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\*3778 **CHARGES RECORDED**—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

In reference to the answer given by the Minister for Police at Question No. 2928 referring the matter to the Attorney General:

- (1) Based on the number of charges recorded, what are the ten busiest police stations in:
  - (a) the Sydney metropolitan area;
  - (b) regional and rural New South Wales?
- (2) What is the number of charges recorded at the Mount Druitt Police Station for the following years:
  - (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2006;
  - (c) 2005?

Answer—

I refer the honourable member to my answer to his previous question on notice (number 3498) regarding this issue.

\*3779 **ELECTRICITY GENERATION**—Mr Peter Debnam asked 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—

In relation to electricity generation:

- (1) What is New South Wales' generation capacity as at 28 August 2008:
  - (a) for base load;
  - (b) for peak load?
- (2) What generators and capacity are scheduled to come on-line in each of the remaining months of the current financial year and the next three financial years i.e. remaining 2008-09 and 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12?
- (3) When, in terms of which month, are those generators and capacity scheduled to come on-line?
- (4) What generators are scheduled to be off-line, either for maintenance or decommissioning, and for what time periods will they be off-line over the next four years?

Answer—

Information on generation capacity and availability in New South Wales can be found on the website of the National Electricity Market Management Company.

Generation proposals that are seeking or have received development approval can be found on the Department of Planning's website.

\*3780 **PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM**—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to public sector reform:

Given the Treasurer said on radio this morning "I've already indicated that the only basis I'll stay around is if there is public sector reform and micro reform to be done. I'll make that as a personal decision and that's irrelevant to what's going on here", what public sector reform is the Treasurer recommending?

Answer—

I am unable to comment on the views of the former Treasurer.

\*3781 **JOHN MARCHEFF SOLAR PROJECT**—Mr Peter Debnam asked 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—

In relation to the John Marcheff Solar Project at Macquarie Generation's Liddell power station and the Minister's response to Questions 0435 and 2487:

- (1) Given the Minister's response was initially that "the first stage to be operational by the end of 2007 or soon thereafter" and then the Minister's later response was that "the first stage is expected to be operational by mid 2008", what is the current status of the first stage of the solar project?
- (2) How much electricity is currently being generated by the "first stage" and how consistent is the generating capacity?
- (3) How many tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions are currently saved through the "first stage" of the project?
- (4) What has been the cost of the first stage to date and what have been the savings in cost of coal?
- (5) When will the next stage be completed and what is the extent of that next stage?
- (6) Is the technology being considered or employed at other power stations in NSW, and if so, which stations and what are the anticipated timescales for each of those projects?
- (7) If the technology is not in use or currently being considered for other stations, will the Minister initiate such expansion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The project is now in the commissioning phase.
- (2) to (4) Performance results and an assessment of savings in costs of coal will be assessed after the project has been operational for a sufficient period of time.  
Macquarie Generation has contributed \$5.5 million to the project to date. The Honourable Member should contact Ausra for details of contributions by the company and the Commonwealth to the project.
- (5) Any decision on future development will be subject to assessment of the first stage of the project.
- (6) and (7) I refer the Honourable Member to my answer to Written Question No. 2487.

\*3782 PUBLIC SCHOOLS—DAMAGED ROOFS AND INTERIORS—Mr Thomas George asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to the severe hailstorms in October 2007 in the Lismore area and similar hailstorms on 9 December 2007 in the Blacktown area:

- (1) How many repairs to damaged roofs and interiors of public schools have been finalised to date by the Government in:
  - (a) Lismore;
  - (b) Blacktown?
- (2) How many repairs to damaged roofs and interiors of public schools have still not yet been finalised by the Government in:
  - (a) Lismore;
  - (b) Blacktown?

Answer—

All repairs to roofs and interiors in Lismore and Blacktown schools are complete with the exception of the Bell Tower at Richmond River High School. This work is expected to start in November 2008.

\*3783 PUBLIC HOUSING—DAMAGED ROOFS AND INTERIORS—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

In relation to the severe hailstorms in October 2007 in the Lismore area and similar hailstorms on 9 December 2007 in the Blacktown area:

- (1) How many repairs to damaged roofs and interiors of public housing stock have been finalised to date by the Government in:
  - (a) Lismore;
  - (b) Blacktown?
- (2) How many repairs to damaged roofs and interiors of public housing stock have still not yet been finalised by the Government in:
  - (a) Lismore;
  - (b) Blacktown?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 22 roofs have been replaced. 63 repair orders for broken glass and minor external repairs were

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completed. No internal repairs were required. All works have been completed.

(b) A total of 990 roof repairs were undertaken including 146 roof replacements. 865 properties were damaged internally. 2,475 repair orders were completed to finalise remedial works for the internal repairs. All works have been completed.

(2) (a) Nil.

(b) Nil.

\*3784 YASS POLICING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) In light of the recent spate of thefts of ornamental garden items from Yass properties on how many occasions have police conducted random patrols of Yass residential streets, excluding Comur and Rossi Streets, between the hours of midnight to 0600 in the past 12 months?

(2) How many suspicious persons have been stopped for questions as a result of these patrols?

(3) Have any arrests resulted from these patrols?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) Police regularly conduct patrols of streets other than Comur and Rossi Streets. More detailed statistics are not available because locations are not specifically recorded on police information systems.

(2) 19 people have been subject to Move On directions;

14 vehicles have been searched;

3 people have been searched; and

11 directions have been given in relation to minor street offences.

(3) 2 Field Court Attendance Notices and 1 Infringement Notice have been issued in relation to the above patrols.

\*3785 BINALONG 50 KPH SPEED LIMIT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) Given the Minister's answer to my question 0416 of 13 July 2007 that the RTA would conduct "an assessment of the speed limit through the village of Binalong in the coming weeks", will the Minister explain why Yass Valley Council has not been informed of the results of this assessment as of 28 July 2008?

(2) Was this assessment ever conducted?

(3) On what specific date will the RTA release the new guidelines for the assessment and determination of appropriate speed zoning enabling a decision on the appropriateness of declaring a 50 kph speed zone in the village of Binalong?

Answer—

I am advised:

Following a preliminary assessment of the speed zone of the Burley Griffin Way through Binalong, the RTA determined that according to current Speed Zone Guidelines, the existing 60 km/h limit was appropriate.

The RTA proposes to re-assess the speed zone once the new Speed Zone Guidelines are released. A date for the release of the new guidelines is yet to be determined.

The RTA will keep Yass Valley Council informed of any changes to the speed zone.

\*3787 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which schools in the Hornsby electorate will receive replacement demountables in the 'various' 2008-09 Budget allocation for this purpose (5-21, Budget Paper no. 4)?

(2) What is the dollar amount for the demountables at each of these schools?

Answer—

There are no schools in the Hornsby electorate included in the current year's Demountable Replacement Program.

\*3788 BUDGET ALLOCATION—ELECTORATE OF HORNSBY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What security improvements are being made to RailCorp in the Hornsby electorate in the 'various' expenditure (\$12,663,000) 2008-2009 State Budget (5-70, Budget Paper No. 4)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hornsby Station and the Hornsby Substation are part of the TIDC Clearways Project where infrastructure improvements are being undertaken including the development of a fifth platform at Hornsby Station.

In addition, installation of security fencing around Hornsby Station and Hornsby Substation, and installation of anti-throw screens for the Pacific Highway overbridge plus Pretoria Road at Hornsby will be undertaken in 2008/09.

Hornsby Station has already been upgraded as part of the Gated Stations CCTV Upgrade project with additional CCTV cameras capable of capturing identification quality images being installed at the ticket gates in conjunction with signage and publicly visible monitors.

\*3789 BOATING SERVICE OFFICERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

(1) How many Boating Service Officers patrol the Port Hacking River?

(2) What are the hours during which Port Hacking River is patrolled by Boating Service Officers?

Answer—

(1) One full-time and one half-time Boating Service officers are permanently assigned to the Port Hacking. These Officers are supported as required by NSW Maritime's Safety, Education and Compliance Team.

(2) Dependent on the season and weather, patrols are conducted during the day, at night and early morning. Hours of operation are between 5am and midnight. These patrols are in addition to any necessary 24-hour incident response by the NSW Police Marine Area Command.

\*3790 FUNDING FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

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

Answer—

Funding for the removal of graffiti does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

\*3791 AFFORDABLE LIVING—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

What specifically is the department doing to provide more affordable living in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—

Statewide planning reforms aim to cut red tape and improve efficiency in the NSW planning system which will help improve housing affordability. These measures include increasing complying development and making the development contributions system more accountable.

The Department of Planning is also currently working on a draft policy which would facilitate the provision of affordable housing in NSW.

The Cronulla electorate is part of the South Subregion of Metropolitan Sydney. The draft South Subregional Strategy identifies a clear need to provide for a mix of housing to accommodate the housing needs of middle and lower income households.

The department will be requiring councils to investigate opportunities to increase housing mix and provision for affordable housing in the preparation of comprehensive local environmental plans.

\*3792 WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBARUMBA RAIL TRAIL—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

In relation to the Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba rail trail:

(1) Will the trail necessitate new farm infrastructure and who will bear these costs?

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- (2) (a) Given that the Victoria Experience rail trail is 92 km long and runs costs of roughly \$100,000 for maintenance, is the \$80,000 maintenance earmarked expected to cover the entire 167 km trail for the cost of pesticides, herbicides, wage insurance, fuel, motor vehicles, garbage disposal, and general maintenance?
- (b) How was this figure obtained?
- (3) Given that the Victoria Experience of Wangaratta suggests that, after 10 years of operation, 50,000 cyclists use the rail trail per annum, half representing local use, how was the figure of 75,000 to 675,000 potential cyclists obtained for the feasibility study?
- (4) Noting that similar levels of local usage would represent roughly 5 per cent of the population of New South Wales, given the higher figure, what are the expected levels of local usage?
- (5) If, instead, these reflect repeat usage by a smaller group of people and not 675,000 distinct individuals, how many people does the Minister expect to benefit from this trail?
- (6) With six days allotted for all local consultations, how much time would be spent on each affected farm?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) Tourism NSW did not undertake this feasibility study. These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Riverina Highlands Rail Trails who I am advised conducted this report.

\*3793 RENAL CARE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many nephrologists are employed by Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS) and in which town or city are they based?
- (2) How many endocrinologists are employed by GSAHS and in which towns are they based?
- (3) How many nephrologists are employed by NSW Health in other Health Service areas?
- (4) How many endocrinologists are employed by NSW Health in other Health Service areas?
- (5) How many people of indigenous descent are accessing renal dialysis in the GSAHS?
- (6) Is the percentage of indigenous people with renal failure increasing?
- (7) How does this percentage of renal failure compare to the non-indigenous community?
- (8) What services are available for Aboriginal people suffering from renal failure?
- (9) How many people of indigenous descent are suffering from diabetes types 1 and 2?
- (10) How has incidence of diabetes increased in the past ten years in the GSAHS?
- (11) Who manages renal care in the GSAHS?
- (12) Who manages renal care in the region of Tumut, Lockhart and Wagga Wagga?
- (13) (a) Is there a specialist manager for renal care based locally in Tumut, Lockhart and Wagga Wagga?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) I am advised by the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Minister for Health:

The Department of Health routinely provides state-wide workforce data in its Annual Report.

Similarly, all Area Health Services publish localised workforce data in their Annual Reports. To answer these parts of the question in the level of detail requested would unjustifiably divert the resources of the Department and the Area Health Service away from the exercise of their core functions

- (5) In the 2005-06 financial year, it is estimated that 13 people accessed renal dialysis services who were reported to be Indigenous and resident in the Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS); while 267 people accessed renal dialysis services who were reported to be Indigenous and resident in NSW.

(6), (7), (9) and (10) The fifth edition of The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples draws on the extensive surveys and censuses conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the range of administrative data held by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The report provides a comprehensive overview of the health and welfare of Australia's Indigenous population, presenting the latest information on population, housing circumstances, health risk factors, disability prevalence, health status and the availability, resourcing and use of services including health and community services. The report can be accessed via the AIHW website at: [www.aihw.gov.au/publications](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications)

Similarly, the sixth edition of the publicly available report: Health of the People of NSW-Report of the Chief Health Officer is available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep). The report gives a comprehensive picture of health in New South Wales which will inform policy and planning for population health programs in our state. The report contains detailed information and analysis on the prevalence of key health indicators amongst both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous population of NSW.

(8) Major strategies have been initiated in NSW Health to address these priorities and to facilitate and support local initiatives to optimise prevention, detection and treatment of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities.

These strategies include the integration of existing and new programs dealing with Chronic Care for Aboriginal people. This has seen the Aboriginal Vascular Health Program and the Renal Health Project with associated funding allocations combined and integrated to become the "Chronic Care for Aboriginal People (CCAP) Project". The integration of funds for these two Programs ensures over \$4.3 million is recurrently funded to this Program.

Renal dialysis units across the State provide treatment to all patients regardless of their Aboriginal status or ethnicity, and provide renal dialysis modalities based on a patient's individual clinical needs and social circumstances. In addition, many Area Health Services operate local initiatives aimed at enhancing and supporting the provision of renal services to their local Indigenous communities.

(11) to (13) (a) and (b) The Renal Dialysis Unit at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital is managed by an experienced renal nurse in the position of Nursing Unit Manager. While there are no direct renal services currently established in Tumut or Lockhart, transport assistance to access neighbouring services is available to eligible patients through the NSW Health Transport for Health Program.

\*3794 NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN GSAHS—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many nurse practitioners are employed by GSAHS?
- (2) How many nurse practitioners are employed by NSW Health state wide?
- (3) How many nurse practitioners specialise in renal care in GSAHS?
- (4) In which towns are the nurse practitioners based?

Answer—

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

- (1) to (4) The Department of Health routinely provides state-wide workforce data in its Annual Report. Similarly, all Area Health Services publish localised workforce data in their Annual Reports.

The Member is referred to Department of Health's and Greater Southern Area Health Service's publicly available annual reports.

\*3795 LARGE ERECTING SHOP—NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

With regard to the National Heritage listing nomination of the Large Erecting Shop in Eveleigh, its entire contents and connected rail access:

- (1) Did his office have any conversation with the Australian Heritage Council about the nomination for National Heritage listing of the Large Erecting Shop, its entire contents and connected rail access?
- (2) What are the conversation details?
- (3) Did the Redfern Waterloo Authority have any conversation with the Australian Heritage Council about the nomination for National Heritage listing of the Large Erecting Shop, its entire contents and connected rail access?
- (4) What are the conversation details?
- (5) What information or advice did his office or the Redfern Waterloo Authority provide to the Australian Heritage Council about the nomination for National Heritage listing of the Large Erecting Shop, its entire contents and connected rail access?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) I am advised that a submission by the NSW Government in relation to the proposed listing was prepared by the NSW Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning and the Redfern Waterloo Authority wrote to the NSW Heritage Branch in relation to the proposed submission.

I am also advised that the former Minister for Planning wrote directly to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Arts in relation to the proposed emergency listing. The nomination for a Commonwealth emergency listing was made by the National Trust.

I am advised that the Redfern Waterloo Authority has publicly stated that it has no intention to demolish the building and redevelop the site, and that no adaptive reuse proposals currently exist.

The NSW Government supports the use of emergency listings only where there is a genuine emergency and immediate threat to an item, rather than where there are adequate heritage protections under the State government planning and heritage process for a Government owned asset.



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\*3796 MOORE PARK LAND AND THE SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) With regard to Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust entering into a licence agreement with the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust to operate event day car parking on Moore Park:
  - (a) Was there a competitive tender process before the licence agreement was finalised?
  - (b) If so, was it open and public?
  - (c) What is the period of the licence agreement?
  - (d) How much money will the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust receive from the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust for each year of the licence agreement?
  - (e) Does the licence agreement require the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust to maintain the site for car parking purposes?
  - (f) Does the licence agreement include any requirements for the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust to repair damaged grass areas caused by activities on the site?
  - (g) What are the conditions of the licence agreement?
  - (h) What public notification and consultation occurred before the licence agreement was made?
- (2) What involvement has the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust had in the "premium sporting fields at Kippax Lake" in Moore Park?
- (3) Given the "premium sporting fields at Kippax Lake" are on public land part of Governor Macquarie's Sydney Common bequest, to what extent is public access through the sporting fields available?
- (4) Given the "premium sporting fields at Kippax Lake" are on public land part of Governor Macquarie's Sydney Common bequest, to what extent can the wider public use the sporting fields?
- (5) What conversations has the NSW Government and/or Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust had with the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, or any other organisation, body or person, about transferring any part of Moore Park land from the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust?
- (6) Has the NSW Government and/or Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust given the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust any commitment (written, verbal or other) about transferring any part of Moore Park land to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust?
- (7) To what extent is the NSW Government committed to maintaining all of Moore Park land under the responsibility of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust?

Answer—

- (1) The licence agreement between the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CPMPT) and Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust (SCSGT):
  - (a) No. The CPMPT negotiated directly with the SCSGT in accordance with probity advice and statutory requirements, as government agency to government agency, and at a competitive rate. The Public Sector Management (Goods and Services) Regulation 2000 allows a public sector agency to obtain goods or services directly from any government trading enterprise that provides those goods or services in the exercise of its principal functions.
  - (b) Not applicable.
  - (c) The licence was issued on a trial basis for an interim period of twelve months, commencing 15 April 2008.
  - (d) It is estimated that revenue will be approximately \$1 million over the twelve months.
  - (e) The licence allows the SCSGT to continue long standing car parking operations on event days only at the SCSGT stadia. Prior to this, similar event day parking operations were licensed to a different external operator.
  - (f) Yes.
  - (g) The licence agreement permits SCSGT to manage event day parking at Moore Park East.
  - (h) None. Event car parking is a routine contracted service operation that continues to fall under the control of the CPMPT.
- (2) The CPMPT had a long-term plan as mentioned in the Plan of Management to have high quality playing fields in Moore Park including at Kippax. The SCSGT offered to assist with the development of the premium sports field at Kippax Lake, which allowed the NRL Sydney Roosters to have a high quality training ground close to the Football Stadium. The SCSGT's contribution enabled the CPMPT to bring forward the scheduled upgrade at no cost to the CPMPT.
- (3) There have been no major changes to public access to this land. Fencing has been erected on two sides only of the field to stop cars from parking on the field and damaging the playing field surface. There are no gates preventing public access to the field. Additionally, the provision of this new sports field has removed a further 220 cars from the parkland on event days.

- (4) The public have access to the sporting fields at all times other than when they have been pre-booked for training activities, as per the existing arrangements with all of the sports playing fields and facilities at Centennial Parklands.

With regards to booking, the sports field is open to community and professional sporting teams alike, with on-site signage provided to advertise this opportunity. To ensure equity of access, CPMPT has also added a provision for casual off-peak users, juniors and schools (peak and off peak) to receive a 25% bookings discount on the full cost of field hire.

- (5) In response to the SCSGT's expressed interest in managing the land in question, the former Minister for Sport and Recreation requested that both Trusts discuss the SCSGT's interest. Initial discussions have been held, but no agreed proposal has been reached.
- (6) No commitment has been given.
- (7) There are no formal proposals to alter the land ownership arrangements. Any alteration would require a change of legislation, and would therefore be subject to parliamentary scrutiny through both houses of parliament.

\*3797 311 BUS SERVICE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given the serious community concern about ongoing problems with route, reliability and frequency of the 311 bus service, and the Government's recent consultation on proposals for change:

- (1) What is the outcome of community feedback about the STA proposals for changes?
- (2) Was there community support for:
- removing the Circular Quay terminus to Gresham Street;
  - cutting the link to Central Railway Station;
  - removing the Elizabeth Bay loop;
  - changing the route from William Street to St Marys Road and Macquarie Street?
- (3) What level of community feedback requested that buses be transferred from Crown Street Woolloomooloo to Palmer Street, where there are fewer residents affected by noise and fumes?
- (4) Will the Government set up a working party involving residents, businesses and other stakeholders to identify a win-win solution to address 311 bus problems, as I have requested?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) State Transit has undertaken extensive community consultation on the proposed changes to bus routes in the eastern suburbs, as part of its Eastern Region Integrated Network Plan. Consultation with the community took place between 26 May and 25 July 2008.

Community feedback provided during consultation for the proposed network in the eastern suburbs is currently being assessed and will be taken into consideration before any finalisation of the network.

\*3798 GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—ILLEGAL BIKE RIDING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea 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 hard copy or internet publications is the NSW Government aware of promoting illegal bike riding in the Garigal National Park?
- (2) Has NSW National Parks reported any such incidents to the police or other authorities for action?
- (3) How many successful prosecutions have there been for trail bike, BMX bike or other illegal bike riding in Garigal National Park?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) is aware of the existence of some hard copy publications, for example mountain bike user guides, that list and promote the use of unauthorised mountain bike tracks in Garigal National Park. It is in the process of identifying and liaising with bike shops and other relevant outlets to make them aware of the issue and ask them to warn customers that only authorised trails may be used by bike riders.

DECC is also liaising with web site providers to have material removed, or statements included to inform site users that the use of such tracks is not legal.

- (2) National Parks officers handle such incidents, except in circumstances where there may be a significant risk to officers or the public.
- (3) In the last four years, five people have been fined for illegally riding a trail bike in Garigal National

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Park.

It is further noted that illegally constructed BMX tracks in Garigal National Park have been dismantled.

\*3799 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT—LIZARD ROCK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) On what date did the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council submit a Part 3A application in relation to the proposed development in the vicinity of Lizard Rock on Morgan Road at Belrose?
- (2) What meetings or discussions have you held with the Metropolitan Land Council representatives in relation to this development?
- (3) What are the outcomes of your deliberations to date?
- (4) What reasons, if any, are there why normal Warringah Council assessment processes should be overridden in this case?

Answer—

- (1) On 1 August 2006, the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) lodged a request for State Significant Site listing and authorisation to lodge a Concept Plan.
- (2) I am advised that the previous Minister for Planning, the Hon Frank Sartor MP, had not met or held any discussions with MLALC.

Since being sworn in as the Minister for Planning I have not met or held discussions with the MLALC.

Prior to becoming the Minister for Planning I met with the MLALC regarding the proposed development in the vicinity of Lizard Rock.

- Those discussions were in the context of my role as the Member for Heffron. The Heffron electorate is within the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council's area.
- According to my diary, the date of that meeting was 13 December 2007.
- The purpose of that meeting was to represent MLALC to the then Minister for Planning to enquire about the status of the MLALC's application.

(3) No decision has yet been made.

(4) Not applicable.

\*3800 SECTION 55 DIRECTION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Is the Section 55 direction, formulated under then Planning Minister Diane Beamer, still guiding preparation and finalisation of the Ku-ring-gai Draft LEP Town Centres?
- (2) If the Section 55 direction has changed, when was it changed and what is it now?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. Council planners and the Planning Panel are taking the Section 55 direction into consideration in the preparation of the Town Centres Draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Since the direction was issued, the Standard Instrument has come into effect for local environmental plans, and the former Minister Sartor has set parameters for the finalisation of the LEP by the Ku-ring-gai Planning Panel. These directions are also guiding the finalisation of the Town Centres LEP.
- (2) The Section 55 direction has not changed.

\*3801 PURCHASE OF HOMES IN NARRANDERA—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

With reference to the letter sent on 29 March 2004 from the Minister for Housing to the Narrandera Aboriginal Land Council advising of the purchase of two homes in Narrandera:

- (1) Have these purchases been made?
- (2) If not, when might they be finalised?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) No date has been set for the finalisation of the purchases.

\*3802 TWEED SAND BYPASS PROJECT—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, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the Tweed Sand Bypass Project:

- (1) How many cubic metres of sand have been shifted to Snapper Rock East outlet, Snapper Rock West outlet, Kirra Point outlet and Durambah Beach outlet under this project:
  - (a) in 2006;
  - (b) in 2007;
  - (c) in 2008 year-to-date?
  - (d) since the project's inception?
- (2) What was the cost of operating the "Port Frederick" dredging vessel:
  - (a) in 2006;
  - (b) in 2007;
  - (c) in 2008 year-to-date;
  - (d) since it commenced operating in April 2000 (total cost)?
- (3) What is the total cost of the Tweed Sand Bypass Project since its inception?

Answer—

(1) The amount of sand (in cubic metres) delivered to the various outlets appears on the project's website ([www.tweedsandbypass.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweedsandbypass.nsw.gov.au)) and in the following table.

Period	Snapper Rocks East	Snapper Rocks West	Kirra Point	Durambah Beach
2006	485,185	0	0	67,099
2007	514,968	0	0	47,279
2008 (to end July)	361,290	0	0	38,250
since project inception	4,081,517	1,586	264,112	440,482

(2) The amounts invoiced to Governments for dredging are shown in the following table.

Period	Amount
2006	\$1,035,265
2007	0
2008 (to end July)	\$887,789
since April 2000	\$16,019,247

(3) The Project's total shared (NSW/Queensland) expenditure from 1999 until end June 2008 is \$76.3 million. These details are also available on the project's website.

\*3803 CAMP WOLLUMBIN—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, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to Camp Wollumbin, a riverside camp located on the shore of Lake Cudgen that operated as a scout and youth fitness camp before it was shut down by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service:

- (1) (a) Does NPWS still perform periodic maintenance on the facilities at Camp Wollumbin?
  - (b) If yes, how often does NPWS carry out maintenance and what was the date of the last maintenance works completed?
- (2) (a) Does NPWS plan to reopen Camp Wollumbin as a scout and youth fitness camp?
  - (b) If no to (a), what plans does the NPWS have for Camp Wollumbin?

Answer—

As the matter falls outside the area of my portfolio responsibilities it is suggested that the Member redirect the question to the appropriate Minister.

\*3804 BUDGET FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

In relation to the 2008-2009 Budget:

- (1) Why was there no funding in the 2008-2009 Budget for the Pottsville Community Health Centre, that

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was promised by the NSW Government during the 2007 NSW State Election?

- (2) When can the Tweed expect to receive budget funding for this project, and how much funding will be allocated?
- (3) (a) Of the \$36.7 million allocated to the North Coast Area Health Service under the 2008-2009 Budget, how much will be going to the Tweed Hospital and for what projects?  
(b) If none, why not, and when can the Tweed Hospital expect to receive budget funding for new projects?

Answer—

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

The NSW Department of Health is currently considering the proposal regarding the establishment of a HealthOne NSW service for Pottsville alongside other proposals for HealthOne NSW services.

The NSW Government has allocated \$717.7 million to the North Coast Area Health Service for the delivery of health services in 2008-09.

Area Health Services generally manage their financial year accounts on a whole of Area basis for hospitals under their control. As such, figures for the North Coast Area Health Service are reported annually in the Area's Annual Report.

\*3805 FRIDGE-BUYBACK SCHEME—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) How much money was assigned to the NSW Government's fridge-buyback scheme that finished in December 2007?
- (2) How many fridges were collected during the program?
- (3) How much money has been assigned to the current fridge-buyback scheme?
- (4) Why are fridge repairers required to reclaim refrigerant gases from old appliances, when councils, transfer stations and scrap metal dealers are not?
- (5) Will the Government support moves to change this?
- (6) Will the Government increase the rebates for reclaiming refrigerant gases from fridges and air conditioners to establish a competitive market for gas recovery?

Answer—

- (1) \$400,000 was assigned to the NSW Government's fridge-buyback scheme that finished in December 2007.
- (2) During the fridge-buyback program 1,500 fridges were collected by Next Energy.
- (3) The current fridge-buyback program has been assigned \$2.86 million under the Climate Change Fund.
- (4) Legislation regarding the recovery of refrigerant gases is administered by the Commonwealth Government at a nationwide level. NSW-specific legislation was superseded in 2003. However, the NSW fridge buyback program includes refrigerant recovery for every fridge.
- (5) Legislation and regulations regarding reclamation of refrigerants is administered by the Commonwealth Government.
- (6) The NSW Government does not currently offer rebates specifically for the recovery of refrigerant gases from fridges and air conditioners. Rebates for this activity are offered by Refrigerant Reclaim Australia, a nationwide not-for-profit product stewardship group for the refrigeration and air conditioning industries. Refrigerant Reclaim Australia gathers a levy from these industries, then redistributes this money in the form of rebates to contractors who recover and return refrigerants.

\*3806 ACCESS PEST CONTROL—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

- (1) Is the pest control company Axis Pest Control now operating as Access Pest Control?
- (2) Is the company's licence number of 1842 valid?
- (3) (a) Is this the same company that was exposed last year on A Current Affair as taking live termites under a house so they could be 'discovered' by an inspector?  
(b) If so, why are the company and its principal allowed to continue operating in this field?

Answer—

The responsibility for pest management does not come under the Office of Fair Trading.

\*3807 PEST AND BUILDING INSPECTORS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

- (1) What training are pest and building inspectors required to undertake before they become licensed?
- (2) (a) Has your department ever run promotional campaigns warning homeowners about shonky or under-qualified pest and building inspectors;  
(b) If so, when and what were they?
- (3) What would you regard as being a fair minimum price for a pest inspection on an average 27 square metre free-standing house?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Any person who carries out pre-purchase inspections of residential properties in New South Wales is required to hold a current Building Consultancy Licence under the Home Building Act 1989. I refer the Honourable Member to the information publicly available on [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/tradespeople](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/tradespeople) for building inspectors.

In relation to pest inspectors I refer to the response submitted to Question on Notice 3806.

The Office of Fair Trading through its Home Building Service undertakes investigations into the activities of persons conducting pre purchase inspections. Public warnings are issued where warranted.

Fair Trading encourages consumers to compare prices and shop around prior to accepting the services of a contractor.

\*3808 ABANDONED OR ORPHANED WHALE CALVES—Mr Rob Stokes 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)—

What protocols or strategies have been developed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to managing abandoned or orphaned whale calves in NSW waters?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change is currently undertaking a review of the existing procedural guidelines and policies associated with incidents involving marine wildlife. DECC will be seeking input to the review from experts in the field including ORRCA, RSPCA, Taronga Zoo, Seaworld and other marine specialists. Part of this review will examine strategies and procedures to manage abandoned or orphaned whale calves in NSW waters.

\*3809 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY OUTSIDE ELANORA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Does the RTA recognise the risk to pedestrian safety outside Elanora Heights Public School along Elanora Road identified by the school's P&C?
- (2) Will the RTA extend the 40 km/h zone on Elanora Road outside the school along to Weeroona Avenue, Elanora Heights?
- (3) Will the RTA install a pedestrian crossing outside the school?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The RTA will extend the 40 km/h school zone in Elanora Road to Woorarra Avenue to cover the pathway access to the school.
- (3) Elanora Road is a Local Road under the responsibility of Pittwater Council. Any improvement to traffic conditions, footpath construction or pedestrian facilities is the responsibility of Council.

\*3810 SUBMISSIONS REGARDING PROPOSED BUS ROUTE CHANGES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many submissions has Sydney Buses received from concerned residents regarding the proposed bus changes to the bus routes in the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches?
- (2) What proportion of the above submissions were broadly supportive of the proposed network changes?
- (3) What proportion were broadly opposed to the network changes?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) State Transit has undertaken extensive community consultation on the proposed changes to bus routes in the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches, as part of its overall Northern Region Integrated Network Plan process.

Consultation with the community took place between 28 July 2008 and 29 August 2008. A total of 2300 submissions were received.

State Transit is presently analysing the feedback received during the consultation process.

\*3812 BUS EXHAUST GASES PURIFIER—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

Given the directors of the RTA requested Mr Humberto Cravero construct a bus exhaust gases purifier to lower the vehicle emissions of State Transit Authority buses, and given that tests by the RTA of the completed bus exhaust gases purifier "were successful in removing smoke and particles from air and the exhaust of a diesel bus" as stated by the then Minister for Roads Carl Scully:

- (1) Why did the RTA only partially pay for the bus exhaust gases purifier through direct payments to a company called Tollfab?
- (2) Why did the RTA not pay costs to Mr Cravero for the electronic consultancy, comprising design of an electronic circuit to produce a negative ionizing voltage and a positive ionizing voltage, valued at \$250,000?
- (3) Why did the RTA not pay the costs to Mr Cravero of mechanical consulting engineering valued at \$350,000?
- (4) Why did the RTA offer a contract to Mr Cravero to complete the bus exhaust gases purifier for an amount of only \$20,000, when 12 months had already been spent constructing the unit and an additional \$20,000 to Mr Cravero when the unit was installed in a bus, plus all intellectual property to be retained by the RTA?
- (5) Why will the RTA not return the bus exhaust gases purifier to Mr Cravero?
- (6) Why will the RTA not reimburse Mr Cravero for the 12 months work he spent constructing the bus exhaust gases purifier?
- (7) Why has the RTA not continued with this project given the problems with pollution in our cities especially Sydney, caused by vehicle emissions which adds significantly to Greenhouse Gases in the atmosphere and are also attributed to causing dangerous diseases such as lung cancer, emphysema and asthma?
- (8) Why will the Minister not implement a bus exhaust gases purifier to every State Transit Authority bus in NSW, given RTA tests proved conclusively that this unit was successful in removing particles from air and exhaust emissions from diesel-powered buses, which was the reason for constructing this device in the first place?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The payment to Tollfab was a part funding contribution for the development of a prototype for testing. Tollfab built the prototype and had a commercial arrangement with Mr Cravero at that time.

(2) and (3) The sums of \$250,000 and \$350,000 appear to relate to sums expended by Mr Cravero and his financial backers in the development of the device prior to RTA involvement. There was never an agreement entered into between RTA and Mr Cravero regarding these costs.

(4) The RTA devoted significant resources into investigating opportunities for developing Mr Cravero's technology.

These resources included part funding the development of a prototype and the provision of other support to enable Mr Cravero to rationalise his business affairs.

Despite this investment the RTA was unable to reach a satisfactory commercial agreement with Mr Cravero.

(5) The device was stored at the RTA's Rockdale depot awaiting advice on the action needed to be taken to repair it and to modify it so that it could be re-tested. That advice was never provided and the device is still in storage.

(6) The RTA involvement was limited to part funding the development of the prototype for testing purposes. The RTA expended considerable resources in investigating the opportunities for developing Mr Cravero's technology, but for the reasons outlined above was unable to proceed.

(7) The RTA did not continue with this project because the prototype malfunctioned under full voltage load, causing sparking. The problems with the operation of the device were not rectified and full testing was never completed.

(8) As noted above, the prototype malfunctioned and consequently was never fully tested.

The government has implemented a program to improve the emissions performance of the State Transit Authority bus fleet which includes:

- (i) Upgrading the fleet with low emission buses
- (ii) Participating in the Clean Fleet program which ensures buses are maintained so that emissions are reduced.
- (iii) Retrofitting many older buses with effective and practical devices that reduce particles from bus exhaust emissions.

\*3813 CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware the Electoral Commission of New South Wales has made the Candidate Information Sheet of candidates for the Local Government elections of 2008 publicly available on its website?
- (2) Is the Attorney General aware that the signatures of the individual candidates are reproduced in these Candidate Information Sheets?
- (3) Is the Attorney General aware that there are medical practitioners who are seeking election in the Local Government elections of 2008?
- (4) Is the Attorney General concerned that there is potential for the fraudulent completion of prescriptions using the now publicly available signatures of several medical practitioners?
- (5) Will the Attorney General take measures to ensure the signatures of medical practitioners are not reproduced on New South Wales Government websites?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Premier.

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\*3814 NEW PASSENGER TRAINS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is the timetable for the rollout of new rolling stock for passenger trains on the metropolitan rail network?
- (2) Where are the new carriages being built?
- (3) What role will New South Wales businesses play in the construction and delivery of these new trains/carriages?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It is anticipated that the new train prototype will be trialled on the Sydney network towards the end of 2009, with the delivery of the new trains to commence in 2010.
- (2) and (3) Downer EDI Rail will undertake the final assembly and initial train testing and commissioning of the new trains at Cardiff.

Downer EDI Rail is currently undertaking a \$22M upgrade of its facilities at Cardiff to meet the project manufacturing requirements.

It has also indicated that it will require an additional 250 mechanical, electrical trades and 40 support positions at its facility at Cardiff.

These positions would be new jobs and would apply throughout the 5-year manufacturing period.



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On behalf of Reliance Rail, Downer EDI Rail is also responsible for the design, construction and maintenance of the maintenance facility, and also the long term maintenance of the new fleet of trains. To this end it has sub-contracted the design and construction of the Auburn Maintenance Facility to the John Holland Group.

The \$220 million design and construction project will provide a significant economic boost to the NSW economy. Approximately 250 people will be employed during the peak construction period. Around 100 people will be employed to maintain Sydney's new trains over the 30 year maintenance period.

\*3815 WILCANNIA TOURISM PROJECT—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) Following the Federal Government's withdrawal of \$1.8 million from an Indigenous training scheme in Wilcannia, what action has the Minister taken to secure funding from alternative sources for this tourism project?
- (2) Has any consultation taken place with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on this project?

Answer—

- (1) The role of Tourism NSW is to promote and support the development of NSW destinations. This question would be more appropriately directed to the Federal Government for consideration.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

\*3816 TUMBARUMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Can the Minister advise a date for commencement of the upgrade of the infants' toilets at Tumbarumba Public School?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the advice from School P and C that some children will not use the antiquated toilets because of their condition?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised that there are appropriate toilet facilities for infant students in Block H and K at Tumbarumba Public School. Toilet facilities in Block H were upgraded in 1996. The toilet facilities in Block K have been nominated for an upgrade and will be considered in accordance with departmental processes for prioritising such projects.

\*3817 NELSON BAY ROAD—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

With reference to recent changes to road lanes and marking on Nelson Bay Road at Williamtown, will the RTA investigate the inability of buses turning north out of Fullerton Cove Road onto Nelson Bay Road to negotiate the manoeuvre safely and provide a safe solution?

Answer—

I am advised:

Improvements undertaken at the intersection provide a safer right turn into Fullerton Cove Road in order to address a serious crash history. The improvements provide a better passing arrangement and meet current AUSTROADS standards. The improvements also allowed the provision of a wire rope safety barrier to shield a hazard within the clear zone opposite the intersection.

The previous acceleration and merge arrangement at the intersection did not meet current AUSTROADS standards.

The RTA considers a safer arrangement for bus drivers is to assess gaps from the giveway line, noting that they have approximately 800 metres in sight distance to identify an appropriate gap, which is far in excess of the required safe intersection sight distance requirements, rather than use a non-standard arrangement for attempting to accelerate and merge.

Experience shows that where a short acceleration lane is provided, the majority of left turn vehicles do not judge an appropriate gap, preferring to turn left and merge directly into through traffic.

\*3818 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DENTAL CARE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) (a) Is financial assistance available for low-income earners to access dental care services under NSW Health?  
(b) If so, what financial assistance is available?
- (2) How does a low-income earner access this financial assistance?
- (3) (a) Is this financial assistance available for low-income earners in the Port Stephens electorate in particular?  
(b) If not, what is the NSW Government doing to improve access to dental care services for low-income earners in Port Stephens?

Answer—

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

- (1) Free dental care is available to all eligible NSW residents. Eligibility includes all those on Health Care Cards, Pensioner Benefit Cards and Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards. Eligibility also includes all pre-school and school-aged children. In addition, the new Medicare Teen Dental Plan provides an annual \$150 voucher to assist eligible 12-17 year-olds from low-income families to access regular preventive dental checks.
- (2) Eligible patients can access the free NSW public dental program through phoning the oral health service call centre number for their Area Health Service. With respect to the Medicare Teen Dental Plan, vouchers are sent by post to parents/carers of eligible teens. Further information is available from Medicare Australia.
- (3) I refer the member to the response to Written Question in the Legislative Assembly No. 3471.

\*3819 TOMAGO ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Will the RTA provide replacement truck stops opposite Tomago Village Van Park following the removal of parking space for trucks as a result of the improvements at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Tomago Road, Tomago?
- (2) Will the RTA remove the no right hand turn sign into Tomago Village Van Park following improvements at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Tomago Road, Tomago?
- (3) What is the overall cost of the Tomago Road upgrade?
- (4) When is completion of the Tomago Road upgrade expected?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no formal truck parking area on Tomago Road opposite the Tomago Village Van Park. The RTA will consult with both the trucking industry and van park owner regarding suitable options for legal parking of heavy vehicles in the area.
- (2) The sign was installed while construction work was undertaken and has now been removed.
- (3) The overall cost of the Tomago Road upgrade is \$8 million, which also includes improvements at the intersection of Old Punt Road and the Pacific Highway.
- (4) It is anticipated that the upgrade of Tomago Road will be completed by October 2008.

\*3820 REDUCTION OF BUREAUCRATS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to Government bureaucracy as at 29 August 2008:

- (1) What is the status of the Government's plan to reduce the number of bureaucrats?
- (2) What is the reduction in bureaucrats achieved in each financial year 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 to date and 2009-10?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Premier.

\*3822 GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to NSW Government Bureaucracy:

- (1) Of the 807 bureaucrats in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, how many have been involved in the Government's Electricity Privatisation this financial year?
- (2) What productivity improvements are budgeted for the Department of Premier and Cabinet for

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- (3) Has the Department of Premier and Cabinet conducted any customer satisfaction surveys in 2008-09 to date and if so what issues were surveyed and what results were achieved?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Premier and Cabinet provides support to Government initiatives as required.  
(2) The Department has budgeted for productivity improvements totalling \$620,000 for the current financial year.  
(3) No.

\*3823 FIREARMS—LISMORE ELECTORATE—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many licensed firearm holders are there in the Lismore electorate?  
(2) How many registered firearms are there in the Lismore electorate?  
(3) How many staff are employed at the Murwillumbah Firearms Registry Office?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 5,786.  
(2) 19,609.  
(3) 106.

\*3824 POLICIES FOR CETACEANS—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) In light of the recent events concerning "Colin" and later "Colette" the whale, is the Government reviewing the process of dealing with emerging issues related to cetaceans?  
(2) Will the Government now engage external organisations such as The Sydney Institute for Marine Studies to provide advice relating to cetaceans?

Answer—

- (1) DECC is undertaking a review of the existing procedural guidelines and policies associated with incidents involving marine wildlife. DECC will be seeking input to the review from experts in the field including ORRCA, RSPCA, Taronga Zoo, Seaworld and other marine specialists. Part of this review will examine strategies and procedures to manage abandoned or orphaned whale calves in NSW waters.  
(2) DECC engages external organisations extensively on many wildlife issues including those involving cetaceans. This collaborative approach was central to the management of the recent incident involving the whale calf in Pittwater.

The Department has advised me that it liaised with Associate Professor Robert Harcourt, a founding member of the Sydney Institute for Marine Studies during the whale incident in Pittwater seeking his advice on the animal's unusual behaviour, whether rehabilitation was an option and what could be done to encourage the animal back to sea.

Along with Associate Professor Harcourt, DECC also sought advice from academics from the University of Queensland and Southern Cross University, and specialists from Sea World, Taronga Zoo and the US to put in place the most appropriate and humane strategies for monitoring and euthanising the whale.

\*3825 HYBRID CAR BATTERIES WASTE—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)—

Is the Government currently investigating potential methods for the disposing and recycling of batteries used by Toyota Camry vehicles in New South Wales?

Answer—

The batteries that will be used in the new hybrid Toyota Camry will be the same type as those used in the current generation Prius and will be collected through the existing recycling system.

Toyota has had a collection and recycling system in place in NSW for the Prius hybrid vehicle batteries since the car was first introduced into the Australian market in 2001.

Toyota works with its dealer network and the 'end of life' vehicle industry to recover hybrid car batteries. Every Toyota hybrid car distributor provides a battery recycling service. Batteries collected through the system are sent to a recycler in Victoria, where they are disassembled and sent for further recycling. According to Toyota, more than 98 per cent of battery materials are recycled and no Prius battery has gone to landfill in NSW.

\*3826 TYCO PIPE MANUFACTURING—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many and what percentage of Government engineering project specifications are prepared by consultants Evans and Peck, quantity surveyors responsible for providing specifications for the Highland Source Project?
- (2) How many and what percentage of specifications provided by Evans and Peck have relied upon the company TYCO for specialist advice concerning pipe specifications?
- (3) How many classes of pipe does TYCO itself manufacture?
- (4) On how many occasions and what percentage of occasions has TYCO recommended a class of pipe for inclusion in a state-funded engineering project that it does not manufacture?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Department of Commerce does not hold the information requested.
- (3) Information on TYCO Water is available from their website, [www.tycowater.com](http://www.tycowater.com)
- (4) The Department of Commerce does not hold the information requested. The designer would be responsible for determining the class of pipe for a construct only contract, and the contractor for a design and construct contract.

\*3827 DOORALONG VALLEY RESORT—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister or the Department of Planning received any applications to develop or rezone the Dooralong Valley Resort?
- (2) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised neither the Department of Planning or I have received any applications to develop or rezone the Dooralong Valley Resort.

\*3828 BARANGAROO/HUNGRY MILE DEVELOPMENT SITE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) When will the Minister release the final plans for the Barangaroo/Hungry Mile development site?
- (2) Will the Minister publicly release all proposed submissions for the Barangaroo/Hungry Mile development site?

Answer—

- (1) The current plans for the site are on the Department's website.
- (2) A summary of submissions will be included in the assessment report to the Minister, which is released following determination in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

\*3829 HOUSING CODE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

- (1) When will the Minister release the final Housing Code for complying developments?
- (2) Who has been consulted in the development of the Housing Code?

Answer—

- (1) The Housing Code for single storey dwellings and alterations and additions for lots greater than 600sqm is being incorporated into Exempt and Complying Development State Environmental Planning Policy 2008 which is planned to be finalised towards the end of 2008.

Subsequent stages of the code will be placed on public exhibition over the next 12 months.

- (2) As part of the development of the NSW Housing Code a Complying Development Experts Panel was established to provide comment and review throughout the preparation of the Code. The panel

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continues to provide expert input into the Code's development. The Panel included representatives from Local Government, planners, certifiers, architects and other industry professionals.

The NSW Housing Code for single storey dwellings and alterations and additions for lots greater than 600sqm went on an eight week exhibition period on the 8 May to the 4 July 2008 including a road show of 26 workshops across NSW involving around 1000 people.

As part of the exhibition of the Code 11 councils were invited to trial the draft Code to provide an indication of useability and likely take up. These results helped to inform amendments to the code.

Workshops were also held with key stakeholders both during the code's preparation and the exhibition of the code including relevant professional practitioner groups, law and professional associations and property industry associations.

\*3830 NEGOTIATED ENERGY CONTRACTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked 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) How many customers of aged pension age were encouraged into Negotiated Energy Contracts by Country Energy when they were first introduced?
- (2) Given the refusal of Country Energy to renew these Negotiated Energy Contracts (NEC) and the concurrent IPART mandated increase in electricity costs, what is the total average increase in electricity costs being faced by customers of age pension age who were on NECs?
- (3) Will the Minister instruct Country Energy to reoffer NECs to customers suffering financial hardship as a result of these significant price increases?
- (4) What action will the Minister take to alleviate the financial hardship suffered by pensioners and self-funded retirees as a result of these energy price increases?

Answer—

Country Energy has advised:

- (1) When Negotiated Energy Contracts (NECs) were introduced in the market, all Country Energy customers were provided the option of entering into these contracts.
- (2) Country Energy has advised its customers on NECs that, at present, the price of electricity supplied under these contracts is higher than the regulated tariff approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. This is a result of the volatility of electricity prices in the wholesale electricity market.

The amount of increase in electricity costs to customers will depend on variables such as customers' use and their pattern of consumption.

- (3) Customers who are on a negotiated contract which is due for renewal are contacted by Country Energy to advise them of their options. Customers located in Country Energy's franchise area are offered the option to transfer to the protected regulated pricing arrangement.
- (4) Country Energy's Country Support program is available for customers experiencing financial hardship. Customers wanting to obtain further information about Country Support can call Country Energy on 13 23 56 or visit a Customer Service Centre or the website at [www.countryenergy.com.au](http://www.countryenergy.com.au)

\*3831 VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked 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) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff positions are allocated to the following Department of Primary Industries Offices as at 30 July 2008:
  - (a) Cootamundra District Office;
  - (b) Cowra Agricultural Research and Advisory Station;
  - (c) Yass District Office;
  - (d) Young District Office?
- (2) How many of these FTE positions at each of these offices were vacant as of 30 July 2008?
- (3) Which of these positions were only filled on a part-time basis as at 30 July 2008?
- (4) How many of the vacant positions came about as a result of a voluntary redundancy during the last 12 months?
- (5) Is it departmental policy to fill a position made vacant as a result of a voluntary redundancy?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Staffing arrangements and staff numbers are published yearly in the Department's Annual Report.

(4) None.

(5) No. Careful consideration is given to ensure frontline service delivery is not adversely impacted by voluntary redundancies, before any are granted.

\*3832 SALE OF CROOKWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Is the Greater Southern Area Health Service investigating the sale of the Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre, which was donated to the community of Crookwell by the Crookwell Hospital Board 25 years ago?

(2) If the Greater Southern Area Health Service intends to sell this property what action will the Minister take to ensure that the existing users of the Neighbourhood Centre including preschool, long day care, before and after school care, CentreLink agency, respite care centre, domestic violence information and referral services and adult education are able to continue to operate from these premises?

(3) Given that local health staff in Crookwell have been specifically instructed not to comment about this proposed sale and that Upper Lachlan Shire Council were unaware of this proposal, until informed of it by my office, does the Greater Southern Area Health Service intend to consult the community of Crookwell, to whom the building was donated, before it is sold?

Answer—

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

(1) and (2) In 1984, the then Crookwell District Hospital Board made available the residence in Denison Street to be used by the community as a Neighbourhood Centre.

There are ongoing discussions between the Greater Southern Area Health Service, the Crookwell Shire Council and Crookwell Local Health Service Advisory Committee with regards to the future ownership of this site.

(3) Yes.

\*3833 ERADICATION OF CANE TOADS—Mrs Judy Hopwood 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)—

What measures in NSW have been undertaken to eradicate cane toads?

Answer—

Cane toads have been recorded in NSW since the early 1960s, but are restricted to the north coast of the state. The primary objective in NSW is to prevent the further spread of the toads.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change has a state wide Cane Toad Management Strategy that it implements in partnership with local councils, CMAs and community groups. Key elements of the strategy include:

- undertaking regular cane toad surveys and mapping the distribution of toads in NSW;
- community education including regular community-based 'musters' and the development and implementation of teacher resources such as the 'Trap That Toad' program;
- eradication of isolated populations of cane toads such as at Port Macquarie;
- development of relationships with other organisations addressing the matter such as South East Queensland Catchments and Wetland Care Australia;
- presentations and involvement at relevant scientific conferences;
- trials of a cane toad 'sniffer' dog; and
- assisting in the development of alternative and more efficient humane euthanasia techniques.

\*3834 CHARGES FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

How many charges for underage drinking have been laid against how many people in relation to incidents in the Hornsby Shire since June 2007?

Answer—

I am advised:

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From 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 there were 15 Infringement Notices issued in relation to underage drinking in the Hornsby Local Government Area. Three charges were brought during the same period in relation to sell/supply liquor to persons under 18 years.

\*3835 SOUNDPROOFING AT HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Why was the Magistrates Room in the Mental Health Intensive Care Unit (MHICU) at Hornsby Hospital:
  - (a) built in the public area of the MHICU;
  - (b) built without insulation for sound?
- (2) Why were the counselling rooms in the drug, alcohol and gambling unit built without sound insulation?
- (3) Did placing insulation later proved to be a fire hazard?
- (4) What are the plans to maintain patient/client privacy relating to the above?

Answer—

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

The design of the Mental Health Intensive Care facility was built in line with the NSW Health Facility Guidelines 2004.

A potential hazard was identified with the insulation in the Counselling Rooms in the Drug, Alcohol and Gambling Unit and while remediation work has already been undertaken in this regard, further improvements to acoustic separation are being undertaken, to enhance patient and client privacy.

\*3836 HORNSBY STATION CLEARWAYS BUDGET—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) Does the Hornsby Station Clearways have a current budget of \$107 million?
- (2) If not, what is the current budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The final budget figure is \$107 million, consistent with the forecast cost provided by Government in February, 2006.

\*3837 WORLD YOUTH DAY—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many schools in the Cronulla electorate are assisting with accommodation for World Youth Day?
- (2) How many households in the Cronulla electorate have offered accommodation for World Youth Day?
- (3) How many registrations from people in the Cronulla electorate have there been for World Youth Day?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) World Youth Day 2008 was responsible for allocating pilgrims to accommodation during World Youth Day 2008. Both State and Catholic schools were used during the event.

World Youth Day 2008 was also responsible for managing pilgrim registrations.

\*3838 NEW DWELLINGS—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1) How many new dwellings were provided by the Department of Housing in the Cronulla electorate during the 2007-08 financial year?
- (2) How many are planned for the coming financial year?
- (3) What is the breakdown on the types of dwellings that are referred to in questions (1) and (2) above?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) Not applicable.

\*3839 WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBARUMBA RAIL TRAIL—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to the Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba Rail Trail:

- (1) (a) What will be the legal status of farmers concerning the large numbers of pedestrians travelling through their property?
- (b) What protections will be afforded them?
- (2) How are the economic impacts on individual farms to be determined and what compensation might be given to those seen as losing value with its creation?
- (3) What problems might an unfenced trail create for the livestock and how will farm owners be compensated for them?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the relevant Minister. I note that Standing Order 128 prohibits questions which seek an expression of opinion or a legal opinion.

\*3840 WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBARUMBA RAIL TRAIL—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

In relation to the Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba Rail Trail:

- (1) What problems might an unfenced trail create for the livestock and how will farm owners be compensated for them?
- (2) (a) Does the trail increase the problems of stray animals?
- (b) Will fences cover all relevant lengths of the trail, including livestock-proofed gates at crossings?
- (3) What specific plans exist to prevent the spread of weeds along the trail or onto farms and what plans exist if such attempts fail?
- (4) What protections will be offered farmers against negative impacts on their crops or stock from disease, weeds, injury, mixed breeding with stray animals, and any other unplanned results of the trail?
- (5) What will be required of farmers to facilitate the trail?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The NSW Government is currently working with major stakeholders on a Task Force set up by the Riverina Development Board that includes the NSW Farmers Association, to investigate the best way forward on this particular trail.

\*3841 WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBARUMBA RAIL TRAIL—Mr Daryl Maguire asked 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—

In relation to the Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba Rail Trail:

- (1) Given that sheep and cattle prefer to camp on raised areas like the trail, are significant interactions with livestock and problems such as damage to the trail, injury to users and animals, and confrontations between them expected?
- (2) What are the potential costs of diseases spread between flocks and how likely is the trail to increase such exposure?
- (3) Will the trail divide farmers' property and what effects will that have on crops or livestock management?
- (4) What farming practices could prove hazardous to trail users and how will they be protected from them?
- (5) What farming practices will require change after the opening of the trail and how might this impact the efficiency of farms?
- (6) What problems might an unfenced trail create for the livestock and how will farm owners be compensated for them?
- (7) (a) Does the trail increase the problems of stray animals?
- (b) Will fences cover all relevant lengths of the trail, including livestock-proofed gates at crossings?
- (8) What specific plans exist to prevent the spread of weeds along the trail or onto farms and what plans exist if such attempts fail?



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(9) What protections will be offered farmers against negative impacts on their crops or stock from disease, weeds, injury, mixed breeding with stray animals, and any other unplanned results of the trail?

(10) What will be required of farmers to facilitate the trail?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Transport, the Hon David Campbell MP.

\*3842 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

With respect to Housing NSW's commercial properties in Cathedral Street Woolloomooloo:

- (1) How many commercial properties does Housing NSW own in Cathedral Street between Bourke Street and Forbes Street, and how many are currently leased?
- (2) Is it true that some of these premises have been vacant for 15 years and how long have each of the vacant properties been empty?
- (3) What is the estimated rent lost due to these vacancies and what costs have been incurred in response to malicious damage and decay?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to prevent these premises being vandalised and infested with rats and pigeons?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of alternate uses such as for accommodation or community use?
- (6) Will the NSW Government provide access to these premises for community activities such as artist studios, or other projects to provide community benefit?
- (7) Given my repeated requests for the Government to lease these premises, what action is planned and when will these premises be leased?

Answer—

- (1) Housing NSW has an interest in 11 commercial properties in that area and 4 are currently vacant.
- (2) No.
- (3) Loss in rent is difficult to define due to the nature of these properties and current commercial rental climate.

There have been only very minor instances of malicious damage comprising graffiti and broken windows.

- (4) Housing NSW has contracted regular security patrols between the hours of 7 pm and 3 am.

A contractor has been engaged to undertake pressure cleaning of the exterior of the premises and surrounds on a weekly basis.

Pigeon control measures have been installed around the roof and other areas of the building that do not pose a risk of harm to humans.

- (5) Many of the premises are already used for community purposes.

Housing NSW has been actively seeking commercial tenants for all of the vacant properties.

- (6) The premises are already utilised for a number of purposes that provide community benefit, such as the Mary McDonald Activity Centre, Hope Street, Woolloomooloo Police Station, medical practices and pharmacy.
- (7) Housing NSW will continue its significant efforts to lease the vacant premises to commercial tenants.

\*3843 FACTORY FARMING STATISTICS—COWS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) How many cows are currently being raised in feedlots?
- (2) What proportion of all cows currently raised in NSW for consumption are being raised in feedlots?
- (3) How many bobby calves (young calves less than six weeks old) are sent to slaughter each year as part of NSW's dairy industry?
- (4) What proportion of male calves raised for veal production in NSW spend at least part of their life in individual pens as opposed to group housing?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Cows are not raised in feedlots. Some cattle (usually steers) spend some of their lives in feedlots.

(3) 8,100 bobby calves were sent to slaughter in NSW in 2007-2008.

(4) It is usual to separate calves from each other for the first week of life to reduce the risk of disease transfer and to provide individual attention. Calves are then placed in group pens until either weaning or sale.

\*3844 WHITE BAY AND GLEBE ISLAND—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

With regard to the transfer of operations from Glebe Island and White Bay wharves to Port Kembla scheduled for November 2008:

- (1) What assessment have the NSW Government and/or its agencies made on the use of the Glebe Island site following transfer of working harbour operations?
- (2) To what extent have the NSW Government and/or its agencies commenced negotiations or made any commitment in any form with regard to the future use or sale or leasing of the Glebe Island site?
- (3) What assessment have the NSW Government and/or its agencies made on the use of the White Bay site following transfer of working harbour operations?
- (4) To what extent have the NSW Government and/or its agencies commenced negotiations or made any commitment in any form with regard to the future use or sale or leasing of the White Bay site?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has established the Bays Precinct Task Force to identify strategic land use options for the area that includes Glebe Island.
- (2) Sydney Ports Corporation owns the Glebe Island site. Sydney Ports Corporation is awaiting the outcome of the Bays Precinct Taskforce before making any further decisions with respect to this site.
- (3) The NSW Government has established the Bays Precinct Task Force to identify strategic land use options for the area that includes White Bay.
- (4) Sydney Ports Corporation owns the White Bay site. It has had preliminary discussions with Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and the Office of the Coordinator General regarding the potential temporary relocation of the cruise passenger terminal from Barangaroo to White Bay.

\*3845 NORTHERN SYDNEY BUS FORUMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Further to Question No. 3351 regarding the Northern Sydney bus forums held in July 2007:

- (1) When was outcome information first made available at Ministry of Transport website?
- (2) Why is the information password protected?
- (3) When were forum attendees or interested parties advised of the password?
- (4) What were the reasons for the substantial delay in doing so?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) The Ministry of Transport made contact with all relevant stakeholders informing them that the feedback provided at the forums was available at the Ministry's website from 7 July, 2008.

All stakeholders involved in the forums were given access to a special section of the Ministry's website to view the feedback provided during the respective forums. Feedback from the forums was supplied by stakeholders and, once compiled in a suitable format, is then made available to them. Access to the documentation was then offered, but not limited, to those who took part in the forums.

The feedback was made available prior to the public release of the proposed network as part of the consultation process preceding finalisation of the new network.

\*3846 PRESCRIPTION OF RITALIN TO CHILDREN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are recent media reports correct in suggesting that children as young as 6 months of age are being diagnosed with ADHD and prescribed drugs such as Ritalin?
- (2) Given the Consumer Medicine Information Sheet on Ritalin states that "There is not enough information to recommend its use in children under 6 years old", will you impose a moratorium on the drugging of children under the age of 6 for ADHD, until it is established whether they are safe for children under 6?
- (3) Has the NSW Health Department condoned use of Ritalin by children under the age of:
  - (a) six;
  - (b) three;

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(c) one?

Answer—

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

- (1) No.
- (2) and (3) NSW Health supports appropriate and comprehensive treatment for children that is informed by national and international scientific evidence and expert bodies. Clinical and expert opinion indicates that stimulant medication may be considered for very young children where there has been poor response to behavioural and psychosocial therapy and where ADHD symptoms are having a severe impact on the child, the family and carers.

In relation to the prescribing of stimulants in NSW, the NSW Department of Health is advised by a statutory expert panel of clinical specialists (the Stimulants Subcommittee). Prescribing of stimulants in NSW is subject to the approval of the NSW Department of Health, and must be in accordance with criteria issued by the Department as advised by the Stimulants Subcommittee.

Applications involving children aged 2 years must be accompanied by a full clinical report and a second opinion from a specialist practitioner. These applications are referred to the Stimulants Subcommittee. Routine reports about the child are required to support continued use of stimulants.

Applications to prescribe for children under 2 years of age are not granted.

\*3847 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the extent of NSW Government support for the Neighbourhood Watch program?
- (2) To what extent has the Neighbourhood Watch program declined over the past decade?
- (3) What plans does it have to ensure the program is reinvigorated into the future?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) The NSW Police Force supports Neighbourhood Watch committees in those Local Area Commands where the scheme is active by attending meetings, providing advice and information. Police also encourage Neighbourhood Watch committees to take advantage of their local Community Safety Precinct Committees which can provide them with practical resources in their areas.
- (2) Some Local Area Commands still have active Neighbourhood Watch committees. However, community interest in the program has generally declined.
- (3) In June 2007 a Neighbourhood Watch invigoration workshop was held in Sydney to explore options for moving the program forward. Over 50 Neighbourhood Watch representatives attended and their input has assisted the NSW Police Crime Prevention Team to strategically progress residential crime prevention. It has also assisted volunteers to best direct their efforts in line with crime prevention strategies in their Local Area Commands. Updated guidelines for the Neighbourhood Watch program were introduced following this workshop.

The NSW Police Force has introduced a range of significant crime prevention programs over the last few years, including Community Safety Precinct Committees. These Committees keep local communities informed of crime and safety related issues and accept input from parents, teachers, business owners and other interested persons.

\*3848 FIREARMS REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) How many firearm registration applications were lodged in the Ballina electorate in:
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007; and
  - (c) 2008 to date?
- (2) How many firearms registration applications were successful in:
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007; and
  - (c) 2008 to date?
- (3) What was the average waiting time between application for firearm registration and notification of approval in:

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

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) (a) 322.
- (b) 496.
- (c) 389 as at end August 2008.
- (2) Not applicable. If a registration cannot be actioned as a result of a person not being a valid licence holder, the firearm is registered through a firearms dealer until if and when a valid licence is obtained.
- (3) It takes approximately 10 days for a registration certificate to be issued to an individual.

\*3849 VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVERS—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concern among volunteer bus drivers who drive community buses about the Government's new detailed diary that they need to keep in the same way that professional drivers must?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that many volunteer drivers who only drive short distances on an irregular basis in their local communities are going to cease their volunteer driving which will adversely affect many people who rely on this community service if no exemption is made for them?
- (3) Will the Minister create an exemption for these volunteers drivers whilst ensuring that professional drivers adhere to the new regulations designed to reduce the level of fatigue?

Answer—

The Minister is fully aware of the potential ramifications for volunteer bus drivers and the following exemption has been approved:

Exemption from requirements of Road Transport (General) Regulation 2005 Subdivision 2 (Work diary requirements) of Division 4 of Part 6 of Road Transport (General) Regulation 2005 is declared not to apply to the driver of a bus if the driver is:

- (a) engaged in a journey of less than 100 km from the driver's base; or
- (b) the driver of a bus engaged in a journey undertaken under a bus service contract entered into under Part 3 of the Passenger Transport Act 1990, regardless of the distance travelled.

Part A of this exemption covers volunteer bus drivers who travel for less than 100 km from their base. This will address the concerns of volunteer bus drivers.

\*3850 FUNDING FOR KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

Given that the Treasurer stated in his 2008/2009 NSW Budget Speech that there would be funding for "19 new school projects and 12 new TAFE projects, at a total cost of \$246 million":

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Kingscliff TAFE is one of the 12 NSW TAFEs set to receive funding under the 2008/2009 Budget, as promised by the NSW Government during the 2007 election?
- (2) If yes, what is the proportion of the \$246 million that Kingscliff TAFE is set to receive under the 2008/2008 Budget, and outline what projects this funding is to go towards?
- (3) If no, why has the NSW Government reneged on its 2007 election promise to grant further funding to Kingscliff TAFE and when can Kingscliff TAFE expect to receive Government funding?

Answer—

The new trade school at Kingscliff TAFE is planned to be open at the start of 2011.

The project to provide new and upgraded sport and recreation facilities at Kingscliff TAFE was funded in the 2007/08 financial year through the TAFE Minor Capital Works Program. The project, with an estimated cost in the order of \$1.2 million, provided a new sport and recreation building which includes a gymnasium/fitness centre/exercise room, change rooms, toilets, and teacher accommodation.

Kingscliff TAFE also gained additional classrooms through the conversion of the former sport and

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recreation area.

The sport and recreation facilities project was completed and became operational at the end of June 2008.

\*3851 MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR TWEED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to maintenance funding for Tweed public high schools:

- (1) What are the individual maintenance budgets for public primary and high schools in the Tweed electorate for:
  - (a) 2005/2006 financial year;
  - (b) 2006/2007 financial year;
  - (c) 2007/2008 financial year?
- (2) What are the 3 largest expenditure items in the individual maintenance budgets for public primary and high schools in the Tweed electorate for:
  - (a) 2005/2006 financial year;
  - (b) 2006/2007 financial year;
  - (c) 2007/2008 financial year?

Answer—

Maintenance in schools across the State is an ongoing activity, constantly delivered throughout the year through a comprehensive suite of initiatives designed to best meet a range of circumstances:

- preventative maintenance is regular work performed by a contractor to keep specific building elements and equipment in good repair.
- programmed maintenance is work based on items that are picked up in the bi-annual condition assessments of each school. Annual maintenance plans are developed by schools in conjunction with their local Asset Management Unit.
- essential urgent repairs are maintenance works undertaken immediately by the contractor if required by the school, with the school contributing up to its specific contribution limit.
- the extra maintenance program is a four year statewide program aimed at injecting additional funding into priority areas.

The Department of Education and Training continues to work with principals and school communities to identify priority projects to deliver safe, well-maintained learning environments for the students of New South Wales.

\*3852 CROSS BORDER SHARING OF INFORMATION ABOUT YOUNG OFFENDERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

In relation cross border sharing of information about young offenders.

- (1) What procedures are in place to notify the NSW Police Force when NSW-resident offenders or suspects are released from detention in other states?
- (2) Why are the Tweed police not informed when Tweed-based offenders are released on bail or parole from detention on the Gold Coast?
- (3) What urgent measures does the Minister propose to take to rectify this problem?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice has arrangements in place with other jurisdictions that allow for the transfer of young people between states. These arrangements result in agencies being able to negotiate the transfer of supervision, on a case by case basis, where young offenders move interstate.
- (2) The specific matters raised in the Member's questions relate to communication between NSW Police and other states juvenile justice systems, not New South Wales Department of Juvenile Justice.

\*3853 REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED LAND—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)—

How much money has been disbursed from the Government's Innocent Owners Scheme to remediate contaminated land in each of the following years:

- (a) 2000-01;

- (b) 2001-02;
- (c) 2002-03;
- (d) 2003-04;
- (e) 2004-05;
- (f) 2005-06;
- (g) 2006-07;
- (h) 2007-08?

Answer—

- (a) The Innocent Owners program did not commence until 2001-2002.
- (b) \$21,820.
- (c) \$231,918.
- (d) \$120,121.
- (e) \$1,878,561.
- (f) \$558,907.
- (g) \$1,211,930.
- (h) \$379,990.

\*3854 VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROPOSALS—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) How many voluntary remediation proposals for contaminated sites have been recorded since 1997?
- (2) How many of these have resulted in the contaminated sites being cleaned up?

Answer—

- (1) 91.
- (2) 24 have been completed, 6 are nearing completion, and 51 are ongoing with cleanup initiated or about to commence.

\*3855 REMEDIATION WORK—SYDNEY HARBOUR—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 steps is the Government taking to ensure that the voluntary remediation proposal for the bed of the Harbour adjacent to the AGL gas works at Mortlake results in remediation work being undertaken?
- (2) When does the Minister anticipate work will start on cleaning up Kendall Bay?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Environment and Climate Change is currently reviewing the voluntary remediation proposal for excavating contaminated sediments from the bed of Kendall Bay. If the proposed works are considered appropriate, the Department will enter into a voluntary remediation agreement with Alinta (now Jemena). If the Department has concerns with the proposed works or if works are not undertaken as set out in the agreement then the Department has the ability to issue Alinta with a remediation order under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 to require works to be carried out.
- (2) It is anticipated that remediation work, under the terms of a voluntary remediation agreement, will commence in the first half of 2009.

\*3856 PETER BLACK APPOINTMENT—Mr John Turner asked 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) Has Peter Black, former Member for Murray/Darling been appointed by the Minister or another government department as Chairman of the NSW Metalliferous Mines and Extractive Industries Competence Board?
- (2) If so, when did the appointment occur and how long will the appointment be for?
- (3) If so, what funds, fees and/or allowances will be paid to Mr Black in such a role?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) 1 September 2008 to 30 June 2010
- (3) \$15,000 per annum.

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\*3857 GRAFFITI REMOVAL FUNDING—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

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

Answer—

I am advised that details of funds granted by the Attorney General's Department are contained in the Department's Annual Report.

I am also advised that both the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services work with Councils across New South Wales to engage Community Service Order offenders in graffiti clean-up work.

\*3858 E88 BUS SERVICE TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

(1) (a) Does the STA monitor bus travelling times into the Sydney Central Business District from various locations in the Sydney metropolitan area?

(b) If so, what is the time it takes for the E88 service leaving North Avalon (Careel Head Road) at 7.21 am to travel to Central Station on weekdays?

(2) On how many occasions has this service arrived at Central Station more than 5 minutes past the scheduled arrival time during the past 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Information regarding departure and arrival times for State Transit's E88 service from North Avalon can be accessed via the Transport Infoline on 131500 or [www.131500.info](http://www.131500.info)

\*3859 E88 BUS SERVICE TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

(1) (a) Does the RTA monitor bus-travelling times into the Sydney Central Business District from various locations in the Sydney Metropolitan area?

(b) If so, what is the time it takes for the E88 service leaving North Avalon (Careel Head Road) at 7.21 am to travel to Central Station on weekdays?

(2) On how many occasions has this service arrived at Central Station more than 5 minutes past the scheduled arrival time during the past 12 months?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport.

\*3860 EXPLORATION LICENCES—CAROONA AND WATERMARK DISTRICTS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked 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—

With respect to the exploration licences granted in the Carroona and Watermark districts:

(1) What is the estimated cost of an independent hydrological study of the Liverpool Plains?

(2) What allocations, if any, have been made for an independent hydrological study of the Liverpool Plains?

(3) What time frame has been determined for such a study?

(4) What action is the Minister taking to ensure the affected landholders on the Liverpool Plains are kept informed of all actions by his department?

(5) What processes has the Minister's office put in place to ensure the conflicting interests of primary industries, mining and energy are all duly considered?

Answer—

A condition of both the Carroona and Watermark Exploration Licences is that completed hydrological studies carried out by the companies during the exploration licence period be made publicly available, through the respective Community Consultative Committees.

The Caroona Coal Project Community Consultative Committee has been established to ensure that the company fully engages the various landholders and community groups to facilitate an exchange of information and to address any issues of concern during this exploration phase. I appointed Garry West, a former Minister and Member for Orange, as the independent Chair of this committee which has met regularly over the past two years.

I have also recently announced that former NSW Nationals leader Ian Armstrong will chair the Watermark Coal Exploration Project Community Consultative Committee to involve the community in the on-going process.

\*3861 EXPLORATION LICENCES—CAROONA AND WATERMARK DISTRICTS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked 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—

With respect to the exploration licences granted in the Caroona and Watermark districts:

- (1) Has the Minister or anyone from his office met with representatives from Shenhua Energy?
- (2) Is Shenhua Energy, or any other foreign company involved in discussions with his government over the purchase or lease of NSW power utilities?
- (3) Would such a purchase or lease be contingent upon those companies having access to coal from new mines on the Liverpool Plains?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that there is no agreement or proposed agreement explicit or otherwise between the NSW Government and any foreign-owned companies linking Liverpool plains coal with electricity privatisation in NSW?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) See answer to (2).
- (4) See answer to (2).

\*3862 VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION AGREEMENT—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, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) (a) Was the Minister asked to place a Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) on land known as S.L. 1989/6?
  - (b) If so, when?
  - (c) If so, by whom?
  - (d) If so, did the Minister place a VCA over land S.L. 1989/6?
  - (e) If not, why not?
- (2) (a) Was the land S.L. 1989/6 subsequently converted to freehold land?
  - (b) If so, was an application made for a VCA to be attached to that freehold land?
  - (c) If so, was the VCA put in place on that land?
  - (d) If so, when?
  - (e) If not, why not?
- (3) (a) Did, in a letter dated 24 May 2004 reference MO89H185, an officer of the Minister's Department advise the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service that the Minister or his Department would not consent to a VCA upon S.L. 1989/6?
  - (b) If so, was any reason given for such refusal?
  - (c) If so, what was the reason?
  - (d) If no reason was given, why was it not given?
- (4) (a) Is the Minister now prepared to give such a reason for refusal?
  - (b) If so, what is the reason?
- (5) If the Minister is not prepared to give such a reason, why is he not prepared to give the reason?
- (6) (a) Was it, at the time of the letter mentioned in question (3) above, the policy of the Government not to place VCA's over wildlife sanctuaries?
  - (b) If so, why was such policy implemented?



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- (7) (a) Is it still the policy of the Government not to place VCA's over wildlife sanctuaries?  
(b) If so, why?  
(8) Did the Minister receive a letter from the Hon. Barry Cohen OAM dated 24 June 2004?  
(9) (a) Has the Minister replied to the letter mentioned in question (8) above?  
(b) If not, why not?  
(c) If not, when will the Minister reply?

Answer—

(1) On 13 May 2004 a request was submitted by National Parks and Wildlife Service for consent to place a Voluntary Conservation Agreement over the Crown land within Special Lease 1989/6. The request was an outcome of discussions that had been initiated between the Service and the holder of the lease, Mr Barry Cohen. Consent to the VCA was subsequently provided on the proviso that the term of the agreement expires prior to 31 December 2030, being the date of expiry of Special Lease 1989/6.

However, the execution of the agreement between the lessee and the Service did not proceed, principally on the basis that the conditions of the consent did not meet with the requirements of the National Parks and Wildlife Services Act 1974.

(2) The subject land remains as Crown land covered by Special Lease 1989/6.

(3) to (5) The NPWS and Mr Cohen were advised that there were no objections to the VCA, providing the term of the agreement did not extend beyond 31 December 2030, being the day when Special Lease 1989/6 was due to expire. It was the Department's reasoned view that to endorse any VCA beyond this date would potentially impact on the Department's potential to fully explore future use options for the land.

(6) and (7) No.

(8) and (9) Yes. I responded to Mr Cohen's letter on 20 September 2004.

\*3863 LICENSED FISHERS—Mr John Turner asked 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) How many licensed fishers did the Department buy-out in the past five years in each region in NSW?  
(2) (a) Did the Minister ban licensed fishers, who had their licences bought out, from buying licences in other regions?  
(b) If not, why not?  
(3) How many fishers were licensed in region 4 in the years:  
(a) 2000;  
(b) 2004;  
(c) 2005;  
(d) 2006;  
(e) 2007; and  
(f) 2008 to the present date?  
(4) How many fishers licensed in region 4 actively worked their licenses in the years:  
(a) 2000;  
(b) 2004;  
(c) 2005;  
(d) 2006;  
(e) 2007; and  
(f) 2008 to the present date?  
(5) How many fishers licensed in region 4 had inactive licenses in the years:  
(a) 2000;  
(b) 2004;  
(c) 2005;  
(d) 2006;

- (e) 2007; and  
(f) 2008 to the present date?
- (6) How many fishers in region 4 did the Department buy-out in the past five years?  
(7) How many bought out fishers from other regions in the state have purchased licenses in region 4?  
(8) What is the effect on effort, in region 4, of any extra licenses granted to fishing region 4?  
(9) (a) Is the Minister aware of any effect on the profitability and catch record of originally licensed fishers in region 4, of extra licenses being granted in region 4?  
(b) If so, what is that effect?  
(c) If not, will the Minister appraise himself of this information and advise?  
(d) If not, why not?
- (10) What plans does the Minister have to assist the licensed fishers who were licensed to operate in region 4 prior to the buy-out scheme now affected by the over fishing of region 4?

Answer—

- (1) Recent buy-out schemes for commercial fishing focussed on removing entire commercial fishing businesses, not simply "licensed fishers" - the distinction being that a person does not have to be licensed to own a commercial fishing business with entitlements.  
Furthermore, commercial fishing entitlements are not regionalised apart from endorsements issued in two out of the State's eight major marine commercial fisheries (ie. Estuary General and Ocean Hauling), commercial fishing entitlements are not regionalised.
- (2) (a) Refer to answer to question (1) regarding licensed fishers and regionalisation.  
In the recent marine park buy-out processes, business owners (whether or not licensed fishers) who had a buy-out offer accepted agreed not to fish in and around the relevant marine park for a period of 5 years.  
(b) N/A
- (3) As indicated in answer to question (1), apart from endorsements in two of the State's eight major marine commercial fisheries (i.e. Estuary General and Ocean Hauling), fishing businesses and licensed fishers are not limited to certain regions.
- (4) Refer to question (3) answer.  
(5) Refer to question (3) answer.  
(6) Refer to answers to questions (1) and (3).  
(7) Refer to answers to questions (1) and (3).  
(8) No new fishing endorsements have been granted in NSW following the implementation of Share Management Fisheries on 7 February 2007.
- (9) (a) Refer to answers to question (8).  
(b) N/A  
(c) N/A  
(d) N/A
- (10) The Rees Labor Government is committed to maintaining a viable commercial fishing industry that supplies the public with fresh local seafood and bait, whilst conserving fish stocks and habitats.  
The fisheries management strategies in place for each major fishery have resulted from comprehensive environmental impact assessments, in accordance with the requirements of NSW and Commonwealth law.  
The latest scientific information supports the assessment that commercial fishing is being managed on a sustainable basis.

\*3864 PATROL BOATS IN MARINE PARKS—Mr John Turner asked 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) How many patrol boats per park does the Department of Primary Industries run in relation to marine parks?  
(2) What is the capacity of each patrol boat?  
(3) What is the cost of each patrol boat?  
(4) What is the cost of maintenance of each patrol boat per year?  
(5) What is the cost of fuel for each patrol boat per year?

Answer—

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While NSW Department of Primary Industries Fisheries Officers do undertake some supplementary compliance work within marine parks, any work undertaken is integrated within their district work. No discrete records are kept of the proportion of their time spent on compliance issues within marine parks, nor the cost of patrol work carried out within marine parks.

Any further operational questions relating to marine parks should be directed to my colleague the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP, the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

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- 3865 INTEREST RATES PAID—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 3866 MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE IN ALBURY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3867 MEN'S SHED—RAYMOND TERRACE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3868 F3 TO RAYMOND TERRACE—PROPOSED EXTENSION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3869 SCRUTINEERS—LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3870 PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3871 SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3872 NSW BUDGET STRATEGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3873 EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- \*3874 SENIORS LIVING—COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATES—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- (1) How many SEPP (Seniors Living) compatibility certificates have been refused or challenged since these were introduced in September 2007?
  - (2) On what grounds were these compatibility certificates refused or challenged?
- Answer—
- (1) Five.
  - (2) Non-compliance with the applicable State Policy.
- 3875 UPPER NEPEAN AQUIFERS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3876 COWRA SUPPORTED DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3877 ROAD SAFETY ALPINE WAY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3878 MORRIS FAMILY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3879 WET BERTHING CHANGES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

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- 3880 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3881 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3882 LAND AND WATER PURCHASING—BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3883 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3884 WAGGA WAGGA TO TUMBARUMBA RAIL TRAIL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3885 WAGGA WAGGA POLICE COMMAND—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3886 PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3887 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3888 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION COSTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3889 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3890 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL GYNAECOLOGY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3891 TWEED COAST CROWN LAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3892 TWEED HOSPITAL—NEW WARD—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3893 STEPHEN HYND—CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3894 KOALA NUMBERS SURVEY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3895 LORD HOWE ISLAND—AERIAL BAITING OF RATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3896 LORD HOWE ISLAND—SAFER ERADICATION OF RATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3897 NSW NURSES AND MIDWIVES BOARD—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3898 OXLEY HIGHWAY AND KING CREEK ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads—

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- 3899 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS—CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3900 CROWN LAND—RIVER STREET MACKSVILLE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3901 CROWN ROAD AT BILPIN—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3902 PITT TOWN BYPASS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3903 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

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- 3904 CANCER PREVENTION—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3905 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3906 RTA PROJECTS IN ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3907 OAKLANDS TO BENALLA RAILWAY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3908 ROZELLE HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3909 SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3910 CONTACT WITH RTA MANAGEMENT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3911 FITZGERALD BRIDGE—REPAIR OF RAILING—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3912 HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3913 TREE DANGERS—MOSSY POINT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3914 PAT BRANCATISANO—FISHING LICENCE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3915 DR YONG-XIN SHI—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3916 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 3917 STATE-OWNED PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HOUSING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Housing, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3918 STATE-OWNED SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PROPERTIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- 3919 CHILDREN'S WARD—BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3920 GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—MONIES OWED—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3921 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- \*3922 GULLEN RANGE WIND FARM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- (1) Will the Minister give an assurance that wind turbines approved for the Gullen Range Wind Farm will be set back sufficiently from property boundaries to allow any that fall to fall within the existing property boundary?
  - (2) (a) Has the Minister sought legal advice as to where the liability lies for damage caused by collapsing wind turbine towers, impacting on neighbouring properties?  
(b) If so, will the Minister make a copy of this advice available to me for distribution to the residents of properties surrounding the proposed Gullen Range Wind Farm?
- Answer—
- (1) Credible potential risks associated with the proposal, including the need for mitigative measures, will be considered by the Department of Planning during its environmental assessment of the proposal. I will take the Department's advice into account when making a decision.
  - (2) (a) and (b) No.
- 3923 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CHILD PROTECTION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3924 BRANCH LINES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3925 BLACK SPOT FUNDING – MOUNT COLAH—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3926 EMERGENCY RESPITE BEDS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- 3927 GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3928 FIREARMS—CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3929 FUNDING FOR REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3930 UNDERAGE DRINKING CHARGES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3931 RTA POWERS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3932 PROVISION OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3933 TWEED RIVER FIRE STATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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- 3934 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3935 TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—DRUG SQUAD UNIT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3936 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3937 NSW GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION SCHEME—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3938 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT REGULATION 2000 (4)—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3939 DONALD WILLIAM MACKAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3940 RIVERBANK EROSION—NAMBUCCA RIVER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3941 MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—FUNDING FOR NEW PURPOSE BUILT SUPPORT UNIT—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3942 MANNING RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL—Mr John Turner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

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- 3943 CASES OF CANCER—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 3944 MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CARE UNIT—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3945 MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3946 LAKE CATHIE SKATE PARK AND PCYC FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
- 3947 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3948 BIOSOLIDS ODOURS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3949 NSW MARITIME LEASES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3950 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 3951 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT—PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3952 MOUNT PANORAMA FACILITY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

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- 3953 DRUG DEALS—NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3954 NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE—MANLY—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3955 ROAD ACCESS TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3956 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3957 FUNDING TO EDUCATION CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—
- 3958 RESTRUCTURING OF THE NSW FISHING INDUSTRY—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3959 PAYMENT TO SUPPLIERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 3960 STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3961 ABOLISHING THE RTA—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3962 COST OF FREE BUS TRAVEL SCHEME—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3963 ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3964 AMBULANCE PATIENT TRANSFERS—Mr Thomas George to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3965 BODIES AWAITING A CORONIAL AUTOPSY—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3966 TRAINING TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3967 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—DEATHS REPORTING—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3968 GUNDAROO PARK—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3969 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 3970 JOHNES DISEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3971 BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—SCHOOL HALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women—



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- 3972 MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 3973 HORNSBY HOSPITAL MEALS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3974 DRAFT LEP AMENDMENT NO 17—SOUTH COFFS URBAN RELEASE AREA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3975 TOM UGLY'S BRIDGE—MOVABLE LANE MARKERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3976 POLICE NUMBERS IN THE HILLS DISTRICT—Mr Wayne Merton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3977 TRANSPORT REFORM—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3978 GM FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 3979 DISCRIMINATION IN AGED CARE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3980 MOTOR CYCLE TOLLS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3981 PARKING ON FOOTPATHS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3982 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT BREACHES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3983 CROSS CITY TUNNEL TRAFFIC REPORT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3984 MODIFIED VEHICLES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 3985 OVERCROWDED APARTMENTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3986 CANCER CASES—WARRINGAH COUNCIL AREA—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3987 OVERSEAS TRAVEL FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3988 AGE AND BREAKDOWNS OF ROLLING STOCK—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3989 LINDFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3990 NOXIOUS WEEDS ERADICATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3991 BREACHES OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 3992 TRAFFIC BOTTLENECK—PYMBLE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Roads—

- \*3993 IMPACT OF PLANNING LAWS—Mr Barry O'Farrell asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- Will the Minister meet with representatives of Ku-ring-gai Council and local residents groups in Ku-ring-gai to see at first hand the actual and proposed impact of the Government's planning laws, including on existing infrastructure like roads?
- Answer—
- I would consider such a request in the context of my Ministerial and Parliamentary commitments.
- 3994 RAIL TICKET SALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3995 DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3996 NON-ISSUE OF FINES—ELDERLY PEOPLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Premier, and Minister for the Arts—
- 3997 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFICER – TWEED BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 3998 TOURISM FUNDING FOR THE NORTHERN RIVERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Tourism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3999 NSW DRUG STATE INCIDENTS REPORT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4000 RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4001 TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4002 PURCHASE OF TOORALE STATION—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—
- 4003 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT UNITS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4004 INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONERS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 4005 “COMMUNITY KILOMETRES”—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4006 PROPOSED NETWORK CHANGES—SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 4007 ENTRANCE CHANNEL—BROKEN BAY INTO BRISBANE WATER—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo representing the Minister for Police, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 4008 SILTATION OF ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—
- 4009 TREE PRESERVATION OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 4010 DEDICATED LAND AT CURRAWONG—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 4011 COMPANION ANIMALS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- \*4012 LOW-LYING COASTAL WATERFRONT LAND—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- Can land filling to raise the level of low-lying coastal waterfront land be a reasonable adaptive response to climate change flood risk in relation to proposed residential subdivision?
- Answer—
- Adaptive responses to low-lying coastal waterfront land are entirely site specific.
- \*4013 PLANNING ASSESSMENT COMMISSION—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- What projects, planning proposals and/or development applications will be delegated to the Planning Assessment Commission?
- Answer—
- Legal delegations of ministerial powers to the Planning Assessment Commission are being developed and will be determined in due course.
- 4014 PROTECTION OF FISH STOCKS—MID NORTH COAST—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4015 MOUNT COMBOYNE TRIG POINT AND LOOKOUT—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Education and Training, and Minister for Women representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 4016 FUNDING FOR THE NORTH WEST RAIL LINE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways representing the Treasurer—
- 4017 FATIGUE WORK DIARY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Roads—
- 4018 CLOSURE OF WESTMEAD FORENSIC SERVICES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce representing the Minister for Health, Minister for the Central Coast, and Vice President of the Executive Council—