sent the notice of cancellation to a vacant property, which had previously been resumed by the Government and that no subsequent notice was sent?
(3) Is the Minister aware that Ms Mills is currently unemployed in an area of high unemployment but has a job opportunity which requires a drivers licence?
(4) In view of the above, will the Minister use his discretionary powers to grant Ms Mills an exemption from a further 12 month learners permit period?

4293 EROSION OF THE RIVERBANK OF THE NAMBUCCA RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to serious riverbank erosion on the northern bank of the Nambucca River at Macksville (Ferry Street):

(1) (a) Has the Minister received an application for funding for remedial work from the Nambucca Shire Council?
   (b) If so, when will a decision be made on the funding application?
   (c) If not, is the Department aware of the problem?
(2) What are your plans to fix the problem before the busy road becomes undermined by erosion?

4294 SILTATION OF KILLICK CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to siltation of Killick Creek at Crescent Head:

(1) Is the Minister aware of this problem, which has seen the water in the creek become stagnant, killing mangroves and driving down tourism?
(2) If so, what assistance will the Department offer Kempsey Shire Council to resolve this problem?
(3) If not, will the Minister direct the Department to investigate this matter?

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