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\*2162 TEACHER PLACEMENT—Mr Richard Amery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Does the Department of Education operate an incentive scheme giving teachers who work in areas of disadvantage favourable treatment on future transfer applications?
- (2) If so, how does this scheme work?
- (3) How will such a scheme be affected by the new staff recruitment programme currently being implemented in this State?
- (4) Under this new arrangement, how will the Department offer placements to teachers who have accrued bonus transfer points by working in disadvantaged or remote areas?
- (5) Does the new recruitment policy give greater say to a local school and Principal in filling teacher vacancies?
- (6) If so, will this reduce the number of vacancies that are available to teachers who have worked in remote or disadvantaged areas?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Department of Education and Training provides incentives for teachers who work in eight, six and four point incentive schools.

These incentives are:

- priority for transfer to a vacancy in an agreed location or area following the required period of service;
- compassionate transfer status for teaching partners moving in or out of positions in eight and six point schools;
- 90 per cent rental subsidies for teachers in hard to staff areas of NSW (eight point schools) and 70 per cent in the next most difficult to staff locations (six point schools);
- an annual retention benefit of \$5,000 gross for a maximum of five years in forty of the most difficult to staff schools in NSW for teachers who stay at the school beyond the service requirements;
- enhanced personal leave for teachers in isolated rural schools so that they can attend to personal and/or family commitments;
- four additional training and development days per annum for teachers in eight and six point schools and one additional day for teachers in four point incentive schools; and
- locality allowances for teachers in schools in specified localities which provide compensation for additional costs incurred in living in those areas.

(3) Under the new staffing procedures, all the incentives that an eight, six and four point incentive school currently attracts are secure and continue unchanged.

(4) Teachers in eight, six and four point incentive schools are assured that they will continue to be able to apply for an incentive transfer when they have completed their period of service in the school. The principal and school education director will confirm the teacher's competence based on the Teacher Assessment and Review Schedule or the Principal Assessment and Review Schedule in the case of principals.

The teacher will be given priority for placement if a vacancy occurs in a school that is on their preference list for appointment.

Once the centralised staffing unit at Blacktown is advised that a vacancy exists, the very first thing they do is run a computerised match to see if any teachers, executive staff or principals, who have a priority transfer application on the computerised staffing system, match the requirements of the position.

If a teacher matches the position, they will be appointed. There is no power of veto to the appointment by the receiving school, or by anyone else.

(5) Under the new staffing procedures, once priority placements have been made, schools will be able to choose how they appoint their teachers. Schools may choose to fill a position through advertisement, or from the service transfer, graduate recruitment or employment lists.

Where the school chooses to fill a position from the service transfer, graduate recruitment or employment lists, it may request the central staffing unit at Blacktown to appoint the top match from the appropriate

list, or request to consider all teachers from the appropriate list who match the position and who are interested in moving to the school.

(6) The number of vacancies for teachers who have incentive transfer status following service in a rural or remote school will not be reduced.

When any vacancy occurs, the first step is to run a computerised match to see if any teachers, executive staff or principals, who have a priority transfer application on the computerised staffing system, match the requirements for the position. Teachers who have worked in rural or remote schools and who have incentive transfer status are considered for matching to positions in this first step.

\*2163 GARNAUT CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW: INTERIM REPORT—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 financial modelling of the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report to the Commonwealth, State and Territory Government of Australia" recommendations:

- (1) Given that the Federal Treasury is performing "careful modelling" of the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report" recommendations, is the NSW Treasury also performing economic modelling on the impact that the recommendations will have on NSW?
- (2) If so, when is the NSW Treasury modelling expected to be completed?
- (3) Does the Treasurer support renewable energy generation, as recommended by the "Garnaut Climate Change Review: Interim Report"?
- (4) Does the Treasurer support the Review's recommendation:

Australia must now put in place effective policies to achieve major reductions in emissions. The emissions trading scheme (ETS) is the centre-piece of a domestic mitigation strategy. To achieve effective mitigation at the lowest possible cost, the ETS will need to be supported by measures to correct market failures or weaknesses related to innovation, research and development, to information, and to network infrastructure (p. 5)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) NSW Treasury have been involved with modelling through their participation in the National Emissions Trading Taskforce, which we established in 2004. I released the results of this modelling last week.

NSW Treasury is also involved in discussions with the Commonwealth Treasury on the modelling being undertaken to inform the design of the ETS and associated policies.

- (2) Answered above in (1)
- (3) In 2007 NSW announced its intention to target 15% renewable energy by 2020 through its proposed NSW Renewable Energy Target. This is now being rolled into the expanded national 20% Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) announced by the Rudd Government which will complement the national emissions trading scheme.
- (4) Market failures are apparent in the designs proposed by various economists. Issues of sovereign risk must be considered by the Commonwealth when resolving the issue of permit allocation or compensation. The NSW Government will continue to argue strongly for a trading scheme that does not unduly penalise our energy industry or the state or national economies.

\*2165 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

In relation to renewable energy generation and the Premier's response to Question 1487:

- (1) Given the Premier's response to Question 1487 that answering the question would require "an unjustifiable diversion of public resources", what specific "public resources" would be required in answering a question about specific visitations made in his capacity as Premier?
- (2) Are the "public resources" being required more "unjustifiable" or onerous than a search of the Premier's diary records by a member of the Premier's Department?
- (3) Does the Premier agree that transparency of which renewable energy sites the Premier has visited would be in the public interest?
- (4) Which sites of wind, solar, wave, or geothermal energy generation within Australia has the Premier visited since being appointed Premier in August 2005?

Answer—

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(1) to (4) The NSW Government welcomes the Opposition's interest in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Premier has made a range of significant commitments to energy efficiency measures and to the development of renewable energy. Details of these initiatives, including the Government's energy efficiency strategy and a \$200 million investment in the Clean Energy Fund are available at [www.nsw.gov.au/energy](http://www.nsw.gov.au/energy) along with other information about the Government's plan to secure the State's future electricity supplies.

In addition, the NSW Government is working cooperatively with the new Rudd Labor Government which has demonstrated a commitment to addressing climate change as a key platform of its first term in office. Work includes the development of a national emissions trading scheme and the expansion of the Commonwealth's mandatory renewable energy target (MRET).

\*2166 DICK PERSSON—APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF PORT MACQUARIE COUNCIL—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) (a) What process was undertaken prior to Mr Dick Persson being appointed Administrator of Port Macquarie Council?
- (b) Was his appointment a merit-based selection?
- (2) On what dates has the Minister and/or his Director General met with Mr Persson since January 2006 and what was the purpose of such meetings?
- (3) On what date did Mr Persson's SES contract expire after he was displaced as a Director General?
- (4) On what date was Mr Persson's SES contract renewed and does that contract have provision within it for performance reviews?
- (5) What salary will Dick Persson receive as Administrator of Port Macquarie Council?
- (6) Will he receive two salaries and other allowances for being administrator of both Port Macquarie and Warringah Council?
- (7) If yes to (6), what is the total amount of salary, allowances and any other payments he will receive for the period 4 March 2008 to 30 September 2008?
- (8) (a) Does Mr Persson have an SES Credit Card?
- (b) If so what has been the expenditure on that card for the following periods:
  - (i) 2003-2004?
  - (ii) 2004-2005?
  - (iii) 2006-2007?
- (9) Will Mr Persson receive a Credit Card from Port Macquarie Council?
- (10) (a) Will the Minister refer the issues raised in Legislative Council Question on Notice 1274 to his department for proper investigation?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) (a) Mr Persson was nominated from a panel of names put forward by the Department of Local Government.
- (b) Obviously Mr Persson was considered to have merit, otherwise he would not have been appointed. The same process for the appointment of administrators has been in place since 1991.
- (2) I met with Mr Persson twice in September 2007 and the Director General of the Department of Local Government has advised me that he has met with Mr Persson on several occasions, as I as Minister or the Director General would do with any Administrator or General Manager or Mayor or Councillor on request.
- (3) This is a matter for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (4) This is a matter for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (5) Because Mr Persson continues to receive his SES salary, Port Macquarie Council will reimburse the Department of Premier and Cabinet in accordance with the Governor's determination that the Administrator's salary be \$138,360.
- (6) No.
- (7) N/A.
- (8) This is a matter for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (9) This is a matter for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to determine in line with its relevant policies,

as they would determine for an elected Mayor and Councillors.

(10) See response to Legislative Council Question on Notice 1274, previously provided.

\*2167 RESPITE CARE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the DADHC initiative, that has been operating for 2 to 3 years, in some schools in Yass and Young where parents of disabled children are able to forego several hours of allocated respite care a week to enable a person to be employed during school lunch and recess to supervise the disabled children?
- (2) Is this program under review or is its closure being contemplated?
- (3) What are the names of the schools involved in this project?
- (4) How many disabled children does this program assist?
- (5) Will you act to ensure that this valuable project continues?

Answer—

- (1) This model of support provides flexible assistance to a number of families in the Yass area. It is not a specific Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) initiative, although it is provided with DADHC funding.

I am advised that in the case of Yass (Mt Carmel), this initiative has evolved as a local arrangement between parents, Mt Carmel College and Yass Home Living Support Service – a service funded through DADHC. Flexible respite funding pays for Aides already employed through the school, to provide additional supervision to children who require a high level of supervision during recess and lunch.

I am further advised that in the case of Young (St Mary's, and Bellhaven Schools), DADHC has no knowledge of this practice occurring.

- (2) In each case, this initiative is negotiated between the agency, parents and the school and will be subject to agency and school review. The Catholic School system is not covered by the same regulations regarding teacher aide time, as the Department of Education.
- (3) As above.
- (4) Four children in total in Yass. Two children have now moved from the Catholic education system to a Department of Education special education school and the remaining two are the current recipients of the support.
- (5) Maintenance of the program will be decided by parents, the school and the Yass Home Living Support Service.

\*2168 HEALTH INQUIRY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Which hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate will be examined as part of the Garling Inquiry into NSW hospitals?
- (2) If none of the hospitals in the Burrinjuck electorate are being examined, why have they been left out of the inquiry?
- (3) If a hospital is being examined, what is the reason for the inclusion of that particular hospital in the inquiry?

Answer—

I am advised that the venues for the public hearings are determined by the Commissioner.

I refer the Member to the website for Special Commission of Inquiry into the delivery of acute care services in public hospitals, which provides a timetable of upcoming hearings:

[http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/Special\\_Projects/1l\\_splprojects.nsf/pages/acsi\\_index](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/Special_Projects/1l_splprojects.nsf/pages/acsi_index)

\*2169 ABC LEARNING CENTRES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) At what locations in NSW is the Brighter Futures program delivered through an ABC Learning Childcare Centre?
- (2) Has DoCS had any discussions with ABC Learning about whether any of these centres may be closing following the reports that part of the business may be sold?
- (3) If so, what was the result of these discussions?
- (4) What alternative arrangements are in place to allow the uninterrupted delivery of the Brighter Futures program services at these locations?

Answer—

- (1) Parkes, Harrington Park and Thirlmere.

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- (2) Yes.
- (3) The Department of Community Services has been advised by ABC Learning Centres that there will not be any change to service provision or operation in NSW at this stage.
- (4) At this point in time alternative arrangements are not required. There are a number of other child care services partnered with Brighter Futures Lead Agencies in these areas so there is capacity to place children in other centres if required.

\*2170 AUDIOLOGY CLINICS—NORTHERN SYDNEY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the audiology clinic at Hornsby Hospital, why have the vacant positions not been advertised and filled?
- (2) What and where are the audiology clinics available in the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS)?
- (3) Which of these bulk bill patients?
- (4) Which are privately run?
- (5) What is the criteria (including age range) of patients gaining access to the audiology clinics in the NSCCAHS?

Answer—

I am advised by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service:

(1) The recruitment of audiologists is very difficult due to the low numbers of qualified audiologists and a preference to work in the private sector. A previously vacant full-time audiologist position was advertised for the Audiology Clinic at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, however, the position remained vacant due to the inability to recruit an appropriate clinician.

(2) There are five audiology clinics operating within the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service:

- Gosford Audiology Clinic - Gosford Hospital.
- Mona Vale Audiology Clinic - Mona Vale Hospital.
- Royal North Shore Audiology Clinic - Royal North Shore Hospital.
- Wyong Audiology - Wyong Hospital.
- Queenscliff Audiology Clinic - Queenscliff Community Health Centre.

Two audiology clinics are currently under review:

- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai - Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital.
- Hillview Turrumurra - Hillview Community Health Centre.

(3) Audiology clinics within the Area Health Service provide a free-of-charge service.

(4) None.

(5) Audiology clinics within the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service have eligibility criteria, such as referrals and age criteria, which vary from clinic to clinic.

\*2171 ACCREDITATION OF ENT SURGEONS—HORNSBY HOSPITAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Health—

How has the closure of the audiology clinic at Hornsby Hospital affected the ability of ear, nose and throat surgeons to keep their accreditation?

Answer—

I am advised by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service that the closure of the Audiology Clinic has not affected the ability of ENT surgeons to keep their accreditation.

\*2172 SAFETY OF BICYCLES AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

What action is the Minister taking to ensure the safety of bicycles at railway stations, such as Hornsby and Berowra, that are being stolen or damaged despite being kept in bicycle storage units?

Answer—

I am advised:

RailCorp provides up to two types of bicycle storage units at railway stations, which are:

- bicycle lockers - a locked unit to store bicycles. Users pay a small fee to use the locked units, in which they can securely store bicycles and bicycle accessories such as helmets, pumps and clothing. The rollout of bicycle lockers is a Ministry of Transport initiative that is currently administered by Bicycle NSW.
- bicycle racks - racks that bicycle owners can chain and lock their bikes to. Bicycle racks are a RailCorp initiative and designed to provide a specific area for commuters to chain their bikes. This will discourage the common practise of chaining bikes anywhere near station entrances, which causes pedestrian safety issues and may block access ways.

Both bicycle lockers and bicycle racks are currently provided at Hornsby and Berowra stations.

Station staff regularly inspect bicycle storage facilities in the vicinity of stations to ensure that they are well maintained.

I am advised that neither the Ministry of Transport or Bicycle NSW have received reports of damage to the bicycle lockers at Hornsby and Berowra. Neither has any such report been forwarded to the Ministry of Transport, RailCorp or Bicycle NSW from another party.

\*2174 ADMISSIONS TO SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the total number of admissions to Sutherland Hospital during 2006-2007?
- (2) What is the number of day only admissions to Sutherland Hospital in 2006-2007?
- (3) What is the total number of non-admitted patient occasions of service in Sutherland Hospital in 2006-2007?
- (4) (a) Is this information contained in the 2006-2007 South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service Annual Report?  
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) Information on facility activity levels is reported in the Area Health Service's annual report, where episodes of care are counted after all treatment is complete i.e. separations. Admissions are not routinely reported and are not a preferred way of reporting.

The member is referred to the Area Health Service's publicly available 2006/07 Annual Report.

\*2175 COUNTRYLINK SERVICE—TUMBARUMBA TO COOTAMUNDRA—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many passengers use the Countrylink service from Tumbarumba to Cootamundra?
- (2) What are the ticket sales from each bus stop in each town between Tumbarumba and Cootamundra?

Answer—

I am advised that Railcorp publishes patronage data as required in its annual report.

\*2176 SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING FINES—WAGGA WAGGA ELECTORATE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many people have been fined for speeding in 40 kph school zones in the Wagga Wagga electorate in the past 12 months?

Answer—

I'm advised:

In the 12 months up to March 2008, 285 people have been fined for speeding in 40 kph school zones in the Wagga Wagga electorate.

\*2177 FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Health—

With respect to the shortage of forensic pathologists that has resulted in a large backlog of post-mortem reports:

- (1) What is the length of time and estimated costs for a medical practitioner to specialise in and qualify as a forensic pathologist?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to provide incentives to increase the supply of forensic pathologists?
- (3) What action has the NSW Government taken to coordinate with the Commonwealth and other states



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and territories to increase the supply of forensic pathologists?

(4) What plans does the Government have to increase the supply of forensic pathologists in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) has advised that once a person has qualified as a medical practitioner (6 years of study) they are required to complete one year as an intern and preferably an additional year as a junior medical officer prior to commencing registrar training. The medical practitioner must complete an additional five years of training as a Registrar in anatomical and forensic pathology before qualifying as a forensic pathologist. The length of time for a medical practitioner to specialise and qualify as a forensic pathologist is therefore six or seven years.

The costs associated with the five-year Registrar training period are \$100,000 per annum for salary and on costs. Additionally, adequate supervision and training must be provided by fully qualified senior Forensic Pathologists to ensure the success of the registrar program.

(2) The Government has provided funding for two extra Registrar training positions in Forensic Pathology. In addition, the Government has made provision for payment of a conditional allowance to Staff Specialists, Level 1, who are employed as forensic pathologists, to ensure that NSW conditions remain competitive with other jurisdictions, all of which are experiencing their own shortages.

(3) The Australian Health Workforce Officials Committee - now known as Health Workforce Principal Committee - established a Forensic Pathology Consultative Group consisting of representatives from State and Territory Health Departments, the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) and the Institute of Forensic Medicine to address the forensic pathology issues raised in the Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee 2003 Pathology Workforce in Australia report. NSW is supporting this process.

(4) The NSW Government has provided additional funding to train its own forensic pathologists and it is endeavouring to recruit overseas staff via the "Area of Need" Program.

\*2178 BUS SERVICES AND REAL TIME INFORMATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

With regard to the Roads and Traffic Authority's plan to implement the Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS):

(1) Which bus routes will be connected to the system by the end of 2008?

(2) What plans does the NSW Government have to expand the system to other routes after 2008?

(3) Will the NSW Government include real time information as part of the PTIPS in 2008?

(4) If yes, for which routes?

(5) If no, what are the NSW Government's plans to eventually provide real time information through the PTIPS?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) The Government's Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS) uses satellite technology to identify late running buses, communicating with the Roads and Traffic Authority's traffic management system to give traffic light priority to late running buses.

PTIPS will be rolled out across the State Transit network from 2008 and the private bus network will follow.

\*2180 SENIORS CARD—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

(1) What is the relationship between the Seniors Card organisation, the NSW Government and the research company Day, King & Coyne?

(2) Has the Seniors Card organisation given, sold or rented its membership database to any commercial organisations in the last two years?

(3) If "yes" to question (2), what are the names of those organisations?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Seniors Card scheme is administered and funded through the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC).

While the Seniors Card scheme is administered by the NSW Government, it does not provide direct services. These are delivered by NSW transport authorities, private sector businesses and other government agencies offers to Seniors Card members. These organisations and businesses are referred to as 'business partners'. Currently, there are nearly 3,500 business partners who provide discounts and special offers to Seniors Card members.

Craftmatic Australia (and its research company Day, King and Coyne) is a Seniors Card business partner.

- (2) Seniors Card does not and has not ever given, sold or rented its membership database to any commercial organisation.

Business partners can send information to Seniors Card members (via Seniors Card), but they are not provided with the member's personal details.

Business partner special mailings material must be approved by Seniors Card. Once approved, member details are sent to a mailing house that Seniors Card has a confidentiality agreement with. No member data is ever sent to the business partner.

Special offer mailings are only ever sent to Seniors Card members who elect to receive them. On the Seniors Card membership form, people are asked if they want to receive information about special products and offers. Approximately 80% of members opt in to receive special offers.

Day, King and Coyne is a division of Craftmatic Australia. Craftmatic Australia pays to participate in special offer mailings to Seniors Card members. While member details are not provided to Craftmatic, it includes a survey and reply paid envelope in its mailing, which Seniors Card members can choose to complete in return for a free Walking for Exercise and Pleasure booklet and the chance to enter a free Win-a-bed sweepstakes.

- (3) Not applicable.

\*2181 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there in NSW public schools?
- (2) How many of the demountable classrooms are between 40 and 60 years old?
- (3) How many of the demountable classrooms are more than 60 years old?
- (4) What are the locations of all demountable classrooms more than 60 years old?

Answer—

- (1) There are 3,774 general classroom demountables in NSW public schools.
- (2) Approximately 120.
- (3) None.
- (4) Not applicable.

\*2182 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all NSW public schools since 1 January 2007?
- (2) How many demountable classrooms are there currently across all public schools in the Davidson electorate?
- (3) How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms across all public schools in the Davidson electorate since 1 January 2007?
- (4) How many demountable classrooms are at Killara High School and when are they planned to be replaced by a permanent structure?

Answer—

- (1) Thirty demountable classrooms were replaced with permanent classrooms in NSW public schools between 1 January 2007 and 1 January 2008.
- (2) Forty three.
- (3) None.
- (4) Thirteen. The Department of Education and Training has identified a project to undertake a major upgrade at Killara High School. The project will be assessed against other competing regional and State priorities when the annual Major Capital Works Programs are developed.

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\*2183 SPEED LIMITS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Robert Oakeshott asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

- (1) Does page 45 of the Heavy Vehicle Drivers Handbook issued by the Roads and Traffic Authority refer to speed limits?
- (2) If so, does this page clearly state that the maximum speed limit for a vehicle that exceeds GVM of 4.5 tonnes is 100 kilometres per hour?
- (3) Is a heavy vehicle manufactured on or after the 1 January 1988 that exceeds 15 tonnes required to be speed limited to 100 kilometres an hour?
- (4) If so, why are heavy vehicles still travelling well in excess of 100 kilometres per hour on the Pacific Highway, particularly late at night and very early in the morning?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to implement national model legislation creating a chain of responsibility for heavy vehicle speed compliance. This will create enforceable legal duties for those in the chain of responsibility for road transport to take all reasonable steps to prevent driver speeding.

The Safe-T-Cam network is in place to target heavy vehicle speeding and driver fatigue. 24 Safe-T-Cam locations are in place, with a network of 27 cameras across NSW.

The NSW Government has also recently declared its intention to trial new 'black box' technology to better control and monitor truck speeds and driver work hours. This initiative has recently been endorsed by and will now involve the Commonwealth Government and all other States. This new technology is expected to provide a powerful complement to the forthcoming chain of responsibility laws.

Detection of heavy vehicle speeding is carried out by the NSW Police Force.

\*2184 TWEED HEADS MARINA—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

Given that the Department of Lands has asked for "expressions of interest" for businesses to be incorporated into the new Tweed Heads marina and has acknowledged the possibility of existing business relocation:

- (1) Will the Tweed River Boat Hire business, the Tweed Outriggers Club and the Tweed Heads Rowing Club be forced to relocate from their present locations due to the development of the new marina?
- (2) If yes, will any compensation be granted to these businesses?
- (3) If no compensation is to be granted, why not?
- (4) Will any other business located along the Tweed River be required to relocate due to the development of the new marina, and if so, will they be granted compensation?

Answer—

- (1) Tweed Outriggers Club and the Tweed Heads Rowing Club have sought to be relocated to a more appropriate location on the Tweed River. It is envisaged that Tweed River Boat Hire business will be accommodated within the new marina complex.
- (2) No.
- (3) While the two clubs occupy Crown reserved land under arrangements with Tweed Shire Council, as reserve trust manager, Tweed River Boat Hire's licence does not provide for the payment of any compensation if the licence is subsequently revoked.
- (4) No.

\*2185 TWEED HEADS MARINA—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—

- (1) Given that there is already a diesel fuel supplier situated on the Tweed River that adequately caters for commercial vessels, why is a second operation being incorporated into plans for the new Tweed Heads marina?
- (2) Given that estimates show a market for the supply of unleaded fuel on the Tweed River of approximately 40,000 to 60,000 litres per month, will the new marina incorporate facilities for the supply of unleaded fuel?

- (3) If yes, will the unleaded fuel supply license be issued to the new fuel supply operation?
- (4) If yes, why has the Minister neglected to grant the existing fuel operation, Tweed River Refuellers, approval and the required lease extension to supply unleaded fuel on the river when the owner has made repeated requests over the past 6 years?

Answer—

(1) Any incorporation of a diesel fuel supply facility within the new Tweed Heads marina will be a commercial decision of the tenderers and subject to development approval.

(2) and (3) Any incorporation of an unleaded fuel supply facility within the new Tweed Heads marina will also be a commercial decision of the tenderers and subject to development approval.

(4) The Department of Lands has offered Tweed River Refuellers a temporary licence for unleaded fuel supply pending the completion of future planning proposals.

\*2186 SURGE BED STRATEGY IN NORTH COAST HOSPITALS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Health—

Given that the North Coast Area Health Service's proposed "surge bed" strategy would see at least 12 beds from the Murwillumbah and Tweed hospitals initially set aside for this purpose:

- (1) Are the 12 beds to be used as "surge beds":
  - (a) to be set aside from the two hospital's current number of total beds;
  - (b) new beds to be procured for the two hospitals specifically for the "surge bed" strategy?
- (2) If the 12 beds are not new beds, from what departments or wards at the two hospitals will these beds be taken from?
- (3) Will any extra staff be sourced to cover the "surge beds" during periods of high demand in which they are likely to be used?

Answer—

I am advised by the North Coast Area Health Service that:

- (1) to (3) The North Coast Area Health Service Chief Executive and Director of Clinical Operations has finished a Consultative Roadshow visiting the 14 hospitals across the Area Health Service involved in the alternative to admissions and surge bed strategy.

The input received at those Consultative Meetings is currently being assessed. In the light of the input received, the strategies will be modified to take account of this feedback.

\*2187 DOCTORS IN NSW HOSPITALS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Health—

Do the following doctors currently hold any appointments in NSW hospitals:

- (1) Antonio Aguado;
- (2) Osman Ali;
- (3) Romesh Chandra Amar;
- (4) John Charles Andronicus;
- (5) Geoffrey James Arthur;
- (6) Balakrishnam Arvind;
- (7) Aftab Aslam;
- (8) John Herbert Bannister;
- (9) Michael Jacob Bar-Modecai;
- (10) Montagu Beesley;
- (11) Roger Bernard;
- (12) Nicholas John Berryman;
- (13) Atef Adly Beshara;
- (14) Alan Herbert Bilton;
- (15) Robert Eric Bosanquet;
- (16) Alan Bowen-James;
- (17) Kenneth McIntyre Bridge;
- (18) Utham Kumal Bunsee;
- (19) Francis John Buttsworth;
- (20) Katherine Louise Carseldine;
- (21) Susan Hilary Catchlove;
- (22) Raymond Chi Kwan Chan;
- (23) Winifred Childs;

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- (24) John Alexander Miller Coles;
- (25) David Robert Collison;
- (26) David John Cox;
- (27) Rick Patrick Dallas;
- (28) Ebenezer Jeyanathan Danforth;
- (29) Terrence Richard Davidson;
- (30) Peter James Dawson;
- (31) W.J.K. Lal De Silva;
- (32) Geoffrey Walter Edelsten;
- (33) Edmond Edward Edmond;
- (34) Hindal Erol;
- (35) Ian Leigh Ferguson;
- (36) Robert Astley Finlay-Jones;
- (37) Alexander Frocht;
- (38) Philip Michael Furey;
- (39) Monier Gad;
- (40) Vinode Lazarus Gamaliel;
- (41) Jean Eric Gassy;
- (42) James Gerakiteys;
- (43) Clarence Alexander Gluskie;
- (44) Steven Goodman;
- (45) Pamela Grant;
- (46) Ian Raymond Gregory;
- (47) Wadie Farid Wadie Baz Haddad;
- (48) Hamilton Keith Harper;
- (49) John Wilkin Harrison;
- (50) John Tennent Herron;
- (51) Charles Edward Hobday;
- (52) Peter Anthony Hollman;
- (53) Garry Rawson Thomas Houghton;
- (54) Edward Patrick Houston;
- (55) Don Nai His Huang;
- (56) Gamal Fadlalla Ibrahim;
- (57) Gregory Charles Ireland;
- (58) Aksel Ivanov;
- (59) James Arthur Jackson;
- (60) Roger Stephen Jones;
- (61) Andrew John Katelaris;
- (62) Nicholas Kalokerinos;
- (63) James Gatere Kirumba;
- (64) Andrzej Kazmierczak;
- (65) Chuen Lam;
- (66) Tan Thanh Le;
- (67) Peter Howard Lindsey;
- (68) Bruce Desmond Litchfield;
- (69) Alexander Milroy Craigie Macfie;
- (70) John Alexander McDonell;
- (71) John Henry Robert McEvoy;
- (72) Ian Donald McLean;
- (73) Ian McHue;
- (74) Anthony Michael;
- (75) Roderick Doyle Motum;
- (76) Toomas Olm;
- (77) George William Osborne;
- (78) John Arthur Page;
- (79) Kalathil Vasudevan Pillai;
- (80) Martin James Pollard;
- (81) Mahen Ponnambalam;
- (82) Theodore David Potts;
- (83) Karanalu Vinatheya Praskash;

- (84) Graham Robert Pratt-Erwin;
- (85) Mohammad Aslam Qaisrani;
- (86) Syed Reyazur Rahman;
- (87) Vickneswaran Rajaratnam;
- (88) Graeme Stephen Reeves;
- (89) David Hamilton Struthers Reid;
- (90) Gerrit Reimers;
- (91) Martin Bruce Richter;
- (92) Darwin Rivera;
- (93) David Anthony Rose;
- (94) Christopher James Roberts;
- (95) Joseph Boulis Salama;
- (96) John Gawdat Shashati;
- (97) Epifania Sherfan;
- (98) Robert Edward Shoulder;
- (99) Brian Eric Simmons;
- (100) Bruce Alexander Sinclair;
- (101) Jonathan Tan Meng Kwang Smithson;
- (102) Suman Sood;
- (103) William Allan Spence;
- (104) Bruce Smith Stephen;
- (105) Dietrich Albert Stoermer;
- (106) Colin Hok Ling Sun;
- (107) Robert Nelson Towndrow;
- (108) Chris Tsioutis;
- (109) John Murray Uebel;
- (110) Enn Vilo;
- (111) Stanley James Vincent;
- (112) Patrick Joseph Walsh;
- (113) Ian Arthur Whiteman;
- (114) Jewel Decima Wright;
- (115) Mansoor Haider Zaidi;
- (116) Brigitte Zoglmeier?

Answer—

I am advised:

An audit is being undertaken by the Department of Health to ensure all registered medical practitioners that are working in NSW public hospitals who have conditions imposed on their practice by the NSW Medical Board as a result of disciplinary proceedings, are practising in accordance with those conditions. The Internal Audit Bureau, a NSW government trading enterprise specialising in providing a wide range of assurance services, has been engaged to verify the results of the audit.

I am advised by the Department that the audit also includes reviewing the list of currently deregistered doctors maintained by NSW Medical Board's to confirm these doctors are not practising in a NSW public health facility.

**\*2188 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS**—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

When will flashing lights be installed to indicate the 40 km/h school zones on the following RTA controlled roads in Pittwater:

- (a) Pittwater High School near the intersection of Pittwater Road and Mona Street, Mona Vale;
- (b) Loquat Valley Primary School near the intersection of Pittwater Road and Loquat Valley Road, Bayview?

Answer—

I am advised:

All schools in NSW are considered against the selection criteria for school zone speed alert systems, including Pittwater High School and Loquat Valley Primary School.

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The school zones to be treated are selected for the new technology rollout, based on safety criteria, including traffic and pedestrian volumes, crash history and crash risk. Therefore, the school zones that are at high risk will be treated first.

Four hundred school zones are to be fitted with flashing lights over the next four years, with 100 schools per year receiving the new technology. The four year school zone safety program will cost \$46.55m, and will be funded by revenue from speed cameras installed in school zones.

\*2190 KIDNEY DIALYSIS MACHINES—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Health—

By what date will the promised kidney dialysis machines be installed at Mona Vale Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service that the installation of the kidney dialysis machines requires the construction of a purpose built renal dialysis unit at Mona Vale Hospital.

Extensive stakeholder consultation has been undertaken as the first phase of planning for establishment of this unit. The Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service and NSW Health are reviewing stakeholder input for incorporation into the final plan.

Once agreement is reached on the final plan, the Area Health Service will submit the Development Application to Council and commence the tender process.

\*2191 KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Health—

In relation to Kempsey District Hospital:

- (1) (a) Has the 2007-08 hospital budget been reduced?  
(b) If so, for what reason and by what amount?
- (2) (a) Has the CEO of the North Coast Area Health Service been granted any performance bonus payments in the last 12 months?  
(b) If so, what amount/s?
- (3) Why have the hours of the surgical ward been reduced to the extent where it now operates as a day surgery unit only?
- (4) Why is the paediatric ward being used as an overflow ward for adult patients?
- (5) Why is there no nurse call button available for adult patients accommodated in the paediatric ward?
- (6) How many nurses employed by the Department of Health at Kempsey District Hospital have resigned or taken long-term (over 6 months) leave in the last 12 months?
- (7) What has been the cost to the hospital budget of the use of helicopter rescue services over the last 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised by the North Coast Area Health Service:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Surgical Ward operates mainly as a day surgery unit as most Surgeons who now operate at Kempsey District Hospital perform Day Only procedures only at this Hospital.
- (4) The Paediatric Ward at Kempsey District Hospital was used on one weekend in winter 2007 as an overflow Ward for adult patients. On the weekend referred to all adult available beds were occupied in Kempsey District and Port Macquarie Hospitals. At that time there were no Paediatric patients in Kempsey District Hospital.
- (5) There is a nurse call button beside every bed in Kempsey District Hospital and in all bathrooms.
- (6) In the last twelve months, six other nurses have resigned; one nurse resigned and then returned to her previous position; six nurses had maternity leave for longer than six months; one nurse has been on leave working on a special project for Durri Aboriginal Medical Service; and another nurse had long-term leave, which was due to a family illness.
- (7) Helicopter retrieval costs for Kempsey District Hospital for the 2007 calendar year totalled approximately \$44,000.

\*2192 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTSOURCING—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the Minister and/or her department made a decision to outsource its finance department and purchasing department of the North Coast Area Health Service presently located in Taree?

- (2) If so, to whom?
- (3) If so, when?
- (4) If so, why?
- (5) If so, what arrangements have been made for personnel presently working in this division of the Department of Health?

Answer—

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the North Coast Area Health Service and by the General Manager of HealthSupport

- (1) to (4) The finance and purchasing departments of North Coast Area Health Service, currently located at Taree, are not being outsourced. However, the functions will transition to Health Support Services (HSS) from 1 May 2008 as part of the implementation of the NSW Health shared corporate services program.

Two Service Centres are being established in NSW to provide shared finance, supply, payroll and human resources services to public Health Services in NSW, including the North Coast Area Health Service.

In addition, HSS held individual discussions with affected staff in September 2007 to discuss their options post-transition. Affected staff are covered by the Department of Health's redeployment policy, whereby there will be no forced redundancies or forced relocation.

Staff have been formally advised the Area Health Service will be individually case managing placement of affected staff. Displaced staff will have access to redeployment opportunities both within the North Coast and Hunter New England Area Health Services.

\*2193 FLEET LANE CHATSWOOD—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

- (1) Has the Minister or his department entered into any partnership agreement or other agreement with the Willoughby City Council whereby Fleet Lane, Chatswood would be closed and/or sold or otherwise disposed of?
- (2) If so, what are the terms of such agreement?
- (3) If so, why was the agreement entered into?
- (4) If so, when was the agreement entered into?
- (5) If so, what are the terms of the agreement?
- (6) If so, will such agreement preclude access to parking for residents in Thomas Street in Chatswood and affect other neighbouring dwellings?
- (7) If so, what will be the effect?
- (8) If so, why has the department and the council entered into such agreement if it will restrict parking or other access in the Chatswood area?
- (9) Is it the intention of the department and/or council or both to close Fleet Lane, Chatswood to maximise the sale of available properties in the area that are currently being used as car parks?
- (10) If so, what justification does the department and/or council give for that proposal?
- (11) If access to parking areas is to be curtailed as a result of any agreement mentioned above, what proposals are there for other parking areas to relieve the lost parking that may occur under this or any other agreement concerning this area?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Council agrees to cause a notice of the proposed road closing to be published in a local newspaper; to serve notice on all affected property owners and public authorities that may be affected by the proposed road closing; to receive all submissions in respect of these notices; and to accompany any application to the Department of Lands to close the particular public road with a report on all of the submissions received.
- (3) To streamline administrative procedures and eliminate any duplication of work by council and the Department of Lands.
- (4) 24 February 2005.
- (5) Provided all of the documentation received from council is in order, the Department of Lands undertakes to finalise the road closing within 8 weeks of receipt of the application.



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- (6) No. The road proposed to be closed remains open until such time as it is formally closed by the Minister for Lands or his delegate under the Roads Act 1993. Other decisions in respect of the road are made by council as the responsible roads authority.
- (7) N/A
- (8) N/A
- (9) Since an application to close Fleet Lane is yet to be lodged with the Department of Lands, Council's intentions are not known.
- (10) N/A
- (11) The Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the Department of Lands has no bearing on Council's other decisions as the relevant roads authority.

\*2194 HOUSING MARKET VALUES—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

Given that housing market values in some areas have reportedly fallen by up to 46%, will the Treasurer request the Valuer-General to reduce the market value of properties in these areas to reflect this downturn, for the purpose of assessing residential council rates?

Answer—

I'm advised

The Valuer-General is appointed by the Governor under the Valuation of Land Act 1916. Any questions regarding the functions of the Valuer-General should be directed to the Minister for Lands, the Hon Tony Kelly, MLC.

\*2195 WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

Given the recent announcement by the Minister that water will be pumped from Warragamba Dam to enable environmental flows for the Hawkesbury-Nepean River system and given the dam has less than 70% capacity at the time of this announcement, will the Minister guarantee the safety and stability of the Warragamba Dam if water levels were to increase above the current levels and up to 100% capacity?

Answer—

Yes.

\*2196 PURCHASE OF BUSES—Mr Ray Williams asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

Given the New South Wales taxpayers are now paying for new buses for companies such as Hillsbus, will the Minister please advise of the accountable criteria or tendering procedure for purchasing these buses and why a particular type of bus chassis and or body is purchased?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the new bus contracts, the Ministry of Transport sets overall performance specification and has approved a procurement program which enables average and maximum ages of fleet, and Disability Discrimination Act requirements to be met.

It is then the responsibility of bus operators to nominate body and chassis types which are appropriate for the local operating environment, taking into account factors such as terrain, road conditions and the existing fleet mix.

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\*2197 COUNCIL INVESTMENT OF SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Are councils in New South Wales allowed to invest section 94 contributions into overseas investments such as the US subprime market?

- (2) Are there any cases, known to the Department of Local Government that would indicate that such investments have been made by local councils?
- (3) If so, what councils are involved in these investments?
- (4) Is there any evidence available to the Department of Local Government that would indicate that the Blacktown City Council has inappropriately invested section 94 contributions in any local or overseas market?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

Councils are required to comply with the forms of investment made by order of the Minister under section 625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

All investments must be denominated in Australian Dollars. For some councils, developer contributions may have formed part of the overall pool of funds invested in products that have an exposure to the US sub-prime mortgage market.

While it is likely that developer contribution funds would form part of the overall invested pool for some councils, the Department of Local Government does not have details on specific amounts.

2198 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2199 BILLABONG CREEK SALT INTERCEPTION SITE—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

\*2200 NSW INTERGENERATIONAL FUND—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the "NSW Intergenerational Fund" ("Energy savings to fund major infrastructure projects", 10 December 2007):

- (1) Given the Government's media release states: "Treasurer Michael Costa said proceeds from the reforms would be invested in a new NSW Intergenerational Fund to generate income sufficient to replace dividends from the State-owned electricity corporations," how much will be invested in the Fund?
- (2) What percentage of the electricity privatisation proceeds will be allocated to infrastructure investment and what percentage to recurrent spending?
- (3) How much "revenue" will be "provided" from the "NSW Intergenerational Fund" annually?
- (4) From the proceeds how much funding will be allocated to each of the projects outlined in the media release:
  - (a) "Funding more trade schools";
  - (b) "Cutting hospital emergency waiting times";
  - (c) "Urban transport including Euro-style metro rail and the extension of the M4";
  - (d) "Improving regional and rural water outcomes";
  - (e) "Rural and regional road transport improvements";
  - (f) "Developing cost-effective energy efficiency measures"; and
  - (g) "Supporting clean energy including clean coal and renewable technologies"?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) The amount of money to be invested in the Fund will be the sale proceeds from the proposed sale/lease of electricity businesses less any expenses incurred in the sale process, and less the repayment of any outstanding debt on those electricity businesses. At this stage of the process it is not possible to provide an estimate of the quantum.
- (2) The establishment of the intergenerational fund will provide an on-going funding source to maintain funding for key priorities such as health, education and infrastructure.
- (3) The revenue capable of being generated by the Fund will be a factor of the size of assets under investment and the rate of return on those investments. The size of the Fund is unknown at this stage and investment returns are variable from year to year so it is not possible to quantify the annual investment income likely to be provided by the Fund.
- (4) As indicated in the previous answers, with the size of the Fund and the annual income returns unknown it is not possible to provide answers to questions 4(a) through to (g).

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\*2202 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 and the Treasurer's response to Question 2019:

- (1) Given that the Treasurer has stated that "4,700 non-frontline positions [have] either gone or [are] scheduled to go", from which Government departments were the "positions" abolished, and when were the "positions" abolished?
- (2) Given that the Treasurer has stated that "the Government's plans to reduce the number of non-frontline public sector positions by 5000 are on track", from which Government departments are the extra 300 "positions" to be abolished?
- (3) When is the Treasurer abolishing the extra 300 "positions"?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The 5,000 reduction in non-frontline positions will be achieved from a wide range of Government departments right across the NSW public sector, and will be completed by June 2008.

2203 COMMONWEALTH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

2204 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—SOUTH COAST—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Health—

\*2205 CANADA BAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) In relation to land sold at 12 Park Avenue, Concord and developments approved by Canada Bay Council to Mr Antoine Bechara or his companies Omayya Holdings or Omayya Investments, why did council refuse to accept the advice from the National Trust and the Heritage Office that houses in Park Avenue, Concord were heritage listed?
- (2) In relation to 12 Park Avenue Concord development application 485/2006:
  - (a) Why did Canada Bay Council, prior to purchase, tell the applicant that the dwelling at 12 Park Avenue, Concord could be demolished when it was in a heritage conservation area?
  - (b) Why did residents have to guide Canada Bay Council to the fact that the development application at 12 Park Avenue, Concord needed to be advertised?
  - (c) Why did council suppress a summary of mediation written by Patrick Robinson on 1 May 2007?
  - (d) Why did council refuse to accept the advice from the National Trust and Heritage Office?
  - (e) Why did council advertise and confirm 12 Park Avenue contributory status during the public exhibition of the draft local environmental plan and development control plan?
  - (f) Why did council's heritage advisor, after the display period, suggest that a mistake had in fact been made and 12 Park Avenue was not contributory to the heritage conservation area?
  - (g) Why did council manoeuvre so as to not allow residents' experts to address council in relation to this development?
  - (h) (i) Why did the council give the applicant notice of council's process but only gave residents one working day's notice?  
(ii) Why did the mayor refuse to answer this question in council?
  - (i) Why did the mayor in open council advise the applicant not to answer questions relating to the building costs of this project?
- (3) Will the Minister investigate this matter, as recommended by the Heritage Office?
- (4) Does the Minister agree that Canada Bay Council's actions could be perceived as being closed and unaccountable to the public?
- (5) Does the Minister support open, transparent and accountable actions of councils and councillors?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

I have noted the recent focus on planning matters at Canada Bay City Council and have referred these matters to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Frank Sartor MP.

The Department of Local Government is intending to conduct a Promoting Better Practice review of Canada Bay City Council in 2008, which will include a review of matters relating to the planning processes of Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, councils are established as autonomous bodies. They have rights and powers conferred by law. They are ultimately accountable to their electors for their actions.

\*2206 COUNCILS' DEVELOPMENT PROCESS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —

- (1) Should councils sell public land to developers without public tender?
- (2) If councils sell public land below market value to developers is it fair and accountable?
- (3) Should councils hold closed meetings to discuss land sales to developers?
- (4) Are councils that conduct themselves in relation to questions (1) to (3) above considered unaccountable?
- (5) Should councils be open and transparent?
- (6) Should councils sell heritage listed land to developers without public consultation?
- (7) Is heritage land of significance to the people or State of NSW?
- (8) Should councils rezone heritage land for redevelopment?
- (9) Should councils rezone heritage listed land after it has been sold to a developer?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 specifically excludes council land sales and purchases from the tendering requirements of the Act.
- (2) The Department of Local Government has recently directed all NSW councils to obtain an assessment of the fair value of all operational land in their possession.

All councils must establish the fair value of all operational land in their possession by 30 June 2008. Generally, an independent qualified valuer will undertake this assessment.

- (3) The Act allows councils to maintain confidentiality over some information for specific reasons, including commercial sensitivity. This could reasonably include consideration of the disposal of operational land at a closed meeting.

However the resolutions and recommendations of closed meetings must be made publicly available.

- (4) Councils must comply with the legislation that governs them. Whether or not a particular council has acted unlawfully is a matter for determination on a case by case basis.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) and (7) Conservation of environmental heritage is controlled by the Heritage Act 1977 and falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Planning, the Hon Frank Sartor MP. The Honourable Member may wish to direct his questions to Minister Sartor.
- (8) and (9) The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 gives councils the power to initiate the rezoning of land in their areas by way of draft local environmental plans (LEP).

Before a council can rezone land, it must publicly exhibit a draft LEP. Members of the public can make submissions to the council about the draft LEP during the exhibition period.

The Minister for Planning, the Hon Frank Sartor MP, administers the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. The Honourable Member may wish to direct his questions to Minister Sartor.

\*2207 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

When will my representations on behalf of the following be responded to:

Ms Eileen Gibson 8 August 2007?

Answer—

I'm advised:

No representations were received as at 5 March 2008.

\*2208 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

When will my representations on behalf of the following be responded to:

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Killcare Wagstaffe Trust Inc 12 April 2007?

Answer—

The Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering responded to these representations in a letter dated 18 June 2007.

\*2209 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—

When will my representations on behalf of the following be responded to:

Mr Colin Ryan 4 September 2007?

Answer—

A response to representations on behalf of Mr Colin Ryan was sent to Chris Hartcher's Electorate Office on the 25 October 2007.

A further copy of this correspondence was faxed to Chris Hartcher's Parliamentary Office on the 6 March 2008.

2210 BABY JOAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

2211 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2212 PUBLIC DENTAL WAITING LISTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—

2213 BEROWRA RAILWAY STATION—TICKET MACHINE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2214 HORNSBY HOSPITAL GARDENERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—

2215 SHORELINK PATRONAGE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2216 PRIVATE PHONE NUMBERS—USE BY ORGANISATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

2217 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health—

2218 OLDER DRIVERS—MANDATORY TEST—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2219 WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—

2220 RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

\*2221 PROTECTING APARTMENT RESIDENTS FROM IMPACTS OF SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—

Given the 2007 Land and Environment Court determination that there is a fundamental incompatibility between a mix of residential and serviced apartments that share the same floor and access points due to the difference in behaviour, living and activity patterns between short-term and long-term occupants:

- (1) What consideration has the NSW Government given to the following measures to prevent overcrowding and short-term occupancy in residential apartment blocks:
  - (a) Restricting the number of adults on residential tenancy agreements to two adults per bedroom, with the maximum number of adults allowed equal to two times the number of bedrooms?
  - (b) Banning residential tenancy sub-leases?
  - (c) Setting minimum residential tenancy leases to three months?
- (2) What other measures are being considered by the NSW Government to reduce short-term/service apartment occupants letting apartments in residential blocks?

Answer—

The Office of Fair Trading advises me that:

- (1) (a) to (c) The Residential Tenancies Act 1987 is currently being reviewed. This review is examining many matters, including the issues around short and long term accommodation and the duration of leases.
- (2) Changes have already been made to the Strata Schemes Management Regulation 2005. These changes amended the model by-laws for strata schemes so that owners must comply with all relevant laws, including planning requirements. This means that owners or occupiers must ensure that a strata residence or apartment is not used for any purpose that is prohibited by law. In addition, a residence or apartment cannot be occupied by more persons than is allowed by law. Limits on occupancy and usage of dwellings are not regulated under Fair Trading legislation, but fall under the relevant planning laws.

Real estate agents are generally responsible for arranging leases of strata dwellings or apartments, and are licensed under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002. The Office of Fair Trading would examine any improper or questionable actions undertaken by a real estate agent, including actions that would be in breach of the consumer protection provisions of that Act or the strata or tenancy legislation. Penalties for breaching the legislation include a range of disciplinary actions from a reprimand to cancellation of a licence and disqualification from involvement in a real estate business.

2222 BIKE BOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

\*2223 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REFORM—Ms Clover Moore asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

With regard to your response to my Written Question last year on Freedom of Information (see question number 0845):

- (1) When did the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet meet with the NSW Ombudsman to discuss the need for a review of the Freedom of Information Act?
- (2) What new plans for Freedom of Information reform does the NSW Government have following the meeting?
- (3) To what extent is the NSW Government committed to increasing the rate of full Freedom of Information releases in NSW?

Answer—

The Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet met with the Ombudsman in October and November 2007.

The Ombudsman has commenced a review of the FOI Act which is supported by the Government.

2224 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

2225 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2226 ILL TRAIN PASSENGERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2227 FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWALS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

2228 REPRESENTATIONS—TRACY CALABRO—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2229 REPRESENTATIONS—SHANNON IRVIN—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2230 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Health—

2232 ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FOR ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

\*2233 MAILING COSTS—Mr Greg Piper asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—

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What was the full cost in materials, labour and services, of mailing unsolicited letters to pensioners about securing the \$112 pensioner electricity rebate as part of changes to the state's electricity system?

Answer—

I am advised letters providing information about consumer protections were distributed by Energy Australia, Integral Energy and Country Energy.

I am advised Energy Australia, Integral Energy and Country Energy regularly provide information to their customers with important information about their products and services.

The NSW Government considers consultation with the community an important part of our plans to secure the State's electricity supplies.

2234 BORDER PARK RACEWAY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—

2235 POLICE STAFFING—TWEED-BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

\*2236 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THE TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) How much funding did not-for-profit childcare facilities in the Tweed electorate receive in:

- (a) 2007;
- (b) 2008 year-to-date?

(2) How much funding per child in the Tweed electorate do the answers to (1) equate to in:

- (a) 2007;
- (b) 2008 year-to-date?

(3) What is the NSW state average for funding per child in a not-for-profit childcare facility in:

- (a) 2007;
- (b) 2008 year-to-date?

Answer—

I'm advised that this Question on Notice needs to be referred to the Minister for Community Services the Hon. K Greene MP.

2237 IRON COVE BRIDGE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2239 PARRAMATTA-EPPING RAIL LINK—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—

2240 BAYVIEW BUSES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2241 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—WARRIEWOOD RTA—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2242 MANDATORY DRIVING TESTS—PITTWATER RESIDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2243 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—WARRELL CREEK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

2244 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

2245 CORRESPONDENCE—LINDSAY ROUND—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2246 TAFE FEES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2247 FIRE SERVICES LEVY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2248 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2249 PATIENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2250 COMMUTER SURVEY CONSULTANCY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2251 CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2252 CHATSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2253 REVIEW OF RETAIL FLOOR SPACE CAP—MERIMBULA—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2254 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—SURF BEACH—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2255 DR REEVES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2256 "CLEANER NSW GOVERNMENT FLEET"—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2257 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND PEDESTRIAN REFUGES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2258 SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2259 PUBLIC RESERVE MANAGEMENT FUND—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2260 SPEED CAMERA—EWINGSDALE—Mr Andrew Fraser to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2261 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- 2262 UNANSWERED REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2263 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOSFORD—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—



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- 2264 MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2265 MANLY HOSPITAL—EAST WING—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2267 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2268 MEETINGS WITH DEVELOPERS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2269 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—WAKERHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2270 DOUGLAS GRAEME MCCOY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2271 ROADWORKS—WAKEHURST ELECTORATE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2272 SPEECH THERAPIST AT YASS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2273 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2274 DOCS STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2275 HORNSBY HOSPITAL CLEANERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2276 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2277 DELIBERATELY LIT BUSHFIRES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2278 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2279 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2280 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2281 PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2283 NATIONAL ART SCHOOL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- \*2284 BRIAN BURKE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- (1) Since becoming NSW Premier, what communications has he or his office had with disgraced former WA Labor Premier Brian Burke?
  - (2) What instructions has he issued to his Ministers regarding contact with Mr Burke?
  - (3) How and when were these instructions issued?

Answer—

Please refer to the Premier's previous public statements on this matter.

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- 2285 GOVERNMENT FUNDED INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2286 SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2287 ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS WITH ADULT DISABLED CHILDREN—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2288 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—ONLINE REGISTER—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2290 CITYRAIL SURVEY—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2291 YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
- 2292 SURGE BED STRATEGY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2294 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2295 IMPACT OF SEA LEVEL RISES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2296 CASTLEREAGH LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL DEPOT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2297 PARKING FINES—"OVERALL PARKING SECTOR"—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2298 PARKING FINES—"OVERALL PARKING SECTOR"—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- \*2299 PARKING FINES—"OVERALL PARKING SECTOR"—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) If you move your car from one spot in a metered zone to another in the same "overall parking sector" will you still be considered to be operating under the same time restrictions as reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on 6 March 2008?
  - (2) What is the definition of an "overall parking sector"?
  - (3) Would a motorist who left a metered four-hour zone after three hours, went off to see her sick mother in hospital, returned an hour later and parked in another spot in the "overall parking sector" be deemed to have parked in that sector for more than four hours and therefore be liable to be booked?
- Answer—
- I'm advised:
- This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.
- 2300 SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2301 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2302 FERRY TRAVEL PASSES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2303 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TYPE REVIEW—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2304 TRAVELLING TIMES TO SYDNEY CBD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2305 MONITORING OF BUS TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2306 FAMILY-SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2307 REPORT INTO TVET CHARGES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2308 RURAL COUNCILS ACCESS TO CROWN LAND—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2309 ADMINISTRATOR FOR COFFS HARBOUR SHOWGROUND TRUST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—

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- 2310 TUBERCULOSIS—WESTERN SUBURBS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2311 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2312 COMMUNITY ANGER MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2313 NSW COUNCILS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) —
- 2314 MINISTERIAL INVESTMENT ORDER—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- 2315 MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2316 LICENSING LAW BREACHES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation—
- 2317 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2318 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2319 SEAFORTH TRAFFIC LIGHTS PROJECT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2320 SEAFORTH TAFE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2321 STATE HERITAGE OFFICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—

2322 TAFE QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

\*2323 ELECTRICITY PRIVATISATION—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the Government's electricity privatisation:

- (1) Did a "spokeswoman for the Treasurer" say to the "Wentworth Courier" that, "there would be no single bill debated in Parliament to clear the way for privatisation of the state's power industry." (5 March 2008)?
- (2) If so, how does the Treasurer reconcile that statement with his statement, "I can give the House an assurance that the Government will ensure any sale, lease or disposal of the main undertakings of an energy service corporation or its subsidiaries will be determined by the Parliament of New South Wales." (Legislative Council 27 February 2008)?

Answer—

I'm advised that both statements are correct.

2324 ENERGY REDUCTION TARGETS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2325 GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

2326 CATTLE TICK MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Thomas George to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

\*2327 RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How much of the \$100 million allocated from the Climate Change Fund for the Renewable Development Fund has been spent?
- (2) What was the money spent on?
- (3) (a) Have reports been submitted that reflect outcomes of the expenditure?  
(b) If so, what are the details?

Answer—

No monies have yet been allocated under the Renewable Energy Development Program. Applications for round one of the Program closed on 13 February 2008.

2328 RECYCLING AND STORMWATER HARVESTING PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

\*2329 RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How much of the \$100 million earmarked for expenditure from the Climate Change Fund for the Residential Rebate program has been spent on rebates to households for:
  - (a) hot water systems;
  - (b) insulation;
  - (c) rainwater tanks?
- (2) (a) Have the areas where this money has been spent been graphed to reflect expenditure?  
(b) If so, what are the details?

Answer—

- (1) The Residential Rebate program has allocated:

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- (a) \$1,766,700 for hot water system rebates since 1 October 2007;
  - (b) \$487,905 for insulation rebates since 1 October 2007; and
  - (c) \$5,247,450 on rainwater tank rebates since 1 July 2007.
- (2) The Department of Environment and Climate Change processes the Residential Rebate program applications and maintains a database that includes the location of all applicants. An annual report on the Climate Change Fund will be tabled in Parliament by December 2008.
- 2331 NSW GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- \*2332 PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) How much of the \$30 million to be spent from the Climate Change Fund for the Public Facilities Program has been spent?
  - (2) What was the money spent on?
  - (3) (a) Have reports been submitted that reflect outcomes of the expenditure?
  - (b) If so, what are the details?
- Answer—
- No monies have yet been allocated under the Public Facilities Program. Applications for round one of the Program closed on 13 February 2008.
- 2333 SISTASPEAK PROGRAMME—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2334 MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2335 ASIAN WOMEN WORKERS' FORUM—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2336 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—BRISBANE WATER COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2337 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—TUGGERAH LAKES COMMAND—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2338 FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2339 PROPOSED EPURON WIND FARM AT GULLEN RANGE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2340 CORPORATE SERVICES EFFICIENCY REVIEW—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2341 BULLYING AND HARASSMENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
- 2342 PEAT ISLAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2343 RESPITE CARE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2344 SHORELINK PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2345 RAINWATER TANKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- 2346 TERMITE INFESTATION—WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2350 OUTPATIENT FACILITY—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2351 AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING INDUSTRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2352 AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING INDUSTRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2353 STREET LIGHTING—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2354 BUS SERVICES ALONG EPPING ROAD AT LANE COVE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2355 OVERCROWDED BUS SERVICES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2356 ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY SITE—PUTNEY—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2357 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2358 NARRABEEN LAGOON FORESHORE WALKWAY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- 2359 SPEED CAMERA—NARRABEEN—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2360 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteering—
- 2361 REPRESENTATION—MR JOHN GREENTREE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

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- 2362 ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2363 WYMAH FERRY—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- 2364 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2365 ELECTICITY PRIVATISATION—INDEMNITIES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2366 JEFF ANGEL'S REPORT TO THE ENERGY CONSULTATIVE REFERENCE COMMITTEE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

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- 2367 TRANSMISSION LINES ON BEAUFORT ROAD AND HASTINGS ROAD TERRIGAL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2368 MINISTERIAL TRAVEL—ORKOPOULOS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2369 REFUND FROM PURCHASE OF PERPETUAL LEASE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2370 SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- 2371 OURGUNYA WOMEN'S INCORPORATION SAFE HOUSE FUNDING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—
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- 2555 WATER PIPELINE TENDER—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
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- 2579 TAFE SITE AT BELROSE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2580 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
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- 2582 GRAFFITI TASKFORCE—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- 2583 WATER FIX PROGRAM—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2584 NORTH SHORE LINE TRACKWORK—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2585 EMPLOYEE NUMBERS OUTSIDE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2586 WATER RESTRICTION FINES—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2587 GRAFFITI CLEANING COSTS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2588 REQUEST FOR POLICE PRESENCE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- 2589 TUTOR DEEMED UNSUITABLE—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- 2590 SEWERAGE TREATMENT AT BURRINGBAR-MOOBALL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2591 NSW DISABILITY PERMITS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services—
- 2592 FTE NURSES AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health—
- 2593 SYDNEY WATER—VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2594 BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER—DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2595 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2596 SINGLETON FIRE STATION—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2597 TREE PRUNING POLICY—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- 2598 SCHOOLS FUNDED FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2599 SCHOOL FUNDING FOR WATER SAVING DEVICES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- 2600 MEDICARE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 2601 THE TOWRANG STOCKADE RESERVE TRUST—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development—
- 2602 OLD BAR BEACH COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE INC—REPRESENTATIONS—Mr John Turner to ask the Premier, Minister for Citizenship—
- 2603 REPRESENTATIONS—RESIDENTS OF GUNJULA DRIVE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2604 WORKERS COMPENSATION SPECIALISED INSURANCE SCHEME LICENCES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

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- 2605 TOW TRUCK AUTHORITY—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- (1) Does the Tow Truck Industry Act 1998 prescribe the membership of the Tow Truck Authority?
  - (2) In addition to the position of the Director General or his nominee, are there four nominees appointed by the Minister?
  - (3) Of the members of the authority, do any of them represent the views of tow truck drivers?
  - (4) Are there any other industry bodies that have representation of tow truck drivers?
- 2606 RETAIL COMPETITION IN RURAL NSW—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- In relation to Australian Energy Regulator's "State of the Energy Market 2007":
- (1) What is the Minister's response to the statement that "Country Energy has retained a market share of about 97 per cent in its local supply areas. IPART considered that this most likely indicates there are barriers to entry in that market" (pg. 175)?
  - (2) Has the Minister received advice as to what are the "barriers to entry" into the retail market in rural and regional New South Wales?
  - (3) What is the Minister doing to ensure adequate retail competition in the interests of consumers in rural and regional New South Wales?
- 2607 BUS SERVICES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- In relation to bus services:
- (1) What are the latest patronage figures for each of the following bus services:
    - (a) Watsons Bay bus services 324, L24, 325 and 380;
    - (b) Vaucluse/Rose Bay bus services 323, 386 and 387;
    - (c) Bondi Beach bus services 381, 382, X84, 389 and X89;
    - (d) Pre-paid Bondi Beach bus service 333;
    - (e) Bellevue Hill/Double Bay bus services 326 and 327;
    - (f) Chatswood - Bondi Junction bus service 200?
  - (2) Are there any plans to increase or decrease the number of services on these routes, and if so, which ones?
- 2608 CLEANER GOVERNMENT FLEET—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—

In relation to the "Cleaner NSW Government Fleet" programme and "Fleet Improvement Plans":

- (1) Given the data collected in "Table 1: Environment Performance Score (out of 20)" (p. 3) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007", what score "out of 20" was achieved by each Government agency's vehicles in "2006-07"?
- (2) Given the data collected in "Table 2: Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (p. 4) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007", how many "Tonnes" were emitted by each Government agency's vehicles in "2006-07"?
- (3) (a) Have any Government agencies failed to incorporate "Cleaner Government Fleet principles" into their "Corporate Plan" or "Environmental Plan", in accordance with "2.4 Setting Corporate Goals" (p. 4) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007"?  
(b) If so, which Government agencies?
- (4) (a) Have any Government agencies failed to implement any of the "Strategies and actions" detailed in "3 Action Plan" (p. 4) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007"?  
(b) If so, which Government agencies failed to implement which "strategies and actions"?
- (5) Given the data collected in "Table 3: Total number of vehicles (less than 3.5 tonnes GVM) by benchmark category" (p.6) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007", how many fleet vehicles, in 2006-07, are in categories:
  - (a) "A (16 and above)";
  - (b) "B (14 and above, less than 16)";
  - (c) "C (9.5 and above, less than 14)";
  - (d) "D (less than 9.5)";
  - (e) "Other (with no score)"?
- (6) Given the data collected in "Table 4: Number of vehicles (less than 3.5 tonnes GVM) by fuel type" (p.6) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007", how many fleet vehicles, in 2006-07, are in categories:
  - (a) "A (16 and above)";
  - (b) "B (14 and above, less than 16)";
  - (c) "C (9.5 and above, less than 14)";
  - (d) "D (less than 9.5)";
  - (e) "Other (with no score)"?
- (7) Given the data collected in "Table 5: New Vehicles procurement plan (less than 3.5 tonnes GVM) by benchmark category" (p.6) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007", how many fleet vehicles, in 2006-07, are in categories:
  - (a) "Petrol";
  - (b) "E10 petrol";
  - (c) "Auto diesel";
  - (d) "LPG";
  - (e) "Ethanol";
  - (f) "Bio-diesel";
  - (g) "CNG";
  - (h) "Other"?
- (8) Given the data collected in "Table 7: Number of vehicles by type (less than 3.5 tonnes GVM)" (p.7) of the "Fleet Improvement Plan 2007", how many fleet vehicles, in 2006-07, are in categories:
  - (a) "4 WD";
  - (b) "All WD";
  - (c) "V6";
  - (d) "All other vehicles"?

2609 DOCS CASEWORKER STAFFING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) With reference to your 2 April response to my question 2066 regarding caseworker positions at Coonabarabran, Glen Innes, Inverell, Tamworth and Armidale, how many of these additional positions were actually filled by staff as at 1 March 2008?
- (2) As at 1 March 2008 how many caseworkers were actually employed at:
  - (a) Coonabarabran;
  - (b) Glen Innes;
  - (c) Inverell;
  - (d) Tamworth;
  - (e) Armidale?

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

- (1) For how long has the Public Speech Therapist position in Cowra been vacant?
- (2) Has the Greater Western Area Health Service advertised for a replacement for this vacant position?
- (3) What arrangements are in place for high priority patients needing speech therapy to receive treatment while this position remains vacant?

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

- (1) Is the Department of Education and Training considering the sale of the residence attached to the Illabo Public School?
- (2) Given that the Illabo School community has spent many volunteer hours and fundraised dollars on maintaining the school grounds including the residence, has any consultation about this decision been made with the Illabo P&C Association or school community?
- (3) Given the local investment in the maintenance of the residence, if the property is sold, will the school community benefit financially from the sale?

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

- (1) How many haemodialysis beds are there at Concord Hospital?
- (2) Is the renal haemodialysis unit located at Concord Hospital moving to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?
- (3) How many current haemodialysis beds are there at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?
- (4) Will there be an increase in haemodialysis beds at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?

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

- (1) In New South Wales how many overseas people (that is, not Australian citizens who are not permanent residents) are on lists for haemodialysis in public hospitals offering this service for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (2) What percentage do the above overseas patients, in relation to the total haemodialysis patients, represent for the same years?

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

- (1) Why has the Hornsby electorate been an area where public lighting has recently been poor along many streets and roads and in large neighbourhood blocks?
- (2) Does EnergyAustralia have a reason for this and when will public lighting be improved?

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

- (1) What is the status of the Solar in Schools Program?
- (2) How are schools advised about this program?
- (3) How many schools in the Willsend Electorate have successfully applied for this program?

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

With respect to the Tolkien II report from the St Vincent's Hospital Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression, which studied the number of people with mental illnesses, identified effective treatments for each condition, and calculated the staff, facilities and funds required to provide this help:

- (1) What analysis has the NSW Government made of this research and its recommendations?
- (2) What evidence is there to support the report's conclusion that a 30 per cent budget increase for mental health services would allow treatment of 60 per cent more people and a 90 per cent increase in health gain?
- (3) What action has the NSW Government taken on the report's analysis that the lack of step-down supervised accommodation in the community for 40,000 Australians was a huge risk in mortality and morbidity?
- (4) What evidence is there to support the report's assertion that the cost of additional supervised accommodation would be partly offset by reduced need for treatment in Emergency Departments and acute psychiatric beds?

- (5) What action has the NSW Government taken to clear the "bed block" that prevents access to treatment for people with a psychosis who are in crisis?
- (6) What investigation has the NSW Government carried out to increase the use of written and Internet material, and increased school and non-Government organisation programs for patient education and prevention programs as recommended in Tolkien II?
- (7) What analysis has the NSW Government made of the Stepped Care model proposed in Tolkien II, and what action has been taken to introduce this framework in NSW health services?

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

Given ongoing and increasing community concerns about the impact of noisy vehicles, modified vehicles and modified vehicle sound systems, particularly in inner city areas:

- (1) How does the Government compile data on this concern, and what reports have been made about noisy vehicles in:
  - (a) Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks;
  - (b) George Street and the CBD;
  - (c) Woolloomooloo;
  - (d) Potts Point and Kings Cross; and
  - (e) Darlinghurst and Surry Hills?
- (2) What noise inspection facilities does the Government provide to address noisy vehicles in the inner city, and how is the Noise Testing and Anti-Tampering Inspection Scheme applied in the inner city?
- (3) What is the Government's program to prevent late night noise from vehicles that prevents people from being able to sleep and impacts on residential amenity?
- (4) What is the Government's program of action to address the noise of groups of motorcycles that impacts on residential amenity?
- (5) What is the Government's program of action to address noise from loud vehicle horns and sound systems?

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

In reference to responses to Questions 1716:

- (1) Does the NSW Government's acknowledgement of the pork industry's definition for free-range pork refer to the definition of "free-range pork" provided on the Australian Pork Limited website (<http://www.australianpork.com.au/index.cfm?menuid=3C083573-9027-E533-1F7B6354FC1EB3E5>)?
- (2) If not, which pork industry definition of free-range pork does the NSW Government acknowledge?
- (3) To what extent does the NSW Government consider this definition to be a nationally adopted industry standard definition?
- (4) What plans does the NSW Government have to regulate use of its acknowledged definition of free-range pork?
- (5) Is the NSW Government aware of the Free Range Pork Farmers Association recent survey where 98 per cent of respondents believe that free-range pork means pork from pigs raised in paddocks?
- (6) What consideration has the NSW Government given to banning use of the term "bred free range" which includes pork from pigs raised indoors including in sow stalls?

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

What were the costs incurred in maintaining and running the Cost Assessment Department of the NSW Supreme Court for each of the years between 1994 to 2007?

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

Given the obligations in Section 393 of the Legal Profession Act:

- (1) How many matters have been referred by cost assessors to the Legal Services Commissioner for investigation since the start of 2005?

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- (2) How many of those matters have resulted in disciplinary action?
- 2621 BELROSE SPACE CORRIDOR—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- Regarding the Belrose Space Corridor:
- Has any encroachment into the abandoned road corridor east of Forest Way, Belrose been made during recent development activity there?
- 2622 TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL'S EXPOSURE TO THE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE MARKET—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts representing the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- Given that it has been reported in the media that NSW councils have lost up to \$400 million in ratepayer funds as a result of investment exposure to the subprime mortgage market collapse:
- (1) (a) Does the Tweed Shire Council have exposure to the subprime mortgage market?
  - (b) If yes, please state how much council money is currently exposed to the risk associated with this market?
  - (2) (a) Has Tweed Shire Council been affected (i.e. lost funds) by any exposure to the subprime mortgage market?
  - (b) If yes, please state how much council money has been lost?
- 2623 SUBSIDISED SCHOOL GROUP TRAVEL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for the Central Coast, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- Given that the Minister has advised that a Bankstown student group travelling to Gallipoli for Anzac Day is not a school excursion:
- (1) Why has this student group been granted official NSW Department of Education & Training endorsement when it is not a school excursion?
  - (2) Why has the Premier and other NSW Government Ministers subsidised this group's trip to the tune of \$16,500 when it is not a school excursion?
  - (3) Why won't the NSW Department of Education and Training provide official endorsement and funding assistance to a Kingscliff High student group planning a trip to the Kokoda Trail?
- 2624 MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED ROADS—TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Commerce—
- Given that the condition of roadside areas along state-owned roads in the Tweed has deteriorated to the extent that weeds are now in excess of 2 metres high and rubbish lies along the road:
- (1) How often is roadside maintenance (i.e. grass mowing and weed control) conducted on state-owned roads in the Tweed electorate?
  - (2) What is the budgeted amount of funding for roadside maintenance of state-owned roads in the Tweed for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 financial years?
  - (3) Why has the RTA allowed the condition of state-owned roads in the Tweed deteriorate to the extent that weeds are now up to 2 metres high?
- 2625 PLANNING STAFF—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Given that the Department of Planning is currently seeking a Director of Smart Sustainable Systems:
    - (a) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
    - (b) On what date did he or she leave?
    - (c) Why did he or she leave?
    - (d) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
  - (2) How many staff work at the Department of Planning head office?
  - (3) How many staff work in the Minister's office?
  - (4) How many of the Minister's office staff resigned last year?
- 2626 VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Given that the Sydney Catchment Authority is currently seeking a Senior Community Engagement Officer:
    - (a) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
    - (b) On what date did he or she leave?
    - (c) Why did he or she leave?
    - (d) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
  - (2) Given that the Department of Environment and Climate Change is currently seeking a Head of Strategic Land Use & Catchments:
    - (a) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
    - (b) On what date did he or she leave?
    - (c) Why did he or she leave?
    - (d) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
  - (3) Given that the Department of Environment and Climate Change is currently seeking a Major Projects Coordinator within Environment Protection and Regulation Group:
    - (a) Who was the previous occupant of this position?
    - (b) On what date did he or she leave?
    - (c) Why did he or she leave?
    - (d) Who has been filling this role in the meantime?
- 2627 WARRAGAMBA DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY PROJECT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) When will the Sydney Catchment Authority's claim against the Reliance Insurance Company over the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project be finalised?
  - (2) How much money does the Sydney Catchment Authority expect to receive back from the Reliance Insurance Company?
  - (3) What warranty provisions does the Warragamba Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project contractor allege were breached?
  - (4) How long does the contractor claim the project was delayed by these alleged breaches?
- 2628 PROMOTION OF NATURE TOURISM—PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—
- Are there any campaigns to promote nature tourism in the Pittwater electorate during 2008?
- 2629 NARRABEEN AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many ambulances were operating out of the Narrabeen Ambulance Station as at 30 June 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- 2630 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) How many highway patrol officers are currently allocated to the Northern Beaches Local Area Command?
  - (2) How many highway patrol officers are currently allocated to the Manly Local Area Command?
- 2631 DRAFT RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND RELEASE STRATEGY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for the Arts—
- In relation to the impacts of the new draft Rural Residential Land Release Strategy and new standardised L.E.P. upon the Nambucca Shire:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that many parcels of land previously zoned 1(c) (Rural Residential) will be reclassified as Rural, without sub-division potential, resulting in devaluation of such property?
  - (2) Does the Government intend compensating affected property owners if and when the new Rural Residential Land Release Strategy is implemented?
  - (3) What are the financial implications for the Nambucca Shire Council resulting from reduced valuations of such properties?
  - (4) What impact on the local economy will result from the proposed slowing of release of rural residential land for development?
  - (5) What are the implications upon affordability of rural residential property in the Nambucca Shire associated with a significant reduction in supply and a slowing of release?
  - (6) What impact will the draft Rural Residential Land Release Strategy have on land zonings under the



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- (7) Is the Minister aware that a number of affected property owners live in the path of the proposed Pacific Highway upgrade and that their Just Terms Compensation would be reduced as a result of the proposed strategy?

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