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2402 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AT NOBBY’S HEADLAND—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Regarding the proposed tourist development at Nobby's Headland, Newcastle:

(1) Has the Minister been contacted by the Federal Heritage Minister regarding the future of development on Nobby's Headland, Newcastle?
(2) Was the Minister at any point made aware of the Federal Government's plans to deny any proposed development on the site?
(3) Was the Minister at any stage contacted by any group or individual considering development of Nobby's Headland?
(4) At any stage did the Minister's office support such development going ahead?

Answer—

(1) No, however the Federal Minister's office recently informed my office that the matter is still under consideration.
(2) See answer (1).
(3) I am unaware of any correspondence from individuals or groups considering development of Nobby's Headland although I did receive some correspondence from interested groups and individuals regarding the proposed development.
(4) My only involvement was when the matter was raised by the proponent, before it was approved by the Heritage Council.

2403 NELSON BAY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

Regarding the proposed construction of a new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station, as mentioned in the 2007 Budget:

(1) Has the Department of Health selected or suggested a site for the construction of a new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station?
(2) Will the proposed sites for a new Ambulance Station be revealed to the public before a decision is made?
(3) Will the wider Port Stephens community who rely on effective Ambulance transfers to John Hunter Hospital have sufficient time to comment upon the proposed site to ensure it meets community expectations?
(4) With only $75,000 allocated in the previous budget for planning toward the construction of a new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station, can the Government guarantee a start date for the project?
(5) Can the Government provide the people of Port Stephens with a date upon which the proposed new Nelson Bay Ambulance Station will be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Ambulance Service of NSW and the Port Stephens Council are currently considering a range for possible sites for the Nelson Bay Ambulance Station.
(2) and (3) A Development Application will be submitted to Port Stephens Council and will be available for public comment through the Council's Development Application approval process.
(4) Construction of the new station is expected to commence in the first half of the 2008/09 financial year.
(5) Completion of the new station is expected at the end of the 2008/09 financial year.

2404 POST STEPHENS LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

Regarding the proposed creation of a dedicated Port Stephens Local Area Command, recommended by the New South Wales Police Northern Region Commander:

(1) Does the Minister support the creation of a dedicated Port Stephens Local Area Command as proposed by the Northern Region Commander?
(2) Will the proposed creation of a Port Stephens Local Area Command accelerate the timetable for the construction of a new Raymond Terrace Police Station?
(3) Has the Minister undertaken planning toward increasing the numbers of police officers in Port
Stephens to authorised Local Area Command strength?
Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:
(1) The Greater Hunter Workforce Planning Project was established to conduct a review of policing in
the Hunter area including the Lower Hunter, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and Waratah Local Area
Commands. The review examined key areas such as customer service, crime, impact of technology,
staffing and demographic composition. I await the Project's findings.
(2) Construction of the new Raymond Terrace police station is due for completion in 2010.
(3) See (1) above.

*2405 ILUKA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the
Illawarra—
(1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Iluka Police Station?
(2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Iluka Police Station?
(3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these offices expected to patrol?
Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:
(1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander.
Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response.

*2406 ILUKA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the
Illawarra—
(1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Fridays and Saturdays at Iluka Police
Station?
(2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
(3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?
Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me:
(1) to (3) Staffing allocations within a Local Area Command are matters for the Local Area Commander.
Commanders routinely explore a range of options to provide the most effective policing response. Staffing allocations may therefore vary according to operational requirements.

*2407 DENTAL CARE—WAITING TIMES—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Health—
(1) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 3 months for non-urgent dental care?
(2) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 6 months for non-urgent dental care?
(3) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 3 months for urgent dental care?
(4) How many Clarence residents have been waiting more than 6 months for urgent dental care?
Answer—
I am advised:
As the Member has not specified a time period for the data in this question it is not possible to provide
accurate data and any interpretation of the question would be subjective.
However, the NSW Oral Health Service Waiting List for Ambulatory Care is reported at an Area wide
level and is published on the NSW Health website at

*2408 ARUMA DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Health—
(1) How many days a week over the last 12 months has the Aruma Dental Clinic in Grafton had a dentist
available on the premises for consultation and dental work?
(2) How long has it been since a permanent dentist has been attached to Aruma Dental Clinic?
(3) When will the North Coast Area Health Service employ a permanent dentist to fill the current
vacancy?
Answer—
I am advised by the North Coast Area Health Service:
(1) From March 2007 to March 2008 the Aruma Dental Clinic had a Dentist available on the premises for 145 days clinical services. This equates to one Dental Officer working in Grafton on an average of three days per week.

(2) The Dental Officer at Aruma Dental Clinic was on special leave from November 2006. Since that time Dentists from Lismore and Coffs Harbour Dental Clinics, and locum Dentists from Grafton have provided services through the Aruma Dental Clinic.

(3) The North Coast Area Health Service is currently recruiting for a permanent Dentist for the Aruma Dental Clinic.

*2409 PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Has the Minister determined in favour of Clarence Valley cane growers and varied the new Pacific Highway route between Tyndale and Shark Creek in order to preserve high value farming land?

(2) When will the Minister announce the preferred Pacific Highway route between Wells Crossing and Harwood?

(3) When is construction scheduled to start on this section of the Pacific Highway and what is the projected completion time?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA engaged an independent expert to assist the project team in working with individual property owners. The RTA remains committed to working together with property owners and the cane industry to further minimise the impacts of the new highway on cane land.

I met with representatives of the Canegrowers Association in Sydney on Wednesday 6 February 2008.

I am advised the report being prepared by an independent expert on the nature of the impacts of the preferred route on cane land is now being finalised.

*2413 NSW GOVERNMENT BIOBANKING SCHEME—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) How many developers used the biobanking scheme in the Lower Hunter and Far North Coast region to offset their development?

(2) How much did these developers pay and where have these funds been expended?

(3) What biodiversity importance were these areas under?

(4) Have the conservation projects funded from the biobanking scheme resulted in the same biodiversity rating on the areas the funds have gone to conserve?

(5) What and how many threatened species have been protected as a result of the biobanking scheme?

(6) Has the biobanking scheme in the Lower Hunter and Far North Coast resulted in a net loss of natural habitat and threatened species?

Answer—

The BioBanking Scheme has not yet commenced.

*2414 ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW LEVELS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What are the Department's estimated environmental flow levels for:

(a) Narran Lakes;

(b) Paroo-Warrego Wetlands;

(c) Lobidgee Wetlands;

(d) Great Cumbung Swamp;

(e) Central Cumbung State Forests and Fivebough;

(f) Tuckerbill Swamps?

(2) Is this amount in line with the estimated environmental flow requirements as set out by the Department?

(3) What percentage of the water catchment do these areas represent?

Answer—
(1) Environmental flow requirements for NSW valleys vary. The environment requires very little water in some years, and large flows (similar to the floods it would have received prior to current levels of extraction) in others.

As part of the National Plan for Water Security, a Murray Darling 'Basin Plan' is being developed (by 2011) to set sustainable caps on water extraction. The Plan will use existing state estimates and information from the Commonwealth's Sustainable Yields assessment to determine the volumes of water required to sustain important environmental assets in each NSW valley. The aim of the Plan is to balance economic and environmental needs to support a healthy environment and productive regional communities.

The timing of environmental flows and the way in which they are delivered are as important as volume. The NSW River Flow Objectives outline the aspects of the natural flow regime that NSW is trying to restore to its water-dependent systems. Restoring these features is necessary to see the best result from the use of environmental water.


(2) NSW is recovering water for the environment through a number of mechanisms, including the NSW Water Sharing Plans, NSW RiverBank and NSW contributions to The Living Murray program. Water recovery targets have been set using the best science available to restore and maintain environmental assets such as the Macquarie Marshes. The Basin Plan and associated Commonwealth funding will increase NSW's ability to reset or broaden existing programs where necessary.

(3) The area these riverine and wetland systems cover is highly variable, as are their requirements for water. In any single year a site might require very little water or it may require a large flood. Through various water recovery programs, NSW is attempting to recover enough water for the environment to sustain the long term health of these systems, with or without the occurrence of natural floods.

*2415 NSW RIVERBANK ENVIRONMENTAL FUND—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Of the $105 million in the NSW RiverBank environmental fund:

(1) How much water has been purchased as a result of the water 'buy back' licenses?
(2) What is the Department's estimate of the amount of water allocated that must be recalled to ensure the sustainability of the environment?
(3) Will the Government be reviewing the effectiveness of this plan prior to the 2011 funding completion date?
(4) If so, when are these results going to be released to the public?

Answer—

(1) At 30 March 2008 RiverBank had purchased 32,000 megalitres across the nominated river valleys of the Macquarie, Gwydir, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee, with an additional 15,000 megalitres in contract.
(2) The volume of water required to be recovered to ensure sustainability of the environment will be informed by the Commonwealth's Sustainable Yield assessments. These assessments will be incorporated into the Murray Darling Basin Plan which is to be developed by 2011 to set long term sustainable caps on extraction.
(3) and (4) The RiverBank program is reviewed on an ongoing basis with quarterly and annual review cycles. Public access to Information that is not 'commercial in confidence' is available on the RiverBank webpage.

*2418 BRANCH LINE CLOSURES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) Is any consideration being given to stopping rail movements and maintenance on the Cowra to Eugowra railway line?
(2) Will the Minister give an undertaking to grain producers that there will be no further closure of branch lines in the Cowra district?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Services on the Cowra to Eugowra railway line were suspended in 1991.
(2) There are no current plans to suspend services on lines in the Cowra district.
**SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES**—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

(1) Have tenders been called for the provision of supported accommodation packages for the provision of alternative services for young people in nursing homes?
(2) When were tenders called?
(3) What are the specific details of these packages?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(3) The NSW Government is seeking to establish a range of flexible service models to provide innovative, age-appropriate solutions for high quality supported accommodation options as alternatives to residential aged care.

More detailed information on the nature of the supported accommodation being sought can be found on the department of Ageing Disability and Home Care website at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au. The specific code for this Expression of Interest is DADHC.08.19.

**ALCOHOL ADDICTION REHABILITATION**—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many alcohol addiction rehabilitation beds are there in NSW?
(2) Where are they located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) In NSW drug and alcohol residential treatment services are not generally based on drug type. Withdrawal management (detoxification) and residential rehabilitation treatment services are available to people with drug or alcohol problems, or problems with both drugs and alcohol.

In NSW drug and alcohol treatment is provided by three types of services:

- Area Health Services.
- Non-government organisations (NGOs).
- Private for-profit providers (private hospitals).

Drug and alcohol treatment services (including withdrawal management and residential rehabilitation) are available in all Area Health Services.

The exact number of drug and alcohol treatment beds is difficult to determine due to the fact that many NGOs receive income from other sources, in addition, NSW Health does not count beds in private for-profit services.

The Member is referred to Alcoholinfo (http://www.alcoholinfo.nsw.gov.au/) which is the official NSW Government website on alcohol issues.

**TUBERCULOSIS**—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many positive tests for tuberculosis have been detected in the Sutherland Shire over the past 12 months?
(2) How does this figure compare with previous years?
(3) Has there been an increase in the prevalence of this disease?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the member to my response to Written Question LA 2447.

**ILLAWARRA LINE**—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) How many delays occurred on the Illawarra Line between 1 March 2008 and 30 March 2008?
(2) What were the reasons for these delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) RailCorp makes every effort to minimise any disruption to the CityRail network.

However, delays can be sometimes experienced. I understand that during the month of March,
metropolitan peak services on the Illawarra line were delayed on a limited number of occasions. These delays were attributed to a variety of reasons including issues with trains and vandalism, bad weather, security and passenger illness.

*2425 HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCE TEST—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Why is it necessary to have an eye test each time you do the Heavy Vehicle licensing test when you have passed a GP licence medical one month previously?

(2) Why is it not permissible to use a Federally registered prime mover for licence testing when the vehicle can legally pick up and set down goods within the State on an interstate journey?

(3) Why is the pass mark 95-100 when no profession or trade test has such a high pass mark?

(4) Why is it necessary to do the complete test each time you fail?

(5) Why does excessive emphasis on mirror observation mean test failure, which amounts to the tester's opinion and judgement?

(6) Why can failure of the indicator to cancel due to insufficient steering wheel movement when going through a roundabout mean test failure?

(7) If Heavy Vehicle tests are deemed to be necessary why are they not done by driving schools who do all other truck licence testing?

Answer—

I am advised:

The national medical 'Fitness to Drive' guidelines deem heavy vehicle licences to be commercial which requires a higher eyesight standard.

Applicants renewing or replacing a class LR, MR, HR, HC or MC licence are exempt from eyesight tests, if they have passed an eyesight test in the previous 12 months.

The pass mark reflects the standard expected by the transport industry and the community for drivers of commercial vehicles. These vehicles transport people, large loads and dangerous goods, and as such, a high standard of driver competency is vital.

Heavy vehicle drivers must demonstrate they are competent in all aspects of operating the vehicle, and as such, must pass a complete test to obtain a heavy vehicle driver licence.

The testing officer records the applicant's performance against a set of criteria. The final test score is based on the driver's performance in a range of situations, including their ability to demonstrate safe driving. Good observation is a very important aspect of safe driving, and poor observation by the applicant will result in a low test score that may result in failure.

If during a driving test an applicant repeatedly makes signalling errors, a fail result will occur. Repeated signal errors demonstrate a lack of driver competence and skill. Furthermore, signals that confuse other drivers could result in a crash.

New heavy vehicle licence applicants have a choice between a driving test conducted by the RTA, or a competency based assessment with an accredited driving school. The competency based assessment scheme is designed for new drivers who have limited on-road experience in heavy vehicles. Experienced heavy vehicle drivers, such as drivers returning from disqualification or those transferring an overseas licence, are required to pass an RTA driving test.

*2427 RTA DATABASE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) Does the Roads and Traffic Authority collect data, in particular with regard to safety around schools?

(2) Is there a database relating to speed zones in each Roads and Traffic Authority area?

(3) Who collects and maintains the data?

(4) Can particular school crossings be identified?

(5) Can the data be accessed by:
   (a) the public;
   (b) Members of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA collects data relating to NSW school zone environments and school zone road safety concerns raised with the RTA. This information is used to assist the RTA to implement the school works program.
Each RTA region maintains a record of speed zone locations. The RTA is currently rolling out a new corporate speed zone management system that will allow the RTA to produce maps of speed zones across the State.

RTA officers continually collect data and update the database. The majority of schools are located on council roads. The RTA therefore relies on information collated by local councils.

The database cannot be accessed by the public or Members of Parliament.

**2428 TOY POKER MACHINES**—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) Is your Department accountable for the responsible sale of toy poker machines in toy shops?
(2) Is the toy poker machine considered a concern due to the potential harm that could be done in exposing minors to the concept of gambling while playing the machine?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The issues raised in the Honourable Member's questions would be more appropriately addressed by my colleagues, the Minister for Fair Trading and the Minister for Gaming and Racing.

**2429 TOY POKER MACHINES**—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

(1) Is your Department accountable for the responsible sale of toy poker machines in toy shops?
(2) Is the toy poker machine considered a concern due to the potential harm that could be done in exposing minors to the concept of gambling while playing the machine?

Answer—

The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

(1) No.
(2) The Fair Trading Act 1987 enables the Office of Fair Trading to intervene if there is evidence that a product is likely to cause injury or death.

Fair Trading administers regulations on children's toys based on potential injury hazards and not on the desirability of these toys. Toy poker machines that are constructed in a reasonable manner are unlikely to cause injury or death and are not restricted under the Act.

The suitability of toy poker machines is ultimately the responsibility of parents and carers who are in a position to make informed decisions as to whether the toy is appropriate to their children.

**2431 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICERS**—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

With respect to the vital role of Client Service Officer (CSO) in Housing NSW:

(1) How many CSO positions in Housing NSW zones CS1, CS2 and CS3 are vacant?
(2) How many CSO positions Housing NSW zones CS1, CS2 and CS3 are filled by temporary officers?
(3) How many formal complaints has Housing NSW received in zones CS1, CS2 and CS3?
(4) What training is provided to CSOs to help them manage this demanding and complex role?
(5) What ongoing support is provided to CSOs to help them provide fair and efficient help to Housing NSW tenants?
(6) How does Housing NSW ensure that CSOs carry out their work without discrimination and respectful of tenants' dignity?

Answer—

(1) As at 16 April 2008 there are 3 vacant CSO positions within Housing NSW zones CS1, CS2 and CS3.
(2) As at 16 April 2008 there are 27 CSO positions within Housing NSW zones CS1, CS2 and CS3 that are filled by temporary agency staff.
(3) Formal complaints by zones are not accessible from Housing NSW records.
(4) Mandatory training provided to CSOs includes Code of Conduct, Acceptable Workplace Behaviour, Introduction to Privacy, OH&S Policy & Reporting Information, Working in the Public Sector, Record Keeping, Sexual Harassment, Equal Employment Opportunity, Cultural Awareness (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Cultural and Linguistic Diversity) and Child Protection &
Mandatory Reporting. Housing NSW has a policy that all new staff, including temporary officers, must complete this training within three months as part of a compulsory General Induction Program.

(5) Housing NSW provides ongoing support to CSOs with formal training, coaching by experienced Senior Client Service Officers and leadership and supervision by Team Leaders. Employees have an annual development plan which is a record of the learning and development activities agreed by the individual and their manager.

(6) All Housing NSW staff are required to adhere to the principles of the Code of Conduct and Ethics, Commitment to Service, statutory responsibilities under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, meeting Housing NSW values as stated in its Corporate Plan and staff also adhere to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. Fact sheets produced by Housing NSW also encourage clients to raise any concerns of inappropriate behaviour and the Housing Contact Centre provides a 24hrs a day, 7 days a week service where concerns or complements may be raised. Housing NSW's Business Assurance Unit will investigate any concerns of unethical behaviour.

*2432 EDGECLIFF RAILWAY STATION AND BUS INTERCHANGE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given ongoing requests for improved access to Edgecliff Railway Station and Bus Interchange, reduced inner east bus services since the 2001 "Better Buses" program, and the high proportion of aged and disabled passengers needing public transport in this area:

(1) How many passengers use Edgecliff Railway Station each year?
(2) How many passengers use the Edgecliff Bus Interchange each year?
(3) How many busier Railway Stations are accessible to people using wheelchairs without help?
(4) How many less busy Railway Stations are accessible to people using wheelchairs without help?
(5) When does the Government plan to provide an Easy Access upgrade of Edgecliff Railway Station and Bus Interchange, given the Minister has previously informed me that this would occur in 2011/2012?
(6) When will design and planning work for Easy Access upgrade of Edgecliff begin?
(7) When will construction work begin on this Easy Access upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (7) Approximately 1.9 million passengers use Edgecliff Railway Station each year.

Physical accessibility at CityRail stations now exceeds the 25 percent target set by the Disability Discrimination Act, with 103 of the 304 stations accessible.

A total of $43 million in funding has been allocated to the design, planning and construction of accessibility upgrades of up to 20 stations across the CityRail network for the 2007/08 financial year.

A further nine stations will undergo accessibility or "Easy Access' upgrades over the next few years as part of a $200 million plan to build and upgrade stations across the CityRail network. Easy Access upgrades typically include:

• lifts and/or ramps;
• CCTV coverage and improved lighting;
• tactile ground surface indicators;
• accessible toilets and, in some cases, accessible car spaces.

RailCorp has prepared a program of Easy Access upgrades that will be undertaken between 2007/08 and 2015/16. Edgecliff Station is included in this program with scoping and planning to commence in the near future.

*2433 KINGSWAY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT PTY LTD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) What is the current arrangement between the Government and Kingsway Financial Assessment Pty Ltd?
(2) How much has the company been paid by the Government since its appointment?

Answer—

I am advised Kingsway Financial Assessments Pty Ltd was appointed on 24th March 2008 to a panel that provides financial assessment services through a standing offer agreement under State Contract Control Board contract No.0702055.

I am also advised under contract No. 0702055 which started on 24 March 2008, the NSW Government
has yet to be invoiced for any services by Kingsway Financial Assessments Pty Ltd.

*2434 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) (a) Will the Minister supply me with a copy of the Guidelines for Fixed Speed Cameras (not the criteria listed on the Roads and Traffic Authority website) as determined by the Roads and Traffic Authority?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) What are the guidelines for the placement of fixed speed cameras in New South Wales in relation to:

(a) Location;

(b) Topography;

(c) Speed zones?

(3) (a) Will the Minister supply me with a copy of the operation manual for fixed cameras like the one at Ewingsdale?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fixed speed cameras in NSW are installed at sites that meet specific criteria. The RTA Fixed Speed Camera Site Selection Criteria was developed in consultation with the NRMA and NSW Police. It is based on crash and injury crash rates, as well as travelling speeds.

The final location of a camera will depend on a range of site factors including safety of the positioning of the posts, access to power, communications, proximity to other utilities, access considerations for maintenance, and whether a single unit can illuminate all lanes monitored.

All fixed speed cameras in NSW have three large advance warning signs installed on the approach to each camera, encouraging drivers to check their speed and comply with posted speed limits.

Fixed Speed Camera operation manuals are confidential and commercial-in-confidence intellectual proprietary documents owned by the speed camera vendors. A copy is issued to the Roads and Traffic Authority for operational purposes only and, according to strict arrangements, not for disclosing or distribution to other parties.

*2436 ALLEGED ASSAULT—TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Is the Minister aware that video of an alleged assault at Toronto High School is posted on "YouTube"?

Answer—

I am advised that on 13 February 2008, an incident occurred between two students of Toronto High School and that a video of the incident was placed on "YouTube" however, this was subsequently removed by the "YouTube" administrators.

The Department of Education and Training provides guidelines to principals on the appropriate action to take in these circumstances.

*2437 FAST SERVICE FROM NEWCASTLE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) Why is the 5.08 am fast service from Newcastle changed to an "all stations" service when it is running behind schedule on reaching Gosford, adding 15 minutes to the journey?

(2) In such instances, does it replace the 6.38 am all stations from Gosford?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) RailCorp endeavours to ensure that its services run according to published timetables.

Without particulars such as a specific date or instance, it is not possible to provide detailed information regarding the cause of an alteration to the train stopping pattern.
Any alterations to the 5:08am service from Newcastle are made in accordance with critical operational requirements to ensure the provision of service to commuters between the Central Coast and Sydney.

*2438 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given the NSW TAFE Students with Disabilities Policy, why does the Hunter Institute refuse to provide a writer for a student suffering numerous disabilities, including a physical disability?

Answer—

The Institute has not refused to provide a writer for this student. An experienced and qualified TAFE note taker has been provided for each class that the student has attended.

*2439 MATERNITY UNITS— TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

(1) What is the yearly average figure for childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals for the period 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2007 inclusive?
(2) What is the yearly average number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals for the period 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2007 inclusive?
(3) What is the current 2007/08 financial year-to-date figures for:
   (a) total childbirths carried out in Tweed hospitals;
   (b) the number of Queensland residents giving birth in Tweed hospitals?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised that data on births in NSW is collected by calendar years, not financial years.

*2440 LEASING OF CROWN LAND—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

Given that there are three equestrian clubs located in the Tweed electorate, all of which operate on Crown land leases:

(1) When do the Crown leases expire for:
   (a) Tweed Heads Pony Club;
   (b) Cabarita Beach Pony Club;
   (c) Terranora Equestrian Club?
(2) Is the Minister aware of any discussion concerning the merging of these three equestrian clubs and relocating to a new Crown land location?
(3) If yes, what locations have been identified for the proposed new amalgamated equestrian club and are there any environmental issues concerned with these sites?

Answer—

(1) (a) 2 February 2011.
   (b) There is no current tenure arrangement between Cabarita Beach Pony Club and the Cudgen (R91482) Reserve Trust which is managed by Tweed Shire Council.
   (c) Terranora Equestrian Club does not operate on Crown Land.
(2) No.
(3) N/A.

*2441 POTTSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

Given that no funding details or planned development start and finish dates have been provided for the HealthOne NSW Centre in the 2007/08 budget or by the Minister in previous correspondence:

(1) How much funding does the Government intend to commit to this project?
(2) (a) Will funding for this facility be provided in the 2008/09 budget?
   (b) If not, why not?
(3) What are the planned start and finish dates for this project?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) to (3) The HealthOne Pottsville proposal is subject to planning consideration and approval by NSW Health.

The NSW Government has committed $40 million to establishing HealthOne NSW services across NSW.

*2442 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What towns are serviced by the eight sewerage projects under the Accelerated Sewerage Program?
(2) Which catchments do those towns currently discharge sewerage into?
(3) When will the last of these projects be completed?
Answer—
This matter is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water and should be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

*2444 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ACCOUNTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What capital projects were funded with the Sydney Catchment Authority's (SCA) increased borrowings of $64 million in 2007?
(2) What institution was this money borrowed from?
(3) What are the total borrowings for the SCA?
(4) How much interest does the SCA pay on this debt annually?
(5) In the Abridged Consolidated Income Statement, what forms of income are included under 'Other Income'?
Answer—
This matter is the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Water and should be referred to the Hon Nathan Rees MP.

*2447 TUBERCULOSIS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Health—

Over the past 12 months, how many positive tests for tuberculosis have been detected in:
(a) the Sydney Metropolitan area;
(b) the north shore?
Answer—
I am advised:
(a) and (b) Data for 2007 are currently being prepared and are expected to be finalised later in the year.

Australia has one of the lowest rates of tuberculosis (TB) in the world with rates between 5 and 7 cases per 100,000 head of population for the past ten years. Approximately 440 cases are notified in New South Wales each year. The rate of new TB cases has remained stable over the past ten years.

Statewide data on communicable diseases, including TB, is recorded in the Chief Health Officer's report available on the internet at www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep/

*2448 F3 FREEWAY—Mr George Souris asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) What is the current status of the "extension of the F3 to Branxton" project?
(2) Is this project part of the Government's 2010 or 2020 Transport Vision or State Plan?
(3) What proportion of the total funds is the Government of NSW committed to?
(4) Are you currently engaged with the Federal Government in discussions to vary the scope, specification and timetable for the extension of the F3?
(5) What are the details of these discussions and what is the NSW position on the proposed project?
Answer—
The NSW Government welcomes any investment in Hunter roads and will continue to work
cooperatively with the Federal Government to improve roads throughout the region.

*2450 TAXIS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
How many taxis operated from the Northern Beaches of Sydney in each of the years 1996 to 2007 inclusive?
Answer—
I am advised:
The Ministry of Transport does not maintain records of the number of taxis operating from individual suburbs within the Sydney metropolitan area.
All taxis licensed by the Ministry of Transport to operate in the Sydney Metropolitan Transport District may provide services throughout Sydney, including in the northern suburbs.

*2451 TAXIS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
How many taxi plates have been issued to taxis operating from the Northern Beaches of Sydney since 1996?
Answer—
I am advised:
The Ministry of Transport does not issue taxi plates to taxis for operation in individual suburbs within the Sydney metropolitan area.
All taxis licensed by the Ministry of Transport to operate in the Sydney Metropolitan Transport District may provide services throughout Sydney, including in the northern suburbs.

*2452 BIRTHS AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—
How many babies were born at Mona Vale Hospital in 2007?
Answer—
I am advised:
760 babies were born at Mona Vale Hospital during 2007.

*2453 COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
(1) Given the Community Use of Schools document has been languishing within the Department of Education and Training's bureaucracy for the last two years, what is the current status of the document?
(2) When will the document be made public?
(3) What is being done to develop a distinctive directive for Community Colleges' access to the State's schools?
Answer—
The Department of Education and Training has a current statement of policy and procedures with regard to community use of school facilities. The document is currently being revised and extended and is scheduled to be available during Term 2, 2008.
The revised Community Use of School Facilities Implementation Procedures will provide guidance and direction with regard to access to school facilities for adult and community education providers.

*2454 COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING AGREEMENTS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
(1) Given the Federal Government provides indexation with agreements it has with the NSW Government will the Minister agree to provide indexation on future funding agreements with the NSW Community Colleges sector?
(2) If not, why not?
(1) and (2) All Commonwealth funds are indexed. Commonwealth indexation is passed on to the whole vocational education and training sector across the State.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

In relation to the support unit at Melville High School:

(1) How long has the support unit at Melville High School been in a demountable building?
(2) When is it proposed to provide proper shower and toilet facilities and construct a permanent purpose-built support unit at Melville High School?

Answer—

(1) The Special Education Unit at Melville High School has been accommodated in a mix of both permanent and demountable accommodation since 1987.
(2) An access shower and toilet has been nominated for minor capital works under the Department of Education and Training’s integration sub-program.

The construction of a purpose built Special Education facility has also been nominated for future capital works.

These nominations will be assessed for future funding against other regional and state-wide priorities.

MIKE BAILEY—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

(1) Is the former Labor candidate for North Sydney, Mike Bailey employed in any capacity within the Department of Lands?
(2) If so, in what capacity?
(3) If so, on what remuneration?
(4) If so, when and how was the position to be filled advertised and what was the wording of such advertisement?
(5) Did you personally know Mr Bailey before he applied for the position in your department?
(6) Did you have any contact, directly or indirectly, in any manner with Mr Bailey prior to him applying for the position?
(7) If so, why and in what context?
(8) Did you in any way suggest or encourage Mr Bailey to apply for any position in your department?
(9) Did you indicate your support to Mr Bailey should he apply for any positions in your department?
(10) Did you indicate your support to Mr Bailey to any person in your department or who might be directly or indirectly involved in the recruitment of Mr Bailey?
(11) If so, who was that person or persons?
(12) Who was the person who was directly responsible for the employment of Mr Bailey at your department?
(13) Have you called in that person and/or your Director General to explain to you why Mr Bailey was employed, what role he has in your department and what expertise he has to fulfil that role?
(14) If not, why not?
(15) If so, what was the result of such discussions?
(16) When was the first time you knew Mr Bailey was employed by your department?
(17) What in fact is the role Mr Bailey undertakes in your department?
(18) What are his hours of work?
(19) If less than normal public service hours of work, why are they less?
(20) Does Mr Bailey undertake secondary employment?
(21) If so, in what capacity?
(22) If so, did he seek secondary employment as part of his agreement to work with your department?
(23) If so, why was secondary employment granted?
(24) If he did not seek secondary employment as part of his original employment arrangement, when did he seek permission from your department to undertake any such secondary employment?
(25) Who in your department granted permission, if any, for Mr Bailey to undertake secondary employment?
(26) Were you informed of Mr Bailey's secondary employment?
(27) If so, when?
(28) If so, by whom?
(29) How many other persons in your department on a like salary/wage band to Mr Bailey have sought and obtained permission from the relevant officer of your department to undertake secondary employment?
(30) Would Mr Bailey's position in consideration of his wage/salary be considered a Senior Executive Service position?
(31) If so, do you have to approve any appointments at Senior Executive level?
(32) If so, on what date were you made aware of Mr Bailey's appointment?
(33) If so, on what date did you approve the appointment to Senior Executive level?
Answer—
(1) to (3) Mike Bailey Enterprises Pty Ltd is contracted by the Department of Lands to provide specialist media and communication skills on a three month contract with remuneration of $12,500 per calendar month.
(4) There is no requirement for a contract of this nature to be advertised
(5) to (7) I've known Mr Bailey for many years in a professional context.
(8) No.
(9) to (11) N/A refer answer (8).
(12) Warwick Watkins.
(13) to (15) No, it was not necessary, refer answer (1)-(3).
(16) 16 January.
(17) Refer answer (1)-(3).
(18) As a contractor he is required to work whatever hours are required to fulfil the role. This includes after hours and weekend work.
(19) N/A refer answer (18).
(20) Yes.
(21) Television presenter.
(22) to (34) In addition to answer (1)-(3), there are no restrictions on Mr Bailey undertaking other assignments, provided there is no conflict of interest with his contract arrangements and Mr Bailey is not a salaried public sector employee.

*2457 CAPE HAWKE COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health—
(1) Did the Minister make public statements that 20 public beds would be available in the Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital by the end of the financial year (2007-2008)?
(2) If so, what is the current position in relation to the supply and commissioning of the beds?
(3) If so, will the commissioned beds be open by the end of the financial year mentioned above?
(4) If not, why not?
(5) If not, when will the beds be supplied and commissioned?
Answer—
(1) to (5) I am advised by Hunter New England Area Health Service that a consortium was appointed in late December 2007 to develop a business case to guide and undertake negotiations with the operators of Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital to provide public hospital patient services in the Forster/Great Lakes area. A 'Call' document outlining the standards and requirements for the provider of the 20 public beds is currently being finalised and will inform negotiations with Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital. The 'Call' document is expected to be completed shortly.

The consortium and Hunter New England Area Health Service are working to ensure that contractual agreement with Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital is achieved as soon as possible. Once agreement is reached, then any capital refurbishments at Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital will need to be completed before the first patients can be admitted.
*2458 REPRESENTATIONS—MR PHIL BAKER—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

When will the Minister reply to my letter dated 2 October 2007 and follow up letters dated 15 November 2007, 12 December 2007 and 11 January 2008 on behalf of Mr Phil Baker concerning running a commercial enterprise in a national park on special occasions?

Answer—

I recently replied to Mr Turner's representations to the former Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water.

*2459 XPT SERVICE TO DUBBO—Mr Russell Turner asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) What is the total number of passengers travelling on the Sydney-Dubbo-Sydney XPT service for the years:
   (a) 2004;
   (b) 2005;
   (c) 2006;
   (d) 2007?

(2) Of those passengers what percentage were:
   (a) Full paying passengers;
   (b) Passengers utilising a pensioner or other rebate allowance?

(3) What is the passenger capacity of this service?

(4) How often is service capacity reduced through a reduction of carriages or engines?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) Information on CountryLink service provision, patronage and concessions are provided in the Railcorp Annual Report as required.

*2460 TRAFFIC SURROUNDING SCHOOLS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given there are considerable problems with traffic surrounding schools built in the past ten years due to a lack of car parking spaces and inappropriate kiss and drop zones being implemented in the initial planning stages of these schools:

(1) Will the Government ensure appropriate parent parking and kiss and drop facilities will be built within the boundaries of all new schools to eliminate further traffic problems around these areas in the future?

(2) Will the Minister review the traffic problems around existing schools to investigate opportunities of incorporating additional parking facilities within these sites?

Answer—

The Government encourages safe pedestrian travel to new schools by placing the school centrally to its catchment zone and not facing main arterial roads. It also encourages bus transport to schools by providing free transport to students who live beyond a certain distance from the school. These policies are ecologically responsible and provide a balanced approach to school transport issues.

Onsite parent parking is not the preferred option as, in addition to not being an ecologically friendly transport solution, it creates additional traffic dangers for students from extra traffic across the footpath and dangers for students in the car parks from moving and reversing cars.

All new schools, however, have pick up and drop off zones identified in their planning phase and approved by the traffic authority and local council in the development application process. Full traffic studies are undertaken by an independent qualified traffic consultant in the planning phase of any new school.

Existing schools can bring any traffic issues to the attention of the Department by school Principals contacting their regional Asset Management Unit. Specific solutions will be explored in consultation with the local council.
LYMPHOEDEMA TREATMENT—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health—
Given many women who have been affected by breast cancer also suffer lymphoedema as a result of breast cancer and that treatment by massaging to alleviate the pain is extremely costly with limited rebates:
When will the Government increase funding for women suffering lymphoedema who are not in a position to pay for additional massage treatment?
Answer—
I am advised:
NSW Health funds services for various forms of treatment for lymphoedema that are available to women attending publicly funded health services in NSW. These services may be accessed through integrated cancer care centres or public hospital outpatient clinics and allied health units.
Some services are also available in the private sector and may be covered by private health insurance depending on the insurance policy. The State Government has no involvement in shaping insurance products or setting private health insurance rebates.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health—
Given the Health Department was granted $10,000 some time ago to undertake a study into the needs of greater community transport in the rural areas of Hawkesbury:
(1) When will this study be completed?
(2) Will the Government provide additional community transport on behalf of the residents in New South Wales who are suffering cancer and renal failure and who need this service desperately?
Answer—
I am advised:
(1) Sydney West Area Health Service received funds of $10,000 to conduct a review of community transport arrangements for renal dialysis patients in 2004/05. The review is complete and recommendations have been incorporated into the Sydney West Area Health Service Transport for Health Implementation Plan. The Plan provides a framework for improvements in the provision and co-ordination of community transport networks across Sydney West Area Health Service, including for cancer and renal dialysis patients.
(2) A range of transport services are available to all NSW residents, including those suffering cancer and renal failure, under the NSW Health Transport for Health policy (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2006/PD2006_068.html)
Community transport, provided by local community transport organisations or other transport providers, receive funding from a range of government and non-government agencies at local and state levels to deliver transport services.
The main funding agencies for community transport in NSW are the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) and NSW Health. NSW Health continues to work closely with DADHC and the Ministry of Transport to enhance service funding, planning and coordination.

SPRAY PAINT CANS—REGULATIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
(1) Do officers of the Department of Fair Trading inspect retail outlets to ensure compliance with regulations relating to the display and sale of spray paint cans?
(2) If so, how many retailers have been found to be in breach of these regulations?
(3) How many of the retailers referred to in (2) have been:
   (a) Prosecuted;
   (b) Issued with an infringement notice;
   (c) Cautioned?
Answer—
The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

(1) Fair Trading inspectors, as part of their regional compliance inspection programs, conduct proactive inspections of retail outlets who display and offer for sale spray paint cans to confirm compliance with The Summary Offences Amendment (Display of Spray Paint Cans) Act 2006 and New South Wales Fair Trading legislation.

Responsive inspections are also conducted where consumer complaints are received by Fair Trading alleging breaches of the Act.

(2) One warning has been issued to a trader for displaying spray paint cans contrary to the requirements of the Act. A follow up inspection is scheduled to ensure compliance.

(3) (a) None.

(b) None.

(c) None.

2464 POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2465 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

2466 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—LICENCE CONDITIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

2467 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

2469 ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2470 YOUTH SUICIDE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—

*2471 BROOKVALE OVAL—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

What were the outcomes of the Government's discussions in relation to the upgrade needed at Brookvale Oval?

Answer—

Discussions are still occurring with key stakeholders.

2472 MANLY WHARF—SALE OF COMMUTER TICKETS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

*2473 REFERENCES FOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT TENANTS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

Regarding references for prior Housing Department tenants:

(1) What processes are followed by Housing Department staff when providing former tenants with references when accessing private housing?

(2) What processes are in place to prevent problem tenants from receiving favourable references from Housing Department staff?

Answer—

(1) Housing NSW does not give references. Before issuing a Statement of Satisfactory Tenancy, Housing NSW reviews the tenancy history to ensure there is no record of the client breaching the Tenancy Agreement and that their rental and other accounts have been maintained in a satisfactory manner. For current tenants, a property inspection is also undertaken.

(2) A Statement of Satisfactory Tenancy is not issued if clients do not meet the above criteria.

2474 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
2475 PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL AT MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2476 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2477 OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS—REVIEWS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2478 HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—

2479 USE OF HYDROTHERAPY POOL—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Health—

2480 FORESHORE RENTAL INCREASES—MIDDLE HARBOUR—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

2481 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2482 MACLEAN POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2483 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2484 GRAFTON POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2485 PRINCES HIGHWAY—NAROOMA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2490 JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE TRUST—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2491 OMBUDSMAN RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2493 TRANSIT OFFICERS—SOUTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

*2494 GARAGE DOOR FITTERS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

When will the Minister respond to my concerns regarding the imposition of unfair fines and unreasonable licence expectations on garage door fitters in my electorate?

Answer—

I responded to your representations on behalf of Ms Margaret Bowcher, Office Manager, Shoalhaven Doors, and Mr Mark Rose of 12 Clarendon Crescent, Basin View, on 11 April 2008.

2495 40 KM ZONE AT SOUTH NOWRA—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2496 ROADWORKS—JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2497 PENSIONER EXCURSION TICKET SCHEME—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
2498 SECURITY FENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2499 FALSIFICATION OF WAITING TIMES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—

2500 SPEEDING OFFENCES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2501 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2502 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

*2505 DADHC ACCOMMODATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

(1) What is the status of the properties in Hornsby electorate that are used as DADHC accommodation?

(2) Are the "blocked" DADHC group homes now "unblocked"?

Answer—

(1) There are 17 properties in the Hornsby electorate operated by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care: two centre-based respite units and 15 group homes. The group homes, which range in size from three to five bedrooms, provide accommodation for 63 permanent clients. There are three funded vacancies which have gone through the vacancy management process where people have been identified to proceed to the exploration stage for those vacancies.

(2) The issue of 'blocked' beds refers to places in centre based respite units that are temporarily unavailable for respite because they are occupied by a client through emergency circumstances. There is currently one blocked bed in one of the respite units, with plans for this client to move to a non-government accommodation provider.

2506 HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2507 FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

2508 STANWELL PARK VIADUCT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2509 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2511 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2512 CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2513 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2514 OLD NORTHERN ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2515 ADDITIONAL DRIVING LIGHTS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

*2517 KINGS CROSS YOUTH AT RISK PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

With respect to the Kings Cross Youth at Risk project, funded as a "Community Solutions" program involving South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service, Department of Community Service, Housing NSW, Kings Cross Police, the City of Sydney and local non-Government community service providers:
(1) What analysis has the NSW Government made of this project and its impact on young people at risk of crime, drug addiction, sex work, homelessness and exploitation?

(2) How many young people has the project worked with during its operation, and what evidence is there about ongoing need, including young people continuing to move to inner city streets to escape problems?

(3) What outcomes were achieved as a result of this coordinated approach to preventing harm and risk for vulnerable young people, including reduced "service surfing" and improved referral?

(4) What outcomes were possible because of the project's access to brokerage funds to help young people get home, reunite with their families or establish a new home?

(5) What specific strategies were identified as effective in working with at-risk young people?

(6) How will the NSW Government ensure that this work to prevent young people entering a career of homelessness, drug addiction and crime will continue?

Answer—

The Kings Cross Youth at Risk Project works with young people in crisis by coordinating services and ensuring service availability after hours. It is facilitated by a steering committee, comprising members of government and non government organisations, led by the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service.

The Project comprises two arms: Joint Outreach Sweeps which proactively put young people in touch with community and health services, and Youth Brokerage Funds providing financial assistance where needed.

Outcomes of the Project have included:

- Improved referral pathways and service integration
- Individualised case management, avoiding multiple case managers
- Reduced duplication of services and 'service surfing'
- Less young people becoming entrenched in unhealthy lifestyles through early intervention support
- Better information on the needs and risks faced by young people in the Kings Cross area which will assist future planning and outreach operations

Up to February 2008, the brokerage funds have provided accommodation related assistance to 409 young people and health related assistance to 128 young people. The fund has also provided assistance for transport, education, food and clothing. Of the 81 young people provided with assistance to return home, only 2 have returned to the Kings Cross area.

Outreach Sweeps have contacted 326 young people frequenting the Kings Cross area between 8PM and 2AM.

The Kings Cross Youth at Risk Steering Committee is currently conducting in-depth analysis of both the Joint Outreach Sweeps and Youth Brokerage Applications to assess future needs.

Continuing assistance to youth at risk in the Kings Cross area is provided by the Department of Community Services through the Kings Cross and Central Sydney Adolescent Unit and in partnership with Mission Australia and the Salvation Army. Kings Cross Police also maintain a Youth Liaison Officer working closely with associated agencies on crime prevention in the area.

(1) How will the new structure provide for excavation advice that was given by the NSW Heritage Office during excavations when relics are discovered?

(2) How will the new structure provide for the assistance that the NSW Heritage Office provided in the conservation of movable heritage items?

(3) Will the new structure maintain Local Government Liaison Officers who provide advice to councils and the community on local heritage matters?

(a) If so, how will this work?

(b) If not, why not and how will councils and the community get the advice previously provided by Local Government Liaison Officers?

(4) How many NSW Heritage Office staff members worked on State heritage listings?

(5) How many staff in the NSW Government's proposed "stand alone unit" will work on State heritage listings?
How will the "stand alone unit" provide the technical and administrative support to the NSW Heritage Council that was provided by the NSW Heritage Office?

How will the NSW Government ensure that none of the functions of the NSW Heritage Office are reduced as a result of the new structure?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. No lesser archaeological support or advice will be provided by the newly-named Heritage Branch, Department of Planning.
2. Core functions of the Heritage Act, such as advice on the conservation of movable heritage, will continue unaffected.
3. The current Local Government Heritage Advisers Network will continue, with support as before from the Heritage Branch.
4. Up to 5 staff worked on State Heritage Register listings at various times.
5. No change within the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning is proposed to previous practice concerning State Heritage Register listings.
6. The Heritage Branch will provide the same technical and administrative support to the NSW Heritage Council as did the Heritage Office.
7. The transfer of some Heritage staff up-front into the Department's plan-making, development assessment and policy processes will enhance heritage considerations in any decisions.
2530 HELICOPTER FLIGHTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

2531 COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2532 LICENSING PROPOSALS FOR OLDER DRIVERS - SUBMISSIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2533 MAINTENANCE WORK—PITTWATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2535 STUDENT TRANSPORT—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2536 MARTIN BRIDGE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2539 MIDDLE DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2541 BOUNDARY ROAD AND OLD PITT TOWN ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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2542 BREAK, ENTER AND STEAL OFFENCES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2544 TYNAN ROAD CROSSING—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2545 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE STATION AT MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2547 WIRREANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL—DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2548 PATIENTS FROM TOMAREE PENINSULA—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Health—

2552 ENDANGERED WILDLIFE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2554 TRADING HOURS FOR RETAIL OUTLETS IN GOULBURN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2555 WATER PIPELINE TENDER—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

2556 BLUESCOPE STEEL GREENHOUSE GAS CREDITS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
CORRECTIVE SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

UNLAWFUL DIVERSION OF WATER—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

*COLLATERAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Will the Minister compensate ratepayers whose councils have lost money in the collateral debt obligations (CDO's) even though they followed Treasury guidelines?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your question:

Each council is responsible for its investment decisions and accountable to its ratepayers for any losses. Most reported council losses for collateralised debt obligations are paper losses at this stage. Any loss would only crystallise when the CDO is sold. Councils have been advised not to rush into selling CDOs without first obtaining independent advice from a licensed financial advisor.

STUDENT TRANSPORT—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITALS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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

STUDENT TRANSPORT—FOREST HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

READING RECOVERY PROGRAMS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

MAINTENANCE WORK AND CAPITAL WORKS—WAKEHURST SCHOOLS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

*PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—WAKEHURST—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance in public housing in the Wakehurst electorate?

Answer—

Repairs and planned maintenance expenditure varies from month to month depending on demand. Housing NSW maintenance expenditure is contained in its annual report.

MAINTENANCE OF AMBULANCE STATIONS—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health—

STUART NEAL AND SHARON GUEST—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

*PUBLIC HOUSING IN YOUNG—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

(1) How many public housing residences are operated by the Department of Housing in the Young Local
Government Area (LGA)?
(2) On what date was the last public housing property in the Young LGA completed?
(3) Has any allocation been made in the NSW Budget for any new public housing construction in the Young LGA?
(4) Does the Department of Housing have any specific plans to increase the number of public housing residences in the Young LGA in subsequent years?

Answer—
(1) 176.
(2) 1995, Young is not a high demand area and the wait for the properties is amongst the shortest in the state.
(3) No.
(4) No.

*2572 PURCHASE OF CROWN LAND—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

(1) Why has the Department of Lands not responded to the request to purchase the land under enclosure permit 164930 made by Ms J Downie that has been outstanding since at least April 2007?
(2) When can Ms Downie expect a reply from the Department of Lands?
(3) As Ms Downie has applied to purchase this land, why is she being threatened with legal action because of unpaid crown land lease payments?

Answer—
(1) The Department of Lands has acknowledged receipt of Ms Downie's application.
(2) The Department is endeavouring to process applications as quickly as possible.

Ms Downie has been advised that if completion of her application is critical to other property transactions she should advise the Regional Manager of the circumstances so that he can arrange for her application to be expedited.
(3) Rent for the 3-year period 19 December 2004 to 18 December 2007 still remains unpaid. This amount must be paid before the road closing application can be finalised.
**2591 NSW DISABILITY PERMITS**—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

Given that Queensland authorities have fined numerous Tweed residents who have a NSW disability permit on their vehicle for using disabled parking in Queensland because their permits are not deemed to be valid in that state:

(1) What are the current regulations regarding the use of a NSW disability permit in other states?

(2) Will the Minister discuss this issue with Disability Services in Queensland and seek to have this anomaly corrected to ensure that disabled Tweed residents who travel to Queensland are not unfairly fined for illegal parking?

Answer—

(1) At a recent meeting with Federal and State Community and Disability Services Ministers from across Australia, support was given for the development of a possible national approach by the Federal Government to harmonising disability parking schemes. It was acknowledged that several areas of responsibility would need to be engaged for a national parking scheme to be successful.

The Federal Government has agreed to report back as the concept of this initiative is developed.

In NSW, the responsible agency is the Department of Roads. Questions relating to this issue are therefore best directed to the appropriate Minister.

(2) Answer as per question (1).
(3) If so, why was he removed from the Trust?
(4) Currently, are there any vacancies on the Trust?
(5) If so, how many positions are vacant on the Trust?
(6) If so, why have those positions not been filled?
(7) Does the Trust promote The Towrang Stockade?
(8) If so, how does the Trust promote The Towrang Stockade?
(9) If so, is The Towrang Stockade included in the Goulburn tourist information brochure?
(10) If not, why not?
(11) If not, has the trust supplied information about The Towrang Stockade to the local tourism office?
(12) If not, why not?
(13) What signage exists to promote The Towrang Stockade?
(14) Is there any signage on the Freeway indicating where The Towrang Stockade is?
(15) If not, why not?
(16) If not, are there any plans to erect such signage?

Answer—
(1) Yes.
(2) 16 July 2007.
(3) Mr Doggett did not operate effectively as a member of the Trust and continually acted without the authority or sanction of the trust board in what appeared to be an attempt to achieve his own aims. He demonstrated his own self interest by registering his business name as "The Towrang Stockade", without any prior approval of the Trust, the Department of Lands or the Minister.
(4) Yes.
(5) Three (3).
(6) Under the Crown Lands Act 1989, the affairs of a reserve trust can be managed by a minimum of 3 trust board members. Furthermore, since the term of the current trust board expires on 18 December 2008, the Department of Lands will, in the next few months, be calling for nominations for appointment to a new trust board that will sit for the next five (5) years.
(7) Yes.
(8) By brochures at the Goulburn Information Centre and signage within the nearby/adjacent Derrick Rest Area.
(9) Yes.
(10) N/A.
(11) N/A.
(12) N/A.
(13) Extensive signage exists at the adjacent Derrick Rest Area.
(14) No.
(15) and (16) There are no plans to erect more signs as sufficient signage exists within the rest area and access to the site is clearly shown in the existing information brochure.

2604 WORKERS COMPENSATION SPECIALISED INSURANCE SCHEME LICENCES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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2605 TOW TRUCK AUTHORITY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2606 RETAIL COMPETITION IN RURAL NSW—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2607 BUS SERVICES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2608 CLEANER GOVERNMENT FLEET—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
2609 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2610 SPEECH THERAPIST AT COWRA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

2611 SALE OF ILLABO SCHOOL RESIDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2612 HAEMODIALYSIS BED NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2613 HAEMODIALYSIS WAITING LISTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2614 PUBLIC LIGHTING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2615 SOLAR IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2616 TOLKIEN II REPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—

2617 NOISY VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2618 FREE RANGE PIGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2619 COST ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

2620 REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2621 BELROSE SPACE CORRIDOR—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2622 TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL’S EXPOSURE TO THE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE MARKET—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

2623 SUBSIDISED SCHOOL GROUP TRAVEL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2624 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2625 PLANNING STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2626 VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2627 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
NARRABEEN AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

DRAFT RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND RELEASE STRATEGY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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TRAVELLING TIMES TO THE SYDNEY CBD—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

PROPOSED TOMAGO INDUSTRIAL SITE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS AT SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2007 FLOOD AND STORM MEDALLIONS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

YAMBA POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

CORAKI POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

CORAKI POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

CASINO POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

CASINO POLICE STATION—NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

FLUORIDATION—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—

EXERCISE CATALYST 2008—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

THREATENED SPECIES PROTECTION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

LAKE BURRAGORANG WATER SUPPLY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
VEGETATION MONITORING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

PUBLIC HOUSING—WINDMILL STREET, MILLERS POINT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

STATE TRANSIT "RUNAWAYS"—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

PRIMO INVESTIGATION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

STATE WARDS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

AIR AMBULANCE COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

INQUIRY FOR OUT OF HOME CARE OF CHILDREN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

DAME EDITH FACILITY—CONCORD HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

LOCK DOWN POLICY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HOUSING—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance in public housing in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—

Repairs and planned maintenance expenditure varies from month to month depending on demand. Housing NSW maintenance expenditure is contained in its annual report.

WATER SAVING DEVICES—CRONULLA SCHOOLS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

EXPRESS TRAINS—CRONULLA RAILWAY LINE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

PROBATION OFFICES—SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) CANOLA—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

HICKSON ROAD CAR ENTHUSIASTS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

With regard to trial closure of Hickson Road in order to prevent the congregation of groups of motorists with "hotted up" cars and exhaust systems, with resulting noise and safety impacts on residents of Millers Point and Walsh Bay:

(1) What is the outcome of the trial of the closure of Hickson Road in terms of residential impacts?
(2) What complaints have been received from local residents since the closure was removed?
(3) What is the outcome of the evaluation of this trial and the removal of road closures and other treatments?
(4) What evidence is there that those involved in this activity have been displaced to other areas such as Cowper Wharf Road Woolloomooloo and Macleay Street Potts Point?

(5) What action will the Department of Premier and Cabinet take or coordinate following this evaluation, and when will this occur?

(6) What action will the Government take to provide venues where car enthusiasts can legally carry out their activities?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The City of Sydney has been requested to provide advice on the trial closure of Hickson Road to assist with the evaluation of the George Street and Hickson Road Action Plan. This evaluation is incomplete as the City of Sydney’s response is yet to be received.

The NSW Government will continue to work with partners in the Action Plan and the local community to develop a long term traffic management strategy for the precinct.
2683 SAVE THE BRUMBIES INC—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2685 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

2686 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2687 MULLER PARK RESERVE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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2688 SCHOOL UNIFORMS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2689 REVESBY COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2690 REVESBY TURNBACK FACILITY—Mr Alan Ashton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2691 RTA'S BICYCLE MASTERPLAN 2010—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2692 BEAR COTTAGE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—

2693 MANLY JETCAT SERVICES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2694 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2695 CYCLEWAYS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2696 141 BUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2697 BALGOWLAH PIONEER CLUBHOUSE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—

2698 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2699 NSW MARITIME RENTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

2700 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAIL LINE OPENING—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2701 CHATSWOOD-EPPING RAILLINE DELAY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2702 EPPING ROAD BUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
2703 272 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2704 272 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2705 273 BUS SERVICE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2706 273 BUS SERVICE—APRIL 2007—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2707 ROADS FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2709 GAS PEAKING CAPACITY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2710 FARMER EXIT ASSISTANCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2711 RAINWATER TANK SUBSIDIES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

*2712 OFFICE REFURBISHMENT—GREEN STAR RATING—Ms Pru Goward asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

What is the Green Star rating of the refurbishment of the office of the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment in 2007?

Answer—

The refurbishment of the office of the former Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water in 2007 was undertaken in accordance with the lease requirements of Governor Macquarie Tower.

Green Star ratings are generally not granted for offices with a floor space of less than 1,000 square metres, as was the case with the former Minister's office.

2713 MARULAN TOWNSHIP—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2714 MEDWAY DEVELOPMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2715 COMPENSATION TO MARULAN LANDOWNERS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2716 FUTURE OF MINING IN THE MARULAN REGION—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2717 ZONING BY GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2718 ZONING OF PENROSE MINING OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2719 ZONING FOR EXTRACTIVE OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2720 CLASSIFICATION OF EXTRACTIVE AND MINING OPERATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2721 SYDNEY CANBERRA CORRIDOR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
2722  COURT COSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2723  HOSPITAL FOOD—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2724  COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

2725  CONFUSED AND DISTURBED ELDERLY—LONG JETTY—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2726  TUBERCULOSIS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2727  HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS—UPPER NORTH SHORE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2728  TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2729  ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—CRONULLA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2730  WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN’S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—

2731  SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE RAIL LINE UPGRADE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2732  PARRAMATTA TO EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2733  APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BUSES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2734  REPOSSESSION OR SEIZURE OF MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr Wayne Merton asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

(1) What statutory powers, if any, do financial authorities have to repossess or seize motor vehicles from motor traders who have been authorised to carry out work by the hirer or lessee of such vehicles?

(2) If such statutory powers do exist what notification or documentation would be given to the repairer?

(3) Does the financial institution have any legal liability to pay the amount owing for any repairs carried out by the motor repairer?

Answer—

The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

(1) The Consumer Credit Code provides certain protections to consumers in relation to repossession, but these are restricted to credit provided for personal, domestic or household use.

These laws require default notices to be issued to consumers who are behind in their repayments and require a 30 day period following the receipt of that notice for the consumers to get the contract back on foot before any repossession action is taken.

If credit providers want to enter domestic premises for repossession purposes they must get the permission of the resident or obtain a court order.

(2) N/A.

(3) N/A.

2735  ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2736  PRISONER REHABILITATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2737  DRUG TREATMENT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health—
2744 ADMINISTRATORS TERM—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) Can the Minister outline why the State Government considers a 4-year term for an Administrator appointed to a dismissed local Council as an appropriate length of time?
(2) (a) Is the Minister aware of any precedent where an Administrator's 4-year term has been reduced for any reason?
   (b) If so, what are the details of the precedent case?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

(1) and (2) The Governor's power to declare the civic offices of a council vacant is one that is only exercised as a last resort and where a council is demonstrated to have become dysfunctional. That is to say there has been a systemic breakdown of the council accompanied by a significant loss of public confidence.

Where a council has been dismissed, it is often found that in order to repair the council and make the necessary cultural changes within the council's organisation, a period of administration is required. The period of administration required will depend upon the nature and extent of the cultural changes required. A reasonable period of time will then be needed in order to allow those important cultural and administrative changes to be put in place and take effect.

The period of administration must also have regard to where the date of dismissal falls within the council's four year electoral cycle. It is necessary to avoid residents and ratepayers bearing the additional expense of multiple elections which can be considerable.

Every council is different and therefore, the period of administration should be assessed on an individual basis and in accordance with each council's need.
2751 CATTLE TICK FEVER—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2752 TICK FEVER INQUIRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2753 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2754 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2755 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2756 ACCELERATED SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2757 SYDNEY CATCHMENT SPECIAL AREAS—NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2758 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—BORROWINGS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2759 DELAYS IN OBTAINING DEATH CERTIFICATES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2760 BURDEKIN PARK SINGLETON—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2761 AIR COOLING PROGRAM—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2762 PATIENTS AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

2763 CURRAWONG DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2764 SCHOOL BUS INTERCHANGE—SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2765 ROAD BRIDGES OVER THE NORTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2766 TUNCURRY AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—

2767 WENTWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - PETITION—Mr John Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

2768 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KELLYVILLE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LAWN BOWLS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

ROOF REPAIRS—WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

PATHOLOGY SERVICES—ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health—

SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

SPIT-MILITARY ROAD WORKING GROUP—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

LIFETIME SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE CLAIMS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

JESSIE NEAL—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—

JESSIE NEAL—PLACEMENT OF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

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JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

JESSIE NEAL—TEMPORARY CARE AGREEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—

JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

JESSIE NEAL—COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES WITH PLACEMENT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Community Services—

NON-INVESTIGATION BY POLICE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—EUROBODALLA SHIRE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

CARBON GEOSEQUESTRATION IN NSW WATERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

OCEAN OUTFALLS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

DERELICT BUILDING—NORTH BONDI—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

COFFS HARBOUR HEALTH CAMPUS—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health—
2790 FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS AND PREVENTION—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2791 TICK OUTBREAK AND PREVENTION—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2792 DETAILS OF GRANT TO COROWA FEEDLOT—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2793 COMPOSTING AND USE OF AQUATIC WEED—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2794 REFURBISHMENT OF CHILDREN’S WARD AT BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

2795 AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG WOMEN—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

2796 HAIRDRESSING COURSES IN TAFE REGIONAL COLLEGES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2797 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2798 BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW – CANADA BAY COUNCIL—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) Who is conducting the better practice review into Canada Bay Council?
(2) When will the review be completed?
(3) Will the review be made public?
(4) Why has the Minister set up the review?
(5) What other councils have been ’reviewed’?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

(1) to (3) A representative of Department of Local Government and a representative from the Department of Planning will be conducting the review. The review will be completed and made public later this year.

(4) and (5) The Department of Local Government’s Better Practice Review program intends to review all councils in New South Wales. Councils to undergo a review are selected for a number of reasons based on Departmental priorities and objectives. Additionally, many councils seek a review to satisfy themselves that their processes represent standards of good practice.

2799 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2800 ZONING OF RURAL AREA IN GOULBURN-MULWAREE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2801 MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME BY PROXY CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2802 DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

2803 FIREARMS VIOLATIONS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
2804 SOUND BARRIERS—F3—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

*2805 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance in public housing in the Hornsby electorate?

Answer—

Repairs and planned maintenance expenditure varies from month to month depending on demand. Housing NSW maintenance expenditure is contained in its annual report.

2806 RENAL PHYSICIAN – HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2807 "CLOSE THE GAP"—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

2808 FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2809 ALCOHOL RELATED BREACHES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2810 WORDING ON IPTAAS APPLICATION FORM—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—

2811 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2812 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2813 ROAD USAGE—BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2814 PATRONAGE—NORTH WEST BUS TRANSITWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2815 CONSTRUCTION OF WEST FACING RAMP—M2 MOTORWAY—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2816 ADDITIONAL DISABILITY FACILITIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

2817 PERMISSION TO LODGE—REQUIREMENT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

2818 ASSISTANCE TO MEN'S SHEDS PROJECTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2819 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2820 NSW-QUEENSLAND CROSS BORDER TASK FORCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

2821 CATTLE TICK FEVER—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2822 NOT FOR PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES—TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2823 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
2824 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION—NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health—

2825 POLICE OFFICER ACTIONS FOR COMPENSATION—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2826 GUIDELINES FOR CLAIMS BY POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2827 RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—

2828 APPLICATIONS FOR BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2829 PROTECTION OF LOW-LYING COASTAL REGIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

*2830 PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS—KEMPSEY—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

How many families/tenants have transferred from Dubbo to public housing in Kempsey in 2006, 2007 and 2008 (to date)?

Answer—
2006 - Four families.
2007 - Nil.
2008 - Nil.

2831 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

2832 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

2833 EQUIPMENT FOR KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health—

2834 MAINTENANCE WORK—TINONEE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2835 REPAINTING OF MARTIN BRIDGE, TAREE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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2836 READYMIX REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE — ROOTY HILL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2837 YARRAWONGA-MULWALA BRIDGE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2838 MUDGEE CSC—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2839 YOUNG HOSPITAL MAMMOGRAM X-RAYS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

2840 HARNESS RACING IN THE RIVERINA—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
2841 SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2842 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2843 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2844 ST IVES SHOWGROUND—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

2845 ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE F3 AND M2—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2846 COST PLUS RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

2847 ILLEGAL CATTLE MOVEMENTS ON THE NSW NORTH COAST—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2848 CROSS-BORDER HEALTH AGREEMENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

2849 RESURFACING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2850 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING HELICOPTER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2851 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2852 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—ROTARY WING TENDER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2853 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

2854 INCIDENTS OF CONTRABAND IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

2855 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT ON STAFF IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

2856 DAWN SERVICE AT GALLIPOLI—Mr George Souris to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

2857 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2858 BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—E88 SERVICE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2859 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MANUAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
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2860 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE NEAR WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2861 EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY—APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

2862 REPRESENTATIONS—MR ROHIT PATHIK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

2863 SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY—ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

2864 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—HELICOPTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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2865 NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Given advice from the Minister for Climate Change and Environment that the Federal Government may discontinue the jointly funded Natural Disaster Mitigation Program, what steps have been taken to ensure funding levels are maintained to assist local communities to prepare for natural disasters?

2866 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What are the reasons for the cancellation of the signing of the Cross-Border Policing Agreement in Corowa on 7 May 2008 by the NSW and Victorian Police Commissioners?
(2) What steps are being taken to implement this agreement?
(3) What joint operations are to be introduced or facilitated under the proposed agreement?

2867 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION NIGHT SHIFT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many general duties police officers are on duty night shift Friday and Saturday at Glenreagh police station?
(2) How many general duties police officers are on night shift other nights of the week, i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?
(3) What surrounding communities are these officers expected to respond to and patrol?

2868 RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCES—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

(1) Why does Maritime Services not send out renewal notices for boat licences?
(2) Why is the cost of "reinstating" a boat licence once the renewal date is passed more than double the cost of the annual licence fee?

2869 YAMBA POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Yamba Police Station?
(2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Yamba police station?
(3) If not, what other police stations or precincts are these officers expected to patrol?

2870 GLENREAGH POLICE STATION—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many general duties police officers are assigned to Glenreagh Police Station?
(2) Are they exclusively assigned to the Glenreagh police station?
2871 DADHC FUNDED RESPITE CARE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

In relation to DADHC funded respite care in NSW:

(1) How many individual respite beds in NSW are currently blocked by a client in both adult and children’s services that are operated by DADHC or funded through NGOs by DADHC?

(2) What is the longest time that an entire respite care facility funded by DADHC through NGOs or operated by DADHC has remained unable to be accessed for respite services due to any reason in the past five years?

(3) Which facilities have been closed for access in this time period, with multiple closures of the one facility to be counted for each and every separate closure?

(4) What is the total number of respite days that have been lost in NSW due to blocked DADHC funded beds, [including each bed for multiple bed closures within one facility – for whatever reason] for the nearest 12-month period figures are available for?

(5) How many clients who have been made homeless are currently spending week days or weekends at more than one respite care facility or short term stay accommodation facility?

(6) How many clients who were blocking DADHC operated beds have been transferred into the NGO sector in the last 12 months or the nearest 12-month period figures are available for?

(7) How many clients have been accommodated in motels, caravan parks, holiday camps or holiday facilities in NSW in the past 12 months or for the nearest 12-month period figures are available for?

(8) What has been the total cost to DADHC for this type of accommodation (Q7) for the past 12 months or the nearest 12-month period that figures are available for and is it funded with the respite budget or the accommodation budget?

(9) How many respite hours in total have been serviced in motels, caravan parks or holiday camps/facilities in the past 12 months or for the nearest 12-month period figures are available for?

(10) Have any DADHC clients made homeless been accommodated in either adult justice facilities or juvenile justice facilities in the past five years?

(11) If yes, how many and what has been the length of time for each client, broken down to show numbers for each adult justice/juvenile justice placement?

(12) Does DADHC ever use respite care facilities, motels, caravan parks and holiday camps for the care of clients who normally reside in funded accommodation services?

(13) If yes, does any of this funding come from the respite budget?

(14) If yes, how much has this cost in the past 12 months or for the nearest 12-month period figures are available for?

2872 EOI TENDERS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

(1) Why, at a meeting with Nardy House Inc members held on 13 February 2008, which meeting was specifically requested to discuss funding of Stage 2 of the project (Permanent accommodation for people with complex needs), were members not alerted to two processes available for funding access; the first a scoping submission related to supported accommodation and young people in aged care facilities (closing on 29 February 2008), and second an EOI tender RFEOI DADH 08.19 related to the same for capital works (closing on 18 April 2008) released by the Minister the following week in Bathurst?

(2) What were the details of the consultancy procedure and the consultancy questions put to residents in nursing homes and their carers/guardians to garner the figures that indicate the areas of greatest need in this document EOI RFEOI DADH 08.19?

(3) Why were hospital residents with disabilities not included in the statistics related to this EOI RFEOI DADH 08.19?

(4) Why were present support accommodation waiting lists not incorporated into the statistics related to this EOI RFEOI DADH 08.19?

(5) What is the explanation for the apparent contradiction in the EOI RFEOI DADH 08.19 that asks for unique models of infrastructure and operation, only to set a definite descriptive graded clientele list in its Indicative Funding Section?

(6) How would a six bedroom group home with the SNAP mix of clients described in the Indicative Funding Section of EOI RFEOI DADH 08.19 be staffed, and how would this staffing meet the Disability Standards Act and OH&S requirements?

(7) Will the Minister explain how the SNAP mix of clients described in the Indicative Funding Section benefits the residents with the most complex levels of support?
LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARKS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What is the breakdown of the location of the sources of the $12 million recurrent-funded parks lease revenue received by the Government in the 2006-2007 financial year?
(2) What is the process for granting of these lease agreements?
(3) Will the Minister provide information on the commercial rate as declared by the Department of Commerce and the rate charged by the Department of Environment and Climate Change?
(4) Is the $12 million put into a fund for specific projects or is it carried over into general revenue?

NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

How many patients in Goulburn and Bowral hospitals have had claims of negligence settled with monetary payments and been required to sign confidentiality clauses in order to receive the settlement?

AWARENESS OF UNSAFE DRUG USE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

What efforts is the New South Wales Government making to promote awareness of the fertility, child bearing and infant health consequences of unsafe drug use among young women?

TREATMENT IN ACT HOSPITALS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) How much did the New South Wales Government pay the ACT Government for the treatment of residents of New South Wales in ACT hospitals in 2006-07?
(2) How many New South Wales residents were treated in ACT hospitals in 2006-07?

MOTORCYCLE GREEN SLIPS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to Motorcycle Green Slips in New South Wales:

(1) What is the trend in total quantum dollars of CTP premiums collected annually from motorcycle CTP policy holders?
(2) What is the trend in the dollars quantum paid out of the CTP and/or LTCS schemes for claims against motorcycle CTP policy holders?
(3) Will the Minister provide me with a copy of the 2007 MAA Relativity Survey?
(4) Are claims made against the scheme(s) by riders of unregistered motorcycles?
(5) When will the results regarding current motorcycle claims experience in its current relatives review be released?

MATERNITY PROCEDURES—GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL AND BOWRAL HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) What are the following rates for surgical/medical procedures for maternity cases at Goulburn Base Hospital and Bowral Hospital and how do these compare with state and national average:
   (a) Episiotomies;
   (b) Forceps enabled deliveries;
   (c) Caesarean sections (planned);
   (d) Caesarean sections (emergency);
   (e) Epidural anaesthetics?
(2) What is the range of stays and average number of stay-days in maternity of these two hospitals compared with state and national averages?

FERRY/ZOO PASS FOR SENIORS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

(1) Will the Minister investigate allegations that Sydney Ferries engaged in deceptive advertising directed at seniors stating a Zoo and travel pass for $30 is somehow discounted when an individual general entry ticket to Taronga Zoo for seniors is $23 and an all day travel pass for seniors on Train/Bus and Ferry is $2.50?
(2) Will the Minister investigate the $30 Zoo and Ferry pass offered by Sydney Ferries during Seniors Week this year when Taronga Zoo offered a discounted general entry ticket for seniors week at $10 and the usual all day travel pass for Train/Bus and Ferry was available at $2.50?
2880 KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
(1) What is the projected cost to Sydney Water of water per cubic metre from the Kurnell desalination plant once operational?
(2) What will the projected cost per kilowatt hour of energy from renewable sources be for the Kurnell desalination plant, once operational?
(3) What is the projected cost to Sydney Water per kilolitre price to the consumer of water from the Kurnell desalination plant, once operational?
(4) How many kilolitres of brine will be returned to the South Pacific Ocean each year from the Kurnell desalination plant, once operational?

2881 CENTRAL COAST ROADWORKS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
(1) When did roadworks on the Central Coast Highway between Tumbi Road and Ocean View Drive commence?
(2) When will they be complete?
(3) Will the businesses along the affected area of the road, some of which have had their business income cut in half, be compensated?

2882 RADIOTHERAPY TREATMENT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health—
(1) Why is there no publicly available radiotherapy treatment for cancer sufferers at Gosford Hospital?
(2) When will this service be made available? What is the estimated cost?
(3) How many patients from the Central Coast travel each day to Royal North Shore Hospital for radiotherapy treatment?

2883 TERRIGAL BEACHFRONT/CBD CRIME—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
(1) How many reports of (a) assault (b) robbery with violence at Terrigal beachfront/CBD were made in (i) 2005 (ii) 2006 and (iii) 2007?
(2) How many arrests for (a) assault (b) robbery with violence at Terrigal beachfront/CBD were made in (i) 2005 (ii) 2006 and (iii) 2007?

2884 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE ENTRANCE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
(1) How many public housing properties are located in The Entrance electorate?
(2) How many people are housed in public housing properties in The Entrance electorate?
(3) How many of the public housing properties located in The Entrance electorate are:
  (a) 1-bedroom units;
  (b) 2-bedroom units;
  (c) 3 or more bedroom units;
  (d) 1 or 2 bedroom houses;
  (e) 3 or more bedroom houses?
(4) Of the public housing properties located in The Entrance electorate how many tenants are paying market rent?
(5) How long is the expected waiting list for maintenance for public housing properties in The Entrance electorate?
(6) Of the public housing properties located in The Entrance electorate, how many are:
  (a) Valued at over $200,000?
  (b) Valued at over $300,000?
  (c) Valued at over $400,000?
  (d) Valued at over $500,000?
(7) Of the properties valued at over $500,000, what is the address of each these properties in The Entrance electorate and their individual market value?

2885 DAUGHTER OF JULIE BROWN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
(1) Is the Minister aware that the Revd G Capsis has stated that he believes that the daughter of Ms Julie Brown has been further abused since being returned to DoCS in October last year?

(2) Have any reports to this effect been made to either DoCS staff or the NSW Police?

(3) If so have any members of this child's family been notified of these reports?

(4) On what date was the last visit by Ms Julie Brown to her child?

(5) Was this visit supervised or unsupervised?

(6) On how many occasions has Ms Julie Brown visited her daughter in the past 3 years?

(7) Will DoCS seek independent examination of Ms Brown's daughter to ascertain her wishes for future care and guardianship before she appears before the Guardianship Tribunal?

2886 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

(1) How many complaints of workplace harassment and bullying have staff at the Commission for Children and Young People made during:
   (a) 2004;
   (b) 2005;
   (c) 2006;
   (d) 2007;
   (e) to date in 2008?

(2) How many of these complaints have been substantiated?

(3) Why, as of 28 March 2008, has the former employee of the Commission, Mr G Payton of Redfern, been unable to obtain a termination of employment salary advice, despite several verbal and oral requests for this information to be provided?

(4) Has this information been provided to Mr Payton as of 6 May 2008?

2887 PLAN-IT YOUTH PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) On what date does the current funding for the Plan-It Youth Mentoring Plan expire?

(2) How many students access this program in:
   (a) Young;
   (b) Harden-Murrumburrah;
   (c) Cootamundra?

(3) Will the Minister give a commitment that this important program will continue with at least the current level of support when the current funding expires?

2888 WATER QUALITY MONITORING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Now that the sewerage treatment plant at Brooklyn is operational, when will the department vary the environmental protection licence to require regular water quality monitoring of the exclusion zone at the outfall site under the Hawkesbury River Bridge?

2889 KURING-GAI AND EASTWOOD LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What are the current police numbers in the Kuring-gai and Eastwood Local Area Commands (LACs)?

(2) How many extra police will be added to the staff establishment of the above LACs?

2890 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) (a) In relation to Hornsby Shire Council, and after being informed that none of the council funds had been utilised in the USA subprime area, have any funds been allocated in related investments?

(b) If so, what are these investments?

(2) Has Hornsby Shire Council lost or gained any income related to these investments?
2891 EARLY STARTERS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) What is the criteria for enrolment of students in the Early Starters Program in NSW public schools?
(2) Are students allowed to enrol in "out of school zone" programs?
(3) What funds have been allocated for this program for the schools in the Hunter Region?

2892 CRONULLA STATION PARKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What was the cost of building the staff parking area at Cronulla Railway Station?

2893 HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance on properties owned by the department in the Cronulla electorate?

2894 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

How many highway patrol officers were on active duty in the Miranda Local Area Command on:

(a) 31 October 2007;
(b) 7 December 2007;
(c) 1 January 2008;
(d) 15 January 2008;
(e) 26 January 2008;
(f) 3 February 2008?

2895 MAN: A COURSE OF STUDY (MACOS)—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) (a) Does the Department of Education currently sanction or approve the use of the course, Man: A Course of Study (MACOS), in New South Wales Government schools?
(b) If so, how many schools are using this course in 2008?
(2) Are parents advised of this course and offered an alternative for their children if they object?
(3) If this course is not now being used in state schools, how long is it since it was used?
(4) What were the reasons for its withdrawal?
(5) Are there any plans to revive its use?

2896 DISCOVERY CENTRE—CAPTAIN COOK’S LANDING PLACE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What items of historical significance are stored in the vault at the Discovery Centre at Captain Cook's Landing Place, Kurnell?
(2) When and where will these items be again available for the public to view?

2897 CAPTAIN COOK AND SIR JOSEPH BANKS COLLECTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) Will the NSW Government be seeking to purchase items from the rare collection of Captain James Cook and Sir Joseph Banks items that have been offered for sale on behalf of a private owner by Horden House?
(2) Will the NSW Government consider purchasing items to be put on public display at Captain Cook's Landing Place, Kurnell, the birthplace of modern Australia?

2898 RTA EXAMINERS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

(1) How many RTA testing staff work on Saturdays and Sundays in the Wagga Wagga electorate?
(2) How much is paid in overtime for their services on Saturdays and Sundays?
(3) How many RTA examiners are/were there in NSW:
   (a) currently;
(b) in 2007;
(c) in 2006;
(d) in 2005?

(4) How many RTA examiners are/were there in the Wagga Wagga electorate:
(a) currently;
(b) in 2007;
(c) in 2006;
(d) in 2005?

2899 COUNSELLORS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) What resources are available in the Wagga Wagga electorate to deal with juvenile male sexual assault perpetrators?
(2) What counselling support is available for families of the perpetrator?
(3) In the absence of a public counsellor with specialist expertise does the Government fund perpetrators to access private counsellors with specialist expertise?
(4) How many counsellors are available in Wagga Wagga electorate and where are they located?

2900 COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) Are members of the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Corporation Committee paid?
(2) How much is paid to the Chairman?
(3) How much is paid to the Members?
(4) How much is paid to the Deputy Members?
(5) Are Members paid a set fee per year or per meeting?
   Who sets the fee and how are amounts of remuneration set?
(6) What funds are surplus?

2901 BUS ROUTES 613 AND 614—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Is the Minister aware of the difficulties and hardships caused to the residents of Belle Vista and adjacent areas as a result of the proposed changes to bus services on routes 613 and 614?

2902 BUS ROUTE 606—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Is the Minister aware of the difficulties and hardships that the proposed changes to bus service 606 will cause to the residents of Winston Hills, including the many elderly people residing at Woodberry Retirement Village?

2903 BUS ROUTE REVIEW—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Will the review of Region 4 bus routes include the provision of additional bus services for route 618 to and from the Norwest Business Park, in particular to provide services throughout the day for the many people who work flexible hours, as opposed to traditional working hours?

2904 PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGION 4 BUS SERVICES—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) How many people have lodged submissions in respect of the proposed changes to Region 4 bus services in north western Sydney?
(2) What steps were taken to inform local residents of the changes?
(3) Did these steps include letter box distribution of information through affected areas?
(4) If not, what areas were included in any distribution?
(5) Is the Minister aware that many affected residents are claiming that they had received no notification of the proposed changes?
(6) Will public meetings be held by the Ministry for Transport to inform residents of the proposed changes?
(7) In view of the fact that the only form of public transport in many of the areas affected by the changes is by way of bus, will the closing date for submissions, 9 May 2008, be extended?

2905 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

(1) What profit sharing agreements have been entered into by the Government with developers in the past 10 years regarding the development of previously Government controlled land or property?
(2) Has the Government forgiven any parts of the profit sharing obligations of those developers, thus reducing the return to taxpayers?
(3) Have any of those developers been afforded any other preferential treatment by the Government?

2906 DEVELOPMENT PROFITS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

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2907 MINISTERIAL OFFICES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

Regarding previous reports that former Environment Minister Koperberg was to be accommodated in proposed new offices costing up to $500,000, what has happened with these offices now that Mr Koperberg has resigned and other Ministers have taken his portfolios?

2908 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

Given that under the current system only contents and building insurance policy holders pay the fire services levy in NSW and that the Insurance Council of Australia states the removal of Fire Services Levy from NSW insurances would result in 98,600 more households taking up contents insurance and 22,800 households taking up building insurance:

(1) (a) Is the Minister going to remove the fire services levy from NSW insurance policies?
   (b) If not, why not?
(2) Does the Minister consider it acceptable that one section of the community contributes to fire services provided to the entire community in NSW?
(3) What is the Minister going to do to correct this inequity?

2909 INSURANCE TAXES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

(1) Is the Minister aware that general insurance taxes in NSW are higher than in any other country in the developed world?
(2) Does the Minister consider this acceptable?
(3) (a) Is the Minister going to reduce the excessively high insurance taxes in NSW from the current level given that they are almost three times the level of comparable international average rates?
   (b) If not, why not?
(4) (a) Will the Minister reduce NSW stamp duty on insurance premiums to the "best practice" rate of 7.5%?
   (b) If not, why not?

2910 TAFE TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) Has the Department of Education implemented the downgrading of future permanent TAFE teacher qualifications from a university qualification to a certificate 1V in Training and Assessment?
(2) How does this change complement the Federal Government's policy to address the skills shortage?

2911 RAIL SERVICES—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
Will the Minister ensure that services required for participants in the "Loop the Lake 2009" cycle event for Sunday March 8 2009 will be provided by RailCorp as per the Rotary Club of Warner's Bay notification and not affected by scheduled cancellations?

2912 CITYRAIL CUSTOMER SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Further to the Minister's response to Question 2290, would the Minister advise how many Lake Macquarie and Newcastle users of the Newcastle and Central Coast line were consulted during the 2007 CityRail customer survey?

2913 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

Given that a submission made at the Tweed Hospital Inquiry referred to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia's guideline of one pharmacist for every 15 specialised care beds:

(1) Why has the Department of Health failed to adequately staff the Pharmacy Department at the Tweed Hospital, which has over 200 beds but employs only 4 pharmacists leaving a shortfall of at least 3 pharmacists?

(2) Is the Minister aware that there are no replacements available when any of the pharmacists at the Pharmacy Department take leave?

(3) Given that a new ward is set to open in the Tweed Hospital containing an additional 40 beds, will additional pharmacists be recruited to the Tweed Hospital to keep in line with the ratio of one pharmacist for every 30-40 beds?

2914 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ACUTE CARE SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Given that a submission made at the Tweed Hospital Inquiry by a medical professional stated that "1,237 patients were located on corridors at the time of discharge from the emergency department in 2007" at the Tweed Hospital, how many of these 1,237 patients were never actually assigned to a specific ward at the Tweed Hospital?

(2) Given that the Tweed Hospital Emergency Department has only 21 beds, how do critical patients who require emergency department facilities receive the necessary level of treatment from a corridor?

(3) Given that this "corridor ward" situation occurs when all 204 beds at the Tweed Hospital operate in excess of 100% occupancy (with levels sometimes as high as 108%), are any additional medical staff placed on duty to cope with this increased demand?

2915 SCRIM TESTING OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT SEXTON HILL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

Given that Sideways force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine (SCRIM) testing is used to collect skid resistance data to formulate treatment and maintenance plans for roads that are prone to skidding accidents:

(1) How frequently is SCRIM testing conducted on the Pacific Highway at Sexton Hill?

(2) When was the last SCRIM test conducted on the Pacific Highway at Sexton Hill?

(3) (a) Have the results of this SCRIM testing been released to the public?

(b) If yes, where can these results be found?

(c) If not, why not?

(4) Will the Minister provide the SCRIM test results conducted on the Pacific Highway at Sexton Hill for the past 5 years?

2916 GRAIN HAULAGE—Mr George Souris to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What is the NSW Government's plan for the transportation of wheat beyond July 2009?

2917 ELECTRICITY—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

(1) What has been the total amount of coal consumed for the past 12 months (1 June 2007 to 31 May 2008) at:
(a) Liddell Power Station;
(b) Bayswater Power Station?
(2) What has been the total amount of alternative fuels consumed (tonnes) for the same period for each of the stations above?
(3) What is the amount of coal that was saved from consumption on account of the solar energy used at Liddell Power Station?
(4) What is the amount of electricity produced (or its equivalent) through the operation of the solar power augmentation at Liddell Power Station?

2918 AFFORDABILITY OF ENERGY FOR PENSIONERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
What impacts will the Government's proposals to privatise parts of the electricity sector have on the affordability of energy for pensioners?

2919 CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
How many names are listed on the Child Protection Register for the Northern Beaches Local Area Command?

2920 RESTRICTIONS ON BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
Are there any restrictions relating to the use of buses along Cabbage Tree Road, between Samuel Street and Minkara Road, Bayview?

2921 FORSTER POLICE STATION—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
(1) (a) Are up to six new probationary police officers to be stationed at Forster Police Station?
(b) If so, when?
(c) If so, will this provide enough police officers to allow the Forster Police Station to be staffed on a permanent basis as a 24 hour police station?
(d) If not, why not?
(2) If six new probationary police officers are not to be appointed to Forster Police Station how many will be appointed?
(3) When will they be appointed?
(4) (a) If less than six officers are to be appointed, will there be sufficient officers appointed to allow the permanent 24 hour operation of the Forster Police Station?
(b) If not, why not?

2922 ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AT CALVARY MATER NEWCASTLE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—
(1) What accommodation arrangements are in place for Taree-Wingham patients residing more than 100km from the Calvary Mater Hospital, Newcastle, who require radiation treatment at the Calvary Mater Hospital?
(2) How many accommodation beds are available for such Taree-Wingham patients at the Calvary Mater Newcastle?
(3) (a) Is accommodation available over weekends?
(b) If so, is the accommodation located at the grounds of the Calvary Mater Hospital?
(c) If not, why not?
(4) If motel accommodation is available for Taree-Wingham patients, what transport arrangements are provided for travelling to and from radiation treatments at the Calvary Mater Hospital?
(5) (a) If motel accommodation is provided, is it also provided on weekends if a patient does not or cannot return home on weekends between radiation treatments?
(b) If not, why not?
ADMINISTRATION OF CROWN RESERVES—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

Given that the Minister's response to Question 2244 advised that 33 Crown Reserves were under administration:

(1) What is the hourly rate paid to each administrator?
(2) Where an administrator administers more than one reserve, what is the payment structure for such administration?
(3) How much has been paid to each administrator to date?

APPLICATIONS FOR WORKS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

(1) How many applications are currently awaiting determination within the Hawkesbury electorate for approval on behalf of residents wishing to:
   (a) Stabilise bank deregulation and erosion on their properties which front the Hawkesbury River;
   (b) Build rock retaining walls to prevent further undermining and loss of land to their properties by the Hawkesbury River;
   (c) Remove trees which are falling into the Hawkesbury River and taking land and soil with them?
(2) Why was an application for 348 Grono Farm Road Wilberforce for the above mentioned works refused by the Department of Lands when dozens of other properties in Grinos Point which were restabilised by rock retaining walls in the 1980s have not suffered any further bank erosion over the past twenty years?

HERITAGE GRANT FUNDING—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

Given the heritage grant funding process is used for valuable research purposes to restore and keep alive the historic connection between our past and the present, and that grant funding has been allocated for 2008-2009 for over $2 million:

(1) Will current and future funding grants for historical purposes be continued under the proposed amendments to the Heritage Act?
(2) Will a fully professional heritage office under its own director be retained under the proposed amendments to ensure the Heritage Council remains broadly based and reflects community and professional concerns?

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SUPPLY OF HELICOPTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) Does the current arrangement for the supply of helicopters to the National Parks and Wildlife Service allow the NPWS Aviation Division to on-charge individual regions of National Parks for the supply of helicopters and is that charge greater than the fee paid by the Aviation Division to lease those aircraft?
(2) Will regions be allowed or encouraged to get quotes for cheaper helicopter services so that there is more money available in regions for actual on the ground works?

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