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AGENCIES PROCESSING THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many agencies in New South Wales are approved to process the adoption of children?
(2) How many of these agencies are described as "faith based" agencies?
(3) What are the business names of these faith based agencies?

Answer—

(1) There are three approved agencies who provide adoption services; Barnados, Anglicare and Centacare Adoption Services (CatholicCare).
(2) Two.
(3) Anglicare and CatholicCare.

HEAVY PLANT CERTIFICATIONS—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

Following the Cross-Border forum held in Albury in September 2009 what progress has been made on the proposal to remove licensing requirements for four types of loadshifting machinery which require certification in NSW but not in Victoria?

Answer—

I am advised that Safe Work Australia completed a review of the four loadshifting classes not included in the National Standard for Licensing Persons Performing High Risk Work and determined they do not meet the required benchmark for high-risk work. Therefore they will not be included in the Standard.

I further advised that as a result of this determination, WorkCover will be extending the interim strategy for these classes until 31 December 2011 when the new national model work health and safety legislation is due to take effect. This means operators will continue to be required to hold a state-based certificate of competency to operate this equipment in New South Wales and may be assessed by a WorkCover accredited assessor without the requirement to enrol in a course of training.

NEW PROPERTY FEE/TAX—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Following the Government's recent announcement of a new property fee/tax:

(1) What is the estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected by this new tax in the Albury Local Government Area?
(2) What is the estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected by this new tax in the Greater Hume Shire Local Government Area?
(3) What is the estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected in the Corowa Shire Local Government Area?
(4) What is the estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected in the Tumbarumba Shire Local Government Area?
(5) Given that this new fee/tax will be based on current property valuations by the Valuer-General's office, what is Treasury's estimate of fees to be receipted from the above Local Government areas under this new tax?

Answer—

(1) The estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected by the "ad valorem" component of the Torrens Assurance levy in the Albury Local Government Area is 68.
(2) The estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected by the "ad valorem" component of the Torrens Assurance levy in the Greater Hume Shire Local Government Area is 25.
(3) The estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected by the "ad valorem" component of the Torrens Assurance levy in the Corowa Shire Local Government Area is 10.
(4) The estimate of the number of properties likely to be affected by the "ad valorem" component of the Torrens Assurance levy in the Tumbarumba Shire Local Government Area is 4.
(5) The ad valorem fee is not based on property valuations by the Valuer General's office.

• For transfers where the purchase price is more than $500,000 but not more than $1,000,000, the ad valorem levy is 0.2% of the amount by which the purchase price exceeds $500,000.
• For transfers where the purchase price is more than $1,000,000, the levy is $1000.00 plus 0.25% of the amount by which the purchase price exceeds $1,000,000.

It is not based on property valuations by the Valuer General's office. The property valuation is the value of the land only and excludes all buildings, structures and any other improvements on the land.

*11169NPWS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AT KHANCOBAN—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What progress has been made on construction of the NPWS Visitor Information Centre at Khancoban?
(2) Is the Minister aware that Tumbarumba Shire Council has budgeted $500,000 for this project and that there has been no indication from Government of a schedule since announcement of the new centre?
(3) What staffing plans are proposed for the new visitor information centre?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The State Property Authority was engaged to manage the design process for a new Area Office building which will incorporate a tourist information kiosk. Architectural plans have now been submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW).

(2) Tumbarumba Shire Council has discussed two alternative funding models with DECCW. One model, estimated at $500,000, would see Tumbarumba Shire Council fund construction of the building with DECCW paying rent to Council under a lease arrangement for 20 years. At the end of 20 years ownership of the property would revert to DECCW. The other model under consideration is for DECCW to fund the building construction. DECCW and Council met recently to reaffirm mutual interest in both options.

(3) The public information section of the proposed building will have an emphasis on information being available 24 hours a day, on a self serve basis. Information promoting destinations and services within Kosciuszko National Park and the local region will be available even when the office is closed. There are no plans to change staffing levels at this office.

*11170BALLDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) When was Balldale Public School closed?
(2) Is it expected that the school will reopen?
(3) For how long will staff be retained to clean the school and maintain the grounds?
(4) What teaching or administration staff have visited the school this year, for what purposes and how often?
(5) Will the Minister consider relocating the school building and equipment to another country school?
(6) Is the Minister aware that the school residence has been vacant for around three years and that an interested buyer for both the residence and school has received no response to enquiries made to the department?

Answer—

(1) to (5) No decision has been made.

(6) The school residence is owned by the Teacher Housing Authority of NSW as it is located on a separate site to the school. The sale of this property will be the responsibility of the Teacher Housing Authority of NSW.

No decision has been reached as yet in relation to the disposal of the school site.

*11171FUNDING TO COMBAT EXPECTED LOCUST PLAGUE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Given the Premier's announcement of $18.5 million to combat the expected locust plague, the worst in 30 years:

(1) What was the expenditure on the locust plague of 2008?
(2) Is this funding level considered adequate to meet this season's locust plague challenge?
(3) Why has Victoria allocated $44 million to address the issue in a primary production area considerably smaller than that of NSW?

Answer—

(1) I am advised, expenditure on locust management for the 2008-09 locust season was $4.7 million.
(2) Based on infestation estimates and past experience, $18.5 million is considered adequate for the 2010-11 NSW locust control program.

(3) Victoria manages locust outbreaks differently to NSW, making a direct comparison of funding commitment inappropriate. Victoria will have a 100% rebate to landholders for insecticide they purchase and I understand a considerable portion of their commitment will be devoted to administering this rebate scheme and employing staff to coordinate operations. NSW has been involved in many more locust campaigns than Victoria and have the structures in place already, including the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities, for response coordination across the State.

*11172FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given advice that five schools have had flashing lights installed (Question 10182):

(1) What are the names of those five schools in the Port Stephens electorate that have had flashing lights installed?
(2) What are the nine schools that have been considered for flashing lights?
(3) What are the four schools currently being considered for flashing lights?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Bobs Farm Public School, Irrawang High School, and the precinct which has St Phillips Christian College, Tomaree High School and Tomaree Public School have had flashing lights installed.
(2) Bobs Farm Public School, Irrawang High School, and the precinct which has St Phillips Christian College, Tomaree High School and Tomaree Public School, Anna Bay Public School, Karuah Public School, Medowie Public School and Wirreanda Public School have been considered for flashing lights.
(3) Anna Bay Public School, Karuah Public School, Medowie Public School and Wirreanda Public School have been considered for flashing lights.

*11173COUNTRY ARTS SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

How much funding was allocated to the Country Arts Support Program Community Culture Grants in the 2010-11 State Budget?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Country Arts Support Program Community Culture Grants are administered by Regional Arts NSW (RANSW). The 2010-11 Arts Funding Program provides a grant of $543,250 to RANSW. Of this amount, $200,000 will be allocated to the Country Arts Support Program.

*11174INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Special Minister of State—

In total, how much funding has been allocated in the 2010-11 State Budget to infrastructure projects in:

(1) Albury;
(2) Auburn;
(3) Ballina;
(4) Balmain;
(5) Bankstown;
(6) Barwon;
(7) Bathurst;
(8) Baulkham Hills;
(9) Bega;
(10) Blacktown;
(11) Blue Mountains;
(12) Burrunjuck;
(13) Cabramatta;
(14) Camden;
(15) Campbelltown;
(16) Canterbury;
(17) Castle Hill;
(18) Cessnock;
(19) Charlestown;
(20) Clarence;
(21) Coffs Harbour;
(22) Coogee;
(23) Cronulla;
(24) Davidson;
(25) Drummoyne;
(26) Dubbo;
(27) East Hills;
(28) Epping;
(29) Fairfield;
(30) Gosford;
(31) Goulburn;
(32) Granville;
(33) Hawkesbury;
(34) Heathcote;
(35) Heffron;
(36) Hornsby;
(37) Keira;
(38) Kiama;
(39) Kogarah;
(40) Ku-ring-gai;
(41) Lake Macquarie;
(42) Lakemba;
(43) Lane Cove;
(44) Lismore;
(45) Liverpool;
(46) Londonderry;
(47) Macquarie Fields;
(48) Maitland;
(49) Manly;
(50) Maroubra;
(51) Marrickville;
(52) Menai;
(53) Miranda;
(54) Monaro;
(55) Mount Druitt;
(56) Mulgoa;
(57) Murray-Darling;
(58) Murrumbidgee;
(59) Myall Lakes;
(60) Newcastle;
(61) North Shore;
(62) Northern Tablelands;
(63) Oatley;
(64) Orange;
(65) Oxley;
(66) Parramatta;
(67) Penrith;
(68) Pittwater;
(69) Port Macquarie;
(70) Port Stephens;
(71) Riverstone;
(72) Rockdale;
(73) Ryde;
(74) Shellharbour;
(75) Smithfield;
(76) South Coast;
(77) Strathfield;
(78) Swansea;
(79) Sydney;
(80) Tamworth;
(81) Terrigal;
(82) The Entrance;
(83) Toongabbie;
(84) Tweed;
(85) Upper Hunter;
(86) Vaucluse;
(87) Wagga Wagga
(88) Wakehurst;
(89) Wallsend;
(90) Willoughby;
(91) Wollondilly;
(92) Wollongong;
(93) Wyong?

Answer—
I am advised that information regarding 2010-11 infrastructure projects can be found in the 2010-11 Budget Paper 4 - Infrastructure Statement.

*11175CITYRAIL PATRONAGE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to CityRail patronage declining as stated in the NSW Budget 2010-11, BP3 Vol 2, page 13-6:

(1) How much has patronage declined (given in passenger journeys, not illustrated as a percentage)?
(2) Over what period did the decline occur?
(3) Is patronage continuing to decline?
(4) What are the reasons for the decline?
(5) (a) What was the total CityRail patronage for the financial years (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09 and (iii) 2009-10, broken down on a month-by-month basis?
(b) Where and when did the decline in patronage take place and by how much?
(6) What is the forecast CityRail patronage for the financial year 2010-11?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) to (5) RailCorp reports on patronage in its Annual Report as required by the relevant legislation.
(6) Patronage for financial year 2010-11 is currently forecast to be 308 million journeys, an increase of 1.9% on 2009-10.

*11176EXTENSION OF STATION PLATFORMS—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to works undertaken to extend CityRail platforms:

(1) What stations have had platforms extended in the past 12 months?
(2) What stations will have their platforms extended in the next 12 months?
(3) What distance will each platform be extended by (i.e. stations listed in (1) and (2))?
(4) What is the cost of extending each station (as outlined in (1) and (2))?
(5) What is the purpose of these extensions?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) Over the past 12 months, 45 stations have had platforms extended. These stations include: Artarmon, Ashfield, Bankstown, Bardwell Park, Bexley North, Carramar, Chester Hill, Erskineville, Fairfield, Gordon, Guildford, Homebush, Killara, Kingsgrove, Lindfield, Marrickville, Narwee, Newtown, North Strathfield, Pendle Hill, Pennant Hills, Pymble, Redfern, Regents Park, Revesby, Riverwood, Roseville, Sefton, Seven Hills, St Peters, Sydenham, Thornleigh, Toongabbie, Turrella, Turrell,
Villawood, Wahroonga, Waitara, Warwick Farm, Waverton, Wentworthville, West Ryde, Westmead, Wollstonecraft and Yennora.

(2) Warrawee Station.

(3) The length of the extension at each station varies from 0.8 metres to 4.7 metres.

(4) The overall cost of these extensions is approximately $2.7 million.

(5) The purpose of these extensions is to meet operational requirements.

*11177FUEL TYPE FOR NEW BUSES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the 200 new growth buses, the 100 bendy buses and the 87 replacement buses as promised in the NSW Budget 2010-11, what is the breakdown of fuel type for each new bus promised?

Answer—

I am advised that the 200 new growth buses and 100 bendy buses being funded in the 2010-11 NSW Budget are each fuelled by diesel.

I am further advised that of the 87 replacement buses for State Transit in the NSW Budget 2010-11, 42 are fuelled by diesel, and 45 are fuelled by compressed natural gas.

*11178ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Mr Peter Besseling asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

(1) Why does Home and Community Care eligibility criteria for Community Transport not include people whose medical conditions require that they reside in an aged care facility?

(2) Will the Minister consider reviewing the criteria?

Answer—

(1) The Home and Community Care (HACC) Program is a joint Australian, State and Territory Government initiative under the auspices of the Home and Community Care Act 1985.

The HACC Program provides vital support to frail older people, younger people with a disability and their carers to support them to remain in their own homes, enhance their independence, and prevent premature or inappropriate admission into residential care.

The program is supported by the National Program Guidelines for the Home and Community Care Program 2007. These guidelines have been agreed by all jurisdictions.

The Australian Government has funding and program responsibility for residential aged care facilities.

(2) The Australian Government in conjunction with the States and Territories is responsible for developing and implementing national policy initiatives under the requirements of the Home and Community Care Act.

At the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting on 19 and 20 April 2010, NSW agreed to a package of national health reforms which includes establishing the Commonwealth as the level of government with full responsibility for aged care. The implementation of the reforms commences on 1 July 2011.

Under the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement there will be a split of responsibilities for aged care and disability programs at age 65, or at age 50 for Indigenous Australians, with the Australian Government to assume full responsibility for funding and program management of basic community care services for people 65 years or over in line with its responsibility for the national aged care system.

Given the responsibilities of the Australian Government in relation to aged care services, it is appropriate to pursue the issue of transport services for residents of aged care facilities with the Australian Government.

*11179NEW GRAFTON BRIDGE—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that in respect to planning for a new Grafton bridge the former Minister for Roads and Transport outlined in a media release dated 8 April 2010 that he "agreed with the residents requests for a renewed community involvement plan with regular ongoing discussion and that residents should have a say in the
forums they would like to see" and given the Minister also stated that "the outcome of this process will determine the timeframes for further steps in the assessment process":

(1) Why did it take the RTA some 5 months to comply with the Minister's statement and involve the community in further discussion sessions and formulate and provide the community with the Community Liaison Plan?

(2) Will provision be made on the RTA website for an ongoing list outlining all meetings ARUP consultants have undertaken with the community concerning the current process?

(3) (a) Given the RTA offered to provide as many documents as possible outside of an FOI process, why has it taken the RTA longer than under the required timeframe of an FOI process for the RTA to outline what documents it can and cannot provide outside of an FOI process?

   (b) Why, and under what legislation, has the RTA only provided 4 out of some 30 documents requested?

(4) Will the RTA provide the following documents:

   (a) The RTA Project Management Plan for the current process/project;
   (b) The RTA Communications and Community involvement brief and timeframe chart from the commencement of the current process in 2009;
   (c) The report from the 2003 options evaluations short listings of localities workshop;
   (d) The background papers for the short listings of localities workshops (options evaluations workshops) in November 2003 and April 2004; and
   (e) The brief/contract to ARUP consultants for the current process?

(5) If the RTA is unable to provide any of these documents, why not?

(6) Why has the RTA not been forthcoming with any documents/reports, as requested in April 2009, as to why the RTA reduced the 7 options to 3 in 2003?

(7) (a) Given the RTA formulated and provided a brief dated December 2008 to consultants to undertake the Grafton Bridge Traffic Study 2009, what options were in the brief that the traffic study consultants were required to test and evaluate?

   (b) Why was the community not informed in December 2008 or early 2009 that the RTA was contracting for traffic studies to be carried out at these locations/options?

(8) Why were Pound (C) and Bacon (D) Street options not in the RTA December 2009 Traffic Study Report or the May 2009 South Grafton Traffic Study?

(9) Why were a number of important points not recorded in the RTA Community Consultation Report May 2010, including the date (22 December 2009) and location/area (RTA defined study area only) of the initial letterbox drop informing the community that the project was resuming?

(10) Given the community present (some 80 people) at the RTA workshop on the night of 11 March 2010 asked that a vote of no confidence (96% of those present) against the RTA's consultation process and site locations be recorded, why did the RTA not record these important points?

(11) Why will the community not have the opportunity to be involved in the RTA's Value Management Workshop to decide the preferred route option?

(12) Given the RTA May 2010 Community Consultation Report outlines from the community submissions that "the majority of the community do not want any of the 4 RTA options and want a new crossing outside the RTA's study area":

   (a) Is the RTA now considering and testing other possible options outside the defined study area?
   (b) What locations are the current environmental assessments and other investigations/assessments being undertaken?
   (c) Are there any assessment tests being undertaken outside the RTA study area?
   (d) What dates/times has traffic data been taken since December 2008, for all traffic?
   (e) (i) Is there a ring road's system planned or anticipated?

   (ii) if so, where would the ring road system be located?
   (f) Why did the RTA not consult with the trucking companies in Grafton and the Clarence Valley prior to releasing the current two new options, C and D?
   (g) What date were C and D options considered as feasible options by the RTA?
   (h) What dates in 2009-2010 did traffic modelling occur?
   (i) Noting that at the RTA Focus Group meeting on the night of 17 August 2010 the community attending indicated, unanimously, that they want the RTA to undertake an independent survey of the Clarence Valley residents about where the residents want a new bridge and road network located and requested that the community be provided the opportunity to have input in the questions in the survey, is the RTA going to honour this request and ensure this survey is conducted?
(j) If the outcome of this survey shows that the majority of the community want a bridge and road network located outside the RTA study area, will the RTA comply with what the community wants or will the RTA build a new bridge and road network in a location that the majority of the community does not want?

(k) What is the cost to date (not budget) for the current process?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) A revised community liaison plan was placed on display in July 2010 followed by discussions and comment on the revised plan by the Grafton community in August 2010. The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) required this time to refine the plan prior to seeking community feedback. The feedback received during the focus groups (including the feedback sheets), along with feedback during the consultation period on the community liaison plan, will be collated into a paper and placed on the RTA website as soon as feasible. A meeting register has also been established on this website.

(3) to (7) The RTA provides information and reports to the community as part of the ongoing consultation plan. The RTA reviews reports and documents to ensure their accuracy and that they contain the latest information available before making them available to the public. The FOI Process (now termed GIPA) also enables the public to access draft and/or incomplete documents that are superseded by finalised documents.

(8) The preliminary options, known as C & D, did not exist when the traffic studies were undertaken.

(9) The community was informed of preliminary options at the earliest appropriate time, when traffic data was available, to allow for informed discussions with the community to take place.

(10) The relevant information was recorded and supplied in the consultation report of May 2010, which is available on the website. Workshops were undertaken in August to discuss the community liaison plan.

(11) The RTA will invite the community to nominate representatives to participate in the Value Management Workshop that will be held to provide input into the route selection process.

(12)

(a) The preliminary options, which were displayed earlier this year, were a starting point for community involvement. The RTA is now undertaking further investigations and considering all submissions from the community regarding concept options. Options that appear to best satisfy the objectives of the project are scheduled to be displayed later this year for further community feedback and consideration.

(b) Current environmental assessments and other investigations have predominantly focussed on the study area or locations in close proximity to the existing bridge.

(c) The main focus of the project has been on the identified study area or in close proximity to the existing bridge.

(d) The RTA has been progressively collecting traffic data since December 2008.

(e) (i) No.

(ii) Not applicable.

(f) The RTA is consulting with key stakeholders, including trucking companies, as part of the overall community and stakeholder consultation process.

(g) Options C and D are preliminary options and provide a starting point for community consultation and further investigation. The community has since provided comment, suggested changes to the displayed options and proposed other options for consideration. All issues are being reviewed.

(h) Traffic modelling occurred in 2009 once adequate traffic data was captured. This modelling formed the basis for the report which was published in December 2009.

(i) All comments from the focus group meetings, including the suggestion of a survey, are being considered by the RTA.

(j) A number of issues need to be considered when looking at this project, including technical, engineering challenges, environmental, social and economic. The preferred route would need to satisfy the project objectives.

(k) Approximately $2 million had been expended on investigations for a second crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton. A further $2 million has been allocated in the 2010/11 NSW budget.

*11180"L" AND "P" PLATE DRIVERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
Given the advice it is not Government policy to advise the parents or guardians of "L" plate and "P" plate drivers of any speeding or other traffic offences committed by those teenage drivers (Question 8456):

Will the Government implement a system whereby parents or guardians of "L" and "P" plate drivers (under 18 years of age) are advised of any speeding or other traffic offences committed by teenage drivers?

Answer—

No.

*11181MACQUARIE PARK COMMUTER TRAFFIC—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In reference to an RTA letter provided to me by a constituent (dated 10 June 2010) which states "peak hour congestion will inevitably remain on the more substantial approaches to Macquarie Park":

(1) (a) What modelling has the RTA conducted in relation to future increases in commuter traffic along Epping Road resulting from growth in the Macquarie Park business precinct?

(b) If so, what were the findings?

(2) (a) Did the Government conduct research into the impact the recently announced Macquarie Park Defence Hub will have on traffic congestion in the area?

(b) If so, what were the findings?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (b) The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) maintains a strategic level metropolitan-wide traffic model, including major employment centres such as Macquarie Park. In 2008, Ryde City Council, with the RTA's input, commissioned a traffic study of Macquarie Park incorporating more localised traffic modelling to investigate likely long-term transport infrastructure needs.

The RTA model, based on particular land use, modal share and metropolitan transport projects, gives year 2031 traffic estimates for Epping Road ranging from 43,000 vehicles per weekday at its western end to 92,000 vehicles per weekday, west of Delhi Road towards its eastern end.

The 2008 Ryde Council traffic model, based on its own particular assumptions and methodology, gives corresponding year 2031 traffic estimates for Epping Road of 57,000 to 104,000 vehicles per weekday.

The RTA is considering information provided by the models as part of its forward planning.

(2) (a) and (b) In June 2010, the Premier announced the $50 million hi-tech defence hub to be developed at Macquarie Park. Expressions of interest for the project closed at the end of July 2010. A development application with attendant traffic investigations is expected to be referred to the RTA for its input.

*11182SYDNEY METRO PROJECT—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice total outstanding costs are yet to be finalised and that sixty staff were employed by Sydney Metro, including six staff as at 14 May 2010 (Question 10280):

(1) Given that total outstanding costs are yet to be finalised:

(a) As at 24 June 2010, how much money has been spent on costs related to the project since it was officially cancelled on 22 February 2010?

(b) On what date are total outstanding costs due to be finalised?

(2) What was the total cost of wages for the sixty staff employed by Sydney Metro during:

(a) financial year ending 2008;

(b) financial year ending 2009;

(c) financial year ending 2010?

(3) What is the nature of the work being conducted by the six remaining staff members employed as at May 2010?

(4) When is their work schedule to be completed?

(5) What is the total cost of wages for staff employed by Sydney Metro between 22 February 2010 and 24 June 2010?

Answer—
I am advised:

To 30 June 2010, $318 million was spent on project-related costs. An additional $93 million was spent on cost reimbursement payments for the five major consortia bidding for the major construction contracts for the project. Additional details will be provided in the Sydney Metro annual report, which will be available later this year. Some claims may be subject to court action and would therefore be settled in accordance with timelines determined by the Court.

Sydney Metro was not established until January 27, 2009. Until that time a project team made up of staff assigned from other agencies worked on metro projects.

Wages costs for the period 27 January to 30 June 2009 are as follows:

- Secondees from other Government agencies: $2.13 million
- Sydney Metro employees: $224,000

Wages costs for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are as follows:

- Secondees from other Government agencies: $3.16 million
- Sydney Metro employees: $6.50 million

A proportion of these costs were recouped from other agencies for work undertaken by Sydney Metro on their behalf.

The six remaining staff work partly on Transport NSW projects and partly on completion of outstanding Sydney Metro matters, including close-out of the financial year, the orderly transfer of Sydney Metro assets and the claims process associated with the cancellation of the CBD Metro. These staff members have been spending increasingly more time on Transport NSW projects as Sydney Metro matters are progressively completed.

Between 22 February and 30 June 2010 the total cost of wages was:

- Secondees from other Government agencies: $700,000
- Sydney Metro employees: $3.5 million

A proportion of these costs were recouped from other agencies for work undertaken by Sydney Metro on their behalf.

*11183EPPING ROAD UPGRADES—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How much money has been allocated for upgrades on Epping Road within North Ryde and Macquarie Park during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2011;
(c) 2012;
(d) 2013?

(2) How much money has been allocated for upgrades on Lane Cove Road during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2011;
(c) 2012;
(d) 2013?

(3) How much money has been allocated for upgrades on Victoria Road within West Ryde and Ryde during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2011;
(c) 2012;
(d) 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3)

(a) $1.7 million across the three roads.
(b) $1.3 million for Epping Road.
(c) Budget not yet confirmed.
(d) Budget not yet confirmed.
(1) For the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and the 2010-11 forward estimates, what is the total
amount of expenditure on (i) planning, (ii) property purchase and (iii) pre-construction, for all the
sections of the Pacific Highway listed in question (2) below?

(2) What is the grand total of expenditure on the following roadworks:

(a) Bulahdelah: Bulahdelah upgrade, dual carriageways;
(b) Coffs Harbour: Bonville Bypass dual carriageway;
(c) Failford: Failford Road to Tritton Road (planning);
(d) Kew: Moorland to Herons Creek, dual carriageways;
(e) Herons Creek: Herons Creek to Stills Road;
(f) Port Macquarie-Kempsey: Oxley Highway to Kempsey (planning);
(g) Kempsey: Kempsey Bypass, dual carriageway;
(h) Clybucca: Fredericktown to Eungai (planning);
(i) Nambucca Heads: Warrell Creek to Urunga (planning and reconstruction);
(j) Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour Bypass (planning);
(k) Woolgoolga: Coffs Harbour (Sapphire) to Woolgoolga, dual carriageways;
(l) Grafton, Maclean: Woolgoolga to Ballina (planning);
(m) Glenugie: Glenugie upgrade, dual carriageways;
(n) Tabbimoble: Devils Pulpit upgrade, dual carriageways;
(o) Ballina: Ballina Bypass, dual carriageways;
(p) Bangalow: Tintenbar to Ewingsdale (planning and reconstruction);
(q) Banora Point: Banora Point Upgrade, including Sexton Hill;
(r) Bulahdelah: Karuah to Bulahdelah Sections 2 and 3, dual carriageways;
(s) Moorland: Coopernook to Moorland, dual carriageways;
(t) Glenugie: Glenugie Upgrade;
(u) Harwood: Wells Crossing to Iluka Road (planning);
(v) Wardell: Woodburn to Ballina (planning)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The total expenditure for the requested projects, for the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and the
2010-11 forward estimates, is as follows:

   | Description                                           | Amount     |
---|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
   | (i) Planning                                          | $173 million |
   | (ii) Property acquisition                            | $189 million |
   | (iii) Pre-construction activities                    | $55 million  |

(2) For the individual projects requested, the total expenditure as at 31 August 2010 is as follows:

| Description                                           | Amount     |
---|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| (a) Bulahdelah upgrade                                | $84 million |
| (b) Bonville bypass                                   | $233 million |
| (c) Failford Road to Tritton Road                     | $3 million  |
| (d) Moorland to Herons Creek                          | $374 million |
| (e) Herons Creek to Stills Road                       | $7 million  |
| (f) Oxley Highway to Kempsey                          | $17 million |
| (g) Kempsey bypass                                    | $55 million |
| (h) Frederickton to Eungai                            | $1 million  |
| (i) Warrell Creek to Urunga                           | $30 million |
| (j) Coffs Harbour bypass                              | $37 million |
| (k) Sapphire to Woolgoolga                             | $139 million |
| (l) Woolgoolga to Ballina                             | $1 million  |
| (m) Glenugie upgrade                                  | $19 million |
| (n) Devils Pulpit upgrade                             | $8 million  |
In relation to LH&PA levies:

1. What is the percentage of LH&PA ratepayers with no stock, broken down by each LH&PA?
2. What is the percentage of LH&PA ratepayers that have stock, broken down by each LH&PA?
3. How many of the LH&PA directors have stock and how many have no stock?
4. How are the needs of ratepayers that do not own stock represented in LH&PAs?
5. Given that the RLPBs were reorganised into LH&PAs on the grounds it would save $8 million, how has this been reflected in the current LH&PAs?

Answer—

1. The percentage of holdings within each LHPA with no stock:

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A ratepayer may have more than one holding.

2. The percentage of holdings within each LHPA with stock:

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Tablelands 66%
Western 77%

A ratepayer may have more than one holding.

(3) From the 2009 land and stock return 58% of Directors indicated that they had stock and 42% indicated that they did not have stock.

(4) The needs of the ratepayers that do not own stock are represented by the Directors of the LHPA. These Directors are elected by ratepayers, both livestock producers and non-livestock producers. This is a democratic process with no distinction given between classes of voters. When elected it is the responsibility of the Directors to represent the views and concerns of all ratepayers and to act in the best interest of them. The board of each LHPA is usually made up of eight directors, six of whom are elected with a further two appointed based on skills criteria. In many cases such individuals are not stock owners.

(5) The current plague locust campaign is an excellent example of the benefits of the reorganisation. Critically this has allowed staff resources to be better allocated across the state. It has brought expertise from one region to another. Previously some RLPB had difficulty attracting staff to small country towns which resulted in a lack of service delivery. With the larger LHPAs these areas can be resourced centrally. One example is Walgett which was without a District Veterinarian for many years. This district is now being serviced. There is also now a greater number of field staff across the state compared with administrative staff.

*11186WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ENTITLEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many people in NSW were living on workers' compensation entitlements in the year 2009?
(2) How many of those people were not eligible for State Government concessions such as travel, utilities and council rates?

Answer—

I am advised that during the 2009 calendar year, there were 125,609 workers compensation claimants who received at least one weekly payment. Of these, 14,409 claimants received 12 months, or more, of weekly payments.

Workers injured in New South Wales are eligible for a range of benefits that are structured in such a manner as to complement the injury management process and encourage an early return to work. This is because rather than simply being a system of income replacement, the New South Wales workers compensation system focuses on rehabilitation and returning workers to suitable, safe and durable employment.

In addition to weekly payments, workers compensation benefits include medical and related costs, compensation for pain and suffering and permanent impairment, the costs of rehabilitation where required, retraining and return to work programs, legal costs, and compensation for the dependants of deceased workers where applicable. In New South Wales, injured workers are entitled to benefits until they return to work or if return to work is not possible, until the first anniversary of the worker reaching retiring age. Injured workers are not eligible for Government concessions on travel, utilities or council rates.

*11187LIFTS AT BOWRAL STATION—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Does the Minister stand by his original figure that the lifts at Bowral Station have broken down 28 times since installation in 2007 (Question 9863)?
(2) If so, why did a RailCorp spokesperson state to the Southern Highland News on 14 June 2010 that the lifts had only been out of service 20 times since installation?
(3) How has this statistical discrepancy arisen between the Minister and RailCorp?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) The response to Question on Notice 10617 acknowledged a data retrieval error which had resulted in an incorrect figure of 28 being advised by RailCorp in response to Question on Notice 9863. The correct figure for lift breakdowns at Bowral Station, from their installation in 2007 to 1 June 2010, is 23.
*11188FORMAL MONTHLY CASEWORKER SUPERVISION—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

Given your advice best endeavours are taken to ensure that caseworkers receive formal monthly supervision (Question 7561):

(1) What aggregated data is available on a monthly basis for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 regarding the number of caseworkers at the Helpline receiving formal supervision?

(2) If the department does not compile monthly aggregated data on formal monthly caseworker supervision at the Helpline, will the department enforce and monitor formal monthly supervision given it is part of departmental policy?

(3) Has the Minister or Director-General ever been informed that formal monthly caseworker supervision is not occurring at the Helpline?

Answer—

(1) There is no monthly aggregated data available.

(2) The Personal Planning and Review (PPR) process which is undertaken by every Community Services employee provides a framework for the supervision and professional development of all employees. The operation of this process is monitored through a number of mechanisms, including employees being randomly selected to participate in confidential qualitative surveys about the process.

In addition, the Helpline is establishing a new monitoring system for its professional supervision.

(3) Correspondence containing these assertions has been received by both the Minister and the Director-General.

*11189REPORTS TO THE HELPLINE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many reports to the Helpline have been received since the Keep Them Safe reforms began in 2010?

(2) How many reports from the Helpline have been:

(a) referred to Wellbeing Units;

(b) referred for further action by DOCS;

(c) recommended for no further action?

Answer—

(1) and (2) (b) and (c) The bulk of this information is contained within two reports. The Quarterly Data report (March 2009 to March 2010), and the Quarterly Report to Partner Agencies (24 January to 31 March 2010). Both reports are available on the Community Services website at: www.community.nsw.gov.au/about_us/docs_data.html. Data for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010 should be available on the website in November 2010.

(2) (a) The Child Protection Helpline does not refer reports to Child Wellbeing Units.

*11190RELOCATION OF CCTV OPERATORS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Regarding the closure of the CCTV (Group Remote Monitoring Location) Office at Wollongong Railway Station and across the RailCorp network and transferring their functions to a purpose-built centre in Central Station:

(1) Of the current staff numbers of approximately 85 CCTV Operators, how many will be required to operate the SMF (Secure Monitoring Facility) at Central and how many positions will be lost?

(2) Did the Government reject advice that the Security Control Centre and the SMF should not be situated in the same building?

(3) Given that there will be more CCTV cameras by the end of the year and less staff to monitor stations, how can the Government ensure there will be safety and security on the CityRail Network?

(4) Does the Minister recognise the problems for Wollongong-based operators who will now be required to either commute to Sydney each day or move permanently to Sydney?

(5) What consultation has occurred with the NSW Police?

(6) What consultation has occurred with CCTV operators?

(7) Why is Maitland remaining in isolation from the SMF at Central?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) It is intended that the Security Monitoring Facility will have approximately 48 staff. Additionally, five staff will remain in Maitland and five new positions will be created in the Rail Management Centre to perform passenger information related functions.

(2) No.

(3) The new Security Monitoring Facility will support an increase in the amount of pro-active monitoring of the CCTV system by providing the following:

- office automation tools that will significantly reduce the amount of time taken doing administrative processes.
- an increase in the amount of "look now" integration of other event-based alarm systems into the CCTV system.
- the capacity for RailCorp to increase the amount of surveillance directed at high risk areas of the CityRail network by better managing available resources.
- introducing the capacity for NSW Police to undertake monitoring or reviewing of CCTV in support of investigation or operations.
- providing better access to the CCTV system by other business units within RailCorp, thereby reducing the requirement to use CCTV Operators to review non-security related events.
- better data storage and access to saved CCTV, thereby increasing the amount of time to perform pro-active CCTV monitoring.

(4) RailCorp has also indicated to all affected employees that there will be no forced relocation to the Security Monitoring Facility at Central Station.

(5) Consultation has occurred with a range of different business units within the NSW Police Force, and at the Assistant Commissioner level.

(6) The following consultation has occurred with CCTV Operators:

- a business requirements collection phase was conducted via site visits and user feedback in February and March 2009.
- staff Consultation Seminars were held at Central, Parramatta, Wollongong and Hornsby during June 2010.
- consultation has occurred with the Consolidated Rail Unions acting on behalf of staff, including via correspondence and meetings held in July 2010.

(7) Maitland has been excluded from inclusion in the Security Monitoring Facility at this time as the area it manages is operated by the Australian Rail Track Corporation, and all the train working arrangements are localised through Broadmeadow.

*11191PUBLIC HOUSING—GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) How many people applied for public housing in the Gosford electorate in 2008-2009?
(2) How many people applied for public housing in the Gosford electorate in 2009-2010?
(3) How many households in the Gosford electorate applied for rental assistance in 2008-2009?
(4) How many households in the Gosford electorate applied for rental assistance in 2009-2010?
(5) How much money was spent on temporary accommodation in the Gosford electorate in 2008-2009?
(6) How much money was spent on temporary accommodation in the Gosford electorate in 2009-2010?
(7) How much money was spent on rental assistance in the Gosford electorate in 2008-2009?
(8) How much money was spent on rental assistance in the Gosford electorate in 2009-2010?

Answer—

(1) and (2) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW and approximately 60,000 were received in 2009-10.

(3) and (4) In 2008-09, approximately 33,000 households were assisted with rental assistance across NSW and approximately 35,000 were assisted in 2009-10.

(3) and (6) In 2008-09, approximately $12 million was spent on temporary accommodation across NSW and $17 million spent in 2009-10.

(7) and (8) In 2008-09, approximately $20 million was spent on rental assistance across NSW and $24 million was spent in 2009-10.

*11192PUBLIC HOUSING—WYONG ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) How many people applied for public housing in the Wyong electorate in 2008-2009?
(2) How many people applied for public housing in the Wyong electorate in 2009-2010?
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(7) How much money was spent on rental assistance in the Wyong electorate in 2008-2009?
(8) How much money was spent on rental assistance in the Wyong electorate in 2009-2010?

Answer—

(1) and (2) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW and approximately 60,000 were received in 2009-10.

(3) and (4) In 2008-09, approximately 33,000 households were assisted with rental assistance across NSW and approximately 35,000 were assisted in 2009-10.

(5) and (6) In 2008-09, approximately $12 million was spent on temporary accommodation across NSW and $17 million spent in 2009-10.

(7) and (8) In 2008-09, approximately $20 million was spent on rental assistance across NSW and $24 million was spent in 2009-10.

*11193 ELECTRICAL INTERRUPTIONS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In relation to Energy Australia figures on electrical interruptions:

(1) How many power interruptions were recorded within the Gosford local government area during:
    (a) financial year ending 2007;
    (b) financial year ending 2008;
    (c) financial year ending 2009?

(2) How many power interruptions were recorded within the Wyong local government area during:
    (a) financial year ending 2007;
    (b) financial year ending 2008;
    (c) financial year ending 2009?

Answer—

(1) *
    (a) 342
    (b) 299
    (c) 255

(2) *
    (a) 516
    (b) 456
    (c) 463

* Note: These figures do not include interruptions that:
    • Lasted less than one minute
    • Were planned
    • Affected single customers

These figures do include "major incidents" that are not required to be reported on as per EnergyAustralia's licence conditions.

*11194 AIR-CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS FOR MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Has any assessment been undertaken of air-conditioning requirements for Manly Hospital?
(2) If so, what total expenditure is required to achieve air-conditioning for all the hospital wards?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his previous question on this matter, Question No 10801.

*11195 WARRIGAL ROAD SURFACE MAINTENANCE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What has been the total expenditure on Warrigal Road road surface maintenance between Forest Way intersection and Bantry Bay Road intersection?

Answer—
I am advised:

The work on Warringah Road, is undertaken by the Roads and Traffic Authority's contractor, Downer EDI Works, as part of the 10 Year North East Sydney Performance Specified Maintenance Contract. Under this contract, individual project works are not costed.

*11196EXPENDITURE ON CLEANING—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What was the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in Wakehurst in:
(a) 2009-10;
(b) 2008-09?

Answer—
Total expenditure on cleaning for each school in Wakehurst during 2008-09 and 2009-10 is contained in the Following table:

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*11197COOTAMUNDRA ONCOLOGY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Given that the Cootamundra Oncology Committee has raised more than $65,000 towards the establishment of a Remote Oncology Unit at Cootamundra Hospital:

(1) How many patients from the Cootamundra Shire currently receive oncology treatment at locations outside of this local government area?
(2) If the Minister will not provide this information, what is the reason for not providing this information?
(3) What is the reason that Greater Southern Area Health Service staff have refused to provide the information sought in (1) above despite numerous requests from the Cootamundra Oncology Committee?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) to (3) All patients living within the Cootamundra Shire that require oncology treatment would be treated outside their local government area.

Greater Southern Area Health Service met with the Cootamundra Oncology Committee on 9 July 2010 to discuss their proposal. The Minutes of the meeting have been sent to the Committee. Greater Southern Area Health Service has offered to meet with the Committee again to clarify any additional information requested.
RAIL CROSSINGS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) How many railway crossings in the Harden Shire have been identified for closure by the Rail Infrastructure Corporation and ARTC?
(2) What is the location of each of these crossings?
(3) Are any of these crossings that have been identified for closure the only access for local landowners to their property?
(4) How many of the crossings identified for closure have not been formally gazetted?
(5) Have all of the owners of the land in question been informed of the proposed closures?
(6) If these closures have been identified on safety grounds, were the response times by Rural Fire Service brigades considered and was comment sought from local fire authorities?

Answer—

(1) to (6) I am advised that there are no level crossings currently proposed for closure by Country Rail Infrastructure Authority (formerly the Rail Infrastructure Authority).

DARBYS FALLS WATER SUPPLY—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Has funding of $375,000 been provided for the Darbys Falls water supply in the 2010-11 State Budget?
(2) If so, through what program was this funding provided?
(3) What outcome is this funding intended to achieve?
(4) Is this funding intended to apply only to the filtration plant, or is it also intended to cover the pipeline from the water source to the town?
(5) When will this funding be provided to Cowra Shire Council?
(6) If this funding has not been allocated for this financial year, when will it be allocated?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) The Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program.
(3) Construction of a water filtration plant that will assist Cowra Shire Council in providing the residents of Darbys Falls with a safe and secure water supply.
(4) Cowra Shire Council has requested financial assistance for the construction of the water filtration plant and rising main only. Financial assistance is not being provided for a new pipeline as the existing pipeline from the filtration plant to the town will be used.
(5) Funding will be provided to Council once Council satisfactorily completes all the required pre-construction activities for this project.
(6) Refer to (1) above.

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) When was closed-circuit television installed into Hornsby Hospital?
(2) Which areas are included in CCTV?
(3) How many days has CCTV been non-functioning over this time?

Answer—

(1) The first closed circuit television was installed into Hornsby Hospital in 2004.
(2) There are 59 cameras installed and operational at strategic locations such as entry and exit points, maternity areas, the Mental Health ICU and other key sites within the Hospital perimeter.
(3) The closed circuit television system has remained operational at all times. There may be occasions however when a single camera requires servicing or replacement as part of normal operational wear and usage.

CORONIAL INQUIRY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

Under what circumstances would the Coroner, once notified of a notifiable death, create a coronial inquiry into the death?

Answer—
I am advised:
I refer the Member to The Coroners Act 2009.

*11202UNANSWERED REPRESENTATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to a representation made on 11 December 2009 to the then Transport and Roads Minister in relation to "removal of timed car spaces in George St, Hornsby" that raised the proposition of changed zoning for George Street to a "special clearways", when will an answer be provided to anxious shopkeepers and Hornsby library members?

Answer—
I am advised:
A response to the representation was signed by the former Minister for Transport and Roads and sent to your office on 8 March 2010.

*11203BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) What is the current status of all the Building the Education Revolution projects in the Hornsby electorate?
(2) Which projects are reported to be behind schedule?
(3) Which projects are reported to be over budget?

Answer—
(1) The current status of all Building the Education Revolution projects in NSW Government schools is detailed on the NSW Building the Education Revolution website at: www.ber.nsw.gov.au
(2) Building the Education Revolution projects in NSW Government schools will be delivered within the Commonwealth Governments' timeframe for the Building the Education Revolution program.
(3) Final costs for all Primary Schools for the 21st Century projects are yet to be determined. Once determined, the final cost of the P21 projects will be published on the NSW Building the Education Revolution website.

*11204HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY STATION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Have there been problems with the quality of cement in the construction of the new railway stairs at Hawkesbury River Railway Station?
(2) If so, what is the nature of these problems and what are the actions to be taken to correct them?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) and (2) There have been no problems with the quality of the cement used on the new stairs at the Hawkesbury River Railway Station. Some stairs were damaged during installation and are being fixed at the contractor's expense.

*11205PREVENTATIVE HEALTH—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to preventative health:
(1) What are all the initiatives/programs that the Government identifies under the category of preventative health?
(2) How much has the Government spent on each of these preventative health programs/initiatives each year for the past 5 years?
(3) How much has the Government spent on preventative health in total, each year for the past 5 years?
(4) What is the preventative health budget each year for the past 5 years, itemising each component comprising it?

Answer—
I advised:
The Government's commitment to prevention is reflected in the targets set out in the NSW State Plan 2010.
Information on preventative programs is available in Budget Papers 2010-2011 (Budget Paper 3, Vol 1).

*11206KURNELL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Will the Minister allow public tours of the Kurnell desalination plant?

Answer—

Tours are available and can be booked through Sydney Water's website.

Tour groups are given a presentation and a guided tour of the plant.

*11207MIRANDA LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

What benefit will Miranda Local Area Command derive from the 2010 NSW Budget?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that all Local Area Commands, including Miranda, will benefit from increased expenditure in the 2010-11 Budget on such items as:

- Increased officer numbers;
- Award pay rises;
- Additional Tasers;
- Enhanced DNA testing;
- Additional Mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition equipment;
- Improved radio communications;
- Upgrade of the police rostering system;
- General maintenance and operational expenses, including investigation, building, fleet and other expenses.

*11208CENTRE-BASED RESPITE—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

How many clients access fully funded 24/7 centre-based respite in Wagga Wagga?

Answer—

The city of Wagga Wagga currently has one fully-funded 24/7 centre-based respite facility which is operated by the Northcott Society. There are currently 70 clients utilising this service.

*11209AGSTART PROGRAM—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Given the AgStart program was introduced as a pilot scheme in 2006 and the AgStart Ministerial Advisory Board commissioned a study into the effectiveness of the pilot scheme, when will the final report be assessed and when will future options for the scheme be announced?

Answer—

The NSW Government recognises the need to address the impediments young people face in identifying and developing their career interests in agriculture, and the role Government and key stakeholders can play in facilitating this development.

The AgStart programme was introduced as a pilot scheme in 2006 and had the goal of assisting young people to develop or return to a career in agriculture and/or agribusiness.

The initial funding of $3 million for the AgStart program was exhausted over four highly competitive rounds from 2007 to 2009 assisting some 257 young farmers in NSW develop their farm businesses and their own skills.

The AgStart Ministerial Advisory Board commissioned an independent study into the effectiveness of the pilot scheme and possible options to enhance and expand it for the future.

A decision on the continuing provision of AgStart to the rural sector will be determined following the current review of the recommendations made and development of strategic directions moving forward. At the conclusion of discussions with relevant stakeholders and industry bodies the future of AgStart will then be determined.
LIQUOR LICENCE INFORMATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, 
Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

(1) What public information does the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing provide about existing liquor 
llicences and the conditions that apply to those licences?
(2) What details about existing liquor licence conditions are available to the community on the OLGR 
website?
(3) How can community members obtain details about the number and nature of licensed premises in 
their precinct, such as through an area or street search function on the OLGR website?
(4) How can community members obtain details about individual licensed premises about which they 
are concerned, such as through a venue type search function on the OLGR website?
(5) What plans does the Government have to provide improved and expanded public information about 
liquor licences and licence conditions?

Answer—

(1) Specific liquor licence details, including applicable licence conditions, are published on a public 
(2) Generic liquor licence conditions are published on the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing website 
(3) Visit www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/licorlic_social_profile_reports.asp for publications containing information 
about the number and type of liquor licences in each local government area.
applications, where community members can search using venue type, application type, town/
suburb, postcode or local government area as search tools.
(5) In addition to the information sources already in place as identified at (1) to (4) above, the 
Government will consider expanding the range of information available on the public register at 

OVERSEAS VISITORS VEHICLE REGISTRATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Roads, 
and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to regulation of vehicle registration by temporary overseas visitors, commonly backpackers 
who buy campervans but may not transfer registration from previous owners or pay parking or traffic 
infringements:

(1) How does the Government ensure that overseas visitors comply with registration requirements?
(2) What action has the Government taken to ensure that overseas visitors transfer vehicles that they sell 
to the new owner?
(3) What action has the Government taken to ensure that overseas visitors who sell and transfer vehicles 
to a new owner pay outstanding parking and traffic fines linked to the vehicle?
(4) What education programs has the Government carried out to encourage compliance, including:
   (a) adding information to the RTA Guide for International Drivers, which does not include 
   information about registering vehicles;
   (b) providing information for overseas visitors on vehicle registration to services marketed to 
   backpackers and tourists;
   (c) asking backpackers and tourist service providers to alert overseas visitors about local 
   registration requirements?
(5) What further action will the Government take to improve regulation and compliance?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Current vehicle registration laws provide that a registered operator of a vehicle must ensure that the 
Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is notified within 14 days of any change in the registered 
operator's name or address.
(2) The Certificate of Registration has a notice of disposal section to allow RTA records to be updated so 
that enforcement agencies may identify the responsible operator for a vehicle at any time.
(3) The State Debt Recovery Office is responsible for administering the fine enforcement system for the 
collection of unpaid fines.
(4) (a) to (c) The RTA is currently reviewing the Guide for International Drivers to include additional 
information about vehicle registration and has previously distributed the Guide for International 
Drivers free of charge to various organisations such as vehicle rental companies. This practice has 
since been discontinued due to the organisations requiring payment from the RTA to display the
information. As an alternative, the RTA is now preparing communication to organisations such as backpacker hostels, vehicle rental companies and Sydney Airport to inform them of the availability of the Guide for International Drivers in brochure form at motor registries and on the RTA website.

(5) The RTA is considering mandating the lodgement of notices of disposal by registered operators, with associated offence and penalty provisions. This proposal will reinforce the importance for operators to discharge the liability for their disposed vehicle and help to keep RTA records up to date. Enforcement agencies would then be better placed to ensure compliance.

The proposal to mandate notices of disposal would also be binding upon overseas visitors who sell their vehicles.

*11212 INNER CITY POLICE STAFFING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

With respect to the allocation of police officers to inner city Police Commands, which have to address large scale and serious impacts of late trading precincts, including 1,800 liquor outlets in the City of Sydney alone:

(1) How does the Government ensure that Police Commands with large numbers and concentrations of late night licensed premises have sufficient staffing to provide officers to cover late nights and weekends in addition to normal policing operations, including:
   (a) Kings Cross;
   (b) Surry Hills, in particular Oxford Street/Taylor Square;
   (c) The Rocks;
   (d) City Central, particularly George Street south?

(2) What criteria does the Government use to ensure that there are sufficient police officers for licensing work and responding to large numbers of visitors and intoxicated patrons late at night?

(3) What additional regional or statewide resources does the Government provide to help the demands on these Commands?

(4) What additional regional or statewide resources does the Government provide to police major events?

(5) What additional licensing resources does the Government provide in recognition of this high level responsibility in these Commands?

(6) What further action will the Government take to ensure adequate police numbers in inner city Commands?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that all Local Area Commands use First Response agreements, based on workloads, to determine the minimum levels of staffing required to deliver a consistent and effective police response on any particular shift. Additional officers are rostered at peak times late at night and at weekends and during high visibility operations, often targeting such issues as excessive use of alcohol and related anti-social behaviour.

These operations also employ additional resources such as the Alcohol and Licensing Enforcement Command (ALEC), Commuter Crime Units and Regional Enforcement Squads. Data from the Escalated Licensing Operational Response Model, Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research and police intelligence is used to determine the need for these types of operations.

Additional funding and resources are made available through Operation Vikings and the State Planning Unit (SPU). The SPU has the organisational capability to plan for and respond to major events and incidents such as New Year's Eve, Australia Day and the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras. The NSW Police Force also has a User Charges Policy which permits Commands to make additional police available for duty at major events with costs recovered from event organisers.

ALEC officers work with the Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing to enforce compliance with licensing requirements and, since the introduction of the new Liquor Act, have been successful in imposing regulatory conditions on problematic licensed premises. The Rocks, Surry Hills, City Central and Kings Cross Local Area Commands also all maintain licensing sections with officers dedicated to policing licensing issues.

*11213 E10 FUEL CONSUMPTIONS AND EFFICIENCIES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) What practical testing has occurred of E10 fuel consumptions and efficiencies compared to other fuel
(1) E10 fuel consumption has been tested in various countries. In Australia, scientific practical testing was conducted by Apace Research Ltd in 1998 for the federal and state governments. The NSW Environmental Protection Authority participated on the Project Steering Committee for this testing.

(2) The E10 fuel consumption difference has been found to vary between vehicles. Apace Research Ltd found that the average fuel consumption in the vehicles it tested increased by 2.8% on changing from regular unleaded petrol to E10.

(3) From 1 July 2011, all regular grade unleaded petrol sold by primary wholesalers in NSW must be E10. Major oil companies have already begun phasing-out regular unleaded. Exemptions are available that will enable primary wholesalers to continue to supply regular unleaded petrol to marinas and to small businesses that would suffer hardship due to the cost of conversion.

*11214VIVID SYDNEY COSTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

(1) How much were Lou Reed and his co-curator paid for their work on Vivid Sydney for 2010?
(2) How much public money (cash and in-kind) was spent on Vivid Sydney this year?
(3) How many free tickets to Vivid Sydney events were issued to Government MPs and their staff?
(4) How much did the 'concert for dogs' at the Sydney Opera House cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

The details of the costs for Vivid Sydney 2010, which included the Concert for Dogs at Sydney Opera House, are commercial in confidence.

As is usual at events supported by corporate and other sponsorship arrangements, a small number of complimentary tickets are made available as part of a sponsor's investment in the event. Any complimentary tickets made available under these arrangements are used at the discretion of event sponsors.

*11215MACQUARIE GENERATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Special Minister of State—

(1) How much did Macquarie Generation lose in the 2008-09 financial year due to decreases in the value of electricity contracts linked to the price of aluminium?
(2) How much, if anything, does Macquarie Generation expect to recoup from movements in the price of aluminium in the 2009-10 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Under accounting standard AASB139, an embedded derivative asset is recognised in an electricity contract that is linked to the price of a commodity.

Macquarie Generation lost nothing in 2008-09 due to the change in value of the embedded derivative linked to the price of aluminium. Macquarie Generation can only gain from the embedded derivative. A mark to market unrealised, non-cash adjustment partially unwound previous year's non-cash gains.

(2) During the 2009-2010 financial year, the relevant commodity price trigger was not activated.

*11216EXTRA TRAIN SERVICES—FOOTBALL WORLD CUP—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) How many extra train services were run to and from the CBD for the duration of the Football World Cup?
(2) What was the total cost of running these extra train services?
(3) What revenue was raised from fares for these extra train services?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A total of 339 additional services operated to and from the CBD for the duration of the Football
World Cup over 4 weeks from 11 June to 12 July 2010.
(2) RailCorp's incremental operating costs for running these additional services during the FIFA Fan Fest were approximately $500,000.
(3) The total farebox raised by tickets sold specifically for these train services were in the order of $13,000 for the duration of the event.

*11217EXTRA BUS SERVICES—FOOTBALL WORLD CUP—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) How many extra bus services were run to and from the CBD for the duration of the Football World Cup?
(2) What was the cost of running these extra bus services?
(3) What revenue was raised from these fares for these extra bus services?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) A total of 4,861 extra bus trips, operated by the State Transit Authority, Hillsbus and Forest Coachlines, ran to and from the CBD for the FIFA Fan Fest from 11 June to 12 July 2010.
(2) The total cost of running these extra bus services was $583,769.49.
(3) The revenue raised from fares on these services was approximately $55,419.20.

*11219BREEDING AND SALE OF DINGOES—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What controls and/or restrictions, if any, are in place in relation to the breeding and sale of dingoes in NSW?
(2) Are dingoes categorised the same as domestic dogs under the Companion Animals Act?
(3) If so, what is the reasoning behind this categorisation?
(4) Is the Minister aware that recently on the North Coast a young child was attacked by a dingo that was apparently one of a number of dingoes being bred by a local resident?

Answer—
(1) With regard to the breeding of dogs and their associated welfare, the "Animal Welfare Code of Practice - Breeding Dogs and Cats" under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979, applies.
(2) to (4) Issues relating to the Companion Animals Act 1998 fall under the portfolio of the Minister for Local Government and are best answered by the Department of Local Government.

*11220BREEDING AND SALE OF DINGOES—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) What controls and/or restrictions, if any, are in place in relation to the breeding and sale of dingoes in NSW?
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(4) Is the Minister aware that recently on the North Coast a young child was attacked by a dingo that was apparently one of a number of dingoes being bred by a local resident?

Answer—
I provide the following details in response to your questions:
(1) Canis Familiaris, the definition of dog in the Companion Animals Act 1998 (the Act) since it commenced, has included all domestic dogs including dingoes and their cross breeds.
Dingoes and their cross breeds kept in the domestic setting have been required to be registered on the NSW Companion Animals Register and therefore the breeding and sale requirements for domestic dogs under the Act apply.
As native animals, the management of dingoes also falls within the responsibilities of a number of agencies, including the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water and the Department of Industry and Investment.
(2) As referred to in the answer to question 1, it has long been accepted that the dingo is a dog of the species Canis familiaris. I am advised however that recent scientific research has led to the reclassification of the dingo. This means that the dingo's scientific breed name, Canis Lupus Dingo,
is now different to the definition of a dog in the Act (Canis familiaris) and therefore may now not be covered under the Act.

I have requested the Division, in consultation with other relevant agencies, to review this matter to determine whether any changes need to be made to the legislation to ensure these animals continue to be managed appropriately.

(3) See response to question (2).

(4) I am aware of the unfortunate attack in the Byron Shire local government area by a dingo. I understand that the Council is dealing with the matter as the regulatory authority under the Act.

*11221THIRD-PARTY INSURANCE FOR MOTORBIKES—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In relation to the rise of third-party insurance for motorbike owners from July 1 2010:

(1) How many 250cc machines are there in the Tweed electorate?
(2) How many 600cc machines are there in the Tweed electorate?
(3) How many 1150cc machines are there in the Tweed electorate?
(4) How many p-plates are there in the Tweed electorate on learner approved bikes?
(5) How many scooter owners are there in the Tweed electorate?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

*11222PARKING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Special Minister of State—

What is the total number of parking offences in school zones in the Tweed electorate for the following years:

(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

Answer—

I am advised that enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of Councils and Police.

I am advised that the Auditor-General, in his performance audit report, "Improving Road Safety: School Zones", released in February of this year, made the following comments:

"Unsafe parking may also contribute to the hazards around schools, and illegal and unsafe parking can be routinely observed in many school zones. Most councils do little or no enforcement of parking restrictions in NSW school zones." (page 9)

"Since the initial implementation of school zones, the RTA has added extra improvements such as better signage, overhead bridges and fencing, additional crossing supervisors, flashing lights, speed cameras and increased penalties for driving and parking offences in school zones. The RTA has also, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Training, delivered public education to students, parents and the general motoring public." (page 9)

"Many motorists persist in speeding in school zones. Enforcement of the speed limits depends almost entirely on speed cameras, and the great majority of school zones without these have little enforcement. Enforcement of parking restrictions around schools also appears poor." (page 14)

"Enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of Councils and Police. The RTA establishes parking policies, guidelines and some penalty regimes, but has no role in enforcement.

The Audit Office has no legal authority to conduct audits in local government. However it is important that parents, carers and the school community be aware of the performance of councils in ensuring safe and legal parking around their children's schools.

Enforcement of parking offences in school zones appears to be highly variable across the state. Of the 164 Councils in NSW, 79 did no school zone parking enforcement at all during 2008-09. Most of these councils are in rural areas where there may not be as much congestion around schools as in cities.

Of the 38 councils in Sydney, some generate only a few dozen school zone parking infringements per year. A similar pattern is seen in regional councils: some issue no school zone parking infringements while others issue hundreds.
We are unable to say whether the variations are because of the differences in capacity to enforce, different approaches to enforcement, or the compliance with parking restrictions by parents driving to the school. However unsafe or illegal parking practices can be readily observed around schools, as shown below.

While Police issued around two per cent of all parking infringements, they are far more proactive in school zones, where they issue around eight per cent of all parking offence notices. In 2007-08 they issued 1,450 parking infringements in school zones, and 1,498 infringements in 2008-09.” (pages 19 and 20)

*11223COUNTRY HALLS RENEWALS FUND—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many applications did the Minister receive for the Country Halls Renewals Fund from the Tweed electorate in:
   (a) 2009;
   (b) 2010 to date?

(2) How many of the applications received by the Minister for the Country Halls Renewals Fund from the Tweed electorate were successful in:
   (a) 2009;
   (b) 2010 to date?

(3) (a) Which country halls in the Tweed electorate have received funding under the Country Halls Renewal Fund?
   (b) How much did each receive and when?

Answer—

(1) (a) 2 (Burringbar School of the Arts, Stokers Siding Community Hall).
   (b) 0

(2) (a) 0
   (b) 0

(3) (a) None
   (b) 0

Further applications already submitted will be considered in Round 3 of the Country Halls Renewal Fund.

*11224BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—ROADS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Major Works under the Roads Portfolio in Budget Paper No. 4 at page 4-48 and 4-49, the following entries appear:

   (a) Bus Priority on Strategic Corridors - Various (page 4-48)
   (b) Network Management (Pinch Point Strategy) - Various (page 4-49)

What is the amount under each entry that has been allocated to the Tweed electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

   (a) and (b) The Bus Priority on Strategic Corridors and Network Management (Pinch Point Strategy) are Sydney based programs.

*11225BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—STATE DEVELOPMENT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Special Minister of State—

In relation to Major Works under the State Development Portfolio in Budget Paper No. 4 at page 4-34, the following entries appear:

   (a) Information and Communication Technology Enhancement - Various
   (b) Regional Tourism Signposting Strategy - Various

What is the amount under each entry that has been allocated to the Tweed electorate?

Answer—
(a) Information and Communication Technology Enhancement - Various

This project was established to enhance the efficiency and performance of the Industry & Investment NSW Wide Area Network (WAN) to enable the Department to deliver better services to the people of NSW. The final phase of the project scheduled in 2010/2011 will comprise upgrading of network cabling and data switching infrastructure at the major network hubs at Orange and Maitland. The funding will be shared between the Maitland and Orange electorates.

(b) Regional Tourism Signposting Strategy - Various

Tourism NSW was allocated $300,000 over four consecutive years (total $1.2 million) for tourist signposting enhancement initiatives. Funding ceases in June 2011. Funds have been invested in the tourist signposting network, which enhances the touring experience across NSW. Funding is not provided on an electorate basis.

*11226TANK REBATES AND RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) How did Sydney Water plan for 7,000 tank rebates in 2008-09 when only 4,860 were installed?
(2) How did the education, water saving measures and pricing component of the Residential Outdoor program develop three communications designs in 2009-10 when it had no budget?

Answer—

(1) The number of rainwater tank rebates paid by Sydney Water peaked in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Further information is available on the Sydney Water website about applying for a rainwater tank rebate.
(2) As water savings gained through education, water saving measures and different pricing components are difficult to quantify, Sydney Water funds those initiatives as part of its normal activities.

*11227WATER LOSSES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Why did the Active Leak Detection and Repair program spend $6.6 million in 2009-10 to inspect 21,000 km of watermains but still expect no water savings?
(2) What is the difference between a real water loss and an apparent loss?
(3) Why are the apparent losses of 9,368 ML/year not added to the leakage losses estimate of 38,445 ML/year in 2008-09?
(4) Given that unbilled authorised consumers used a total of 4,731 ML/year in 2008-09, who were the five biggest unbilled authorised consumers, and how much did they use?

Answer—

(1) From 1999 to 2009, the Active Leak Detection Program has achieved significant savings of about 23,000 ML/year. In the earlier stages of the program the water savings were large. Now, without active leak detection, leaks from pipes would increase each year.
(2) and (3) Sydney Water uses the global water balance approach to determine the leakage from the drinking water system and this is explained in Sydney Water's annual Water Conservation and Recycling Implementation Report.
(4) The five biggest unbilled authorised consumers include metered properties in Sydney Water's ownership; Sydney Water operational uses such as mains cleansing and unmetered properties; testing of fixed fire installations; customer meters that have stopped recording flows or invalid reads; and unmetered construction use.

*11228WATER CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING IMPLEMENTATION REPORT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) How can Sydney Water claim in its Water Conservation and Recycling Implementation Report that it will save 151 ML/year under its Residential Outdoor program in 2009-10, when all three components of the program have “high uncertainty about water savings”?
(2) How can Sydney Water assume average water use per school is 12.4 kL/day for the 40 schools in the "Every Drop Counts" program in 2009-10?

Answer—

(1) In its 2008-09 Water Conservation and Recycling Implementation Report Sydney Water provided estimates (and not claims) of water savings in 2009-10. Sydney Water's forward water saving estimates are based on quantified savings gained through experience with the implementation of
programs. Outdoor residential programs are sensitive to changes in weather and climate and therefore predicted savings are uncertain.

(2) Sydney Water's forward estimate of water use for schools is based on historical water use data for schools prior to their participation in the "Every Drop Counts" program.

*N1229NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS NETWORK—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

How much does the Government plan to spend on any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under the National Health and Hospitals Network agreements resultant from COAG?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health has no planned expenditure on any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement. Any expenditure on such matters would occur as required, within NSW Health's normal operating budget.

*N1230COST OF NURSING OVERTIME—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the cost of nursing overtime according to NSW Health Department records separately for the months of April 2010, May 2010 and June 2010 (if available at the time of responding), at the below hospitals:

(a) Bathurst Base Hospital;
(b) Blacktown Hospital;
(c) Bowral Hospital;
(d) Camden Hospital;
(e) Campbelltown Hospital;
(f) Concord Hospital;
(g) Fairfield Hospital;
(h) Gosford Hospital;
(i) John Hunter Hospital;
(j) Liverpool Hospital;
(k) Nepean Hospital;
(l) Orange Base Hospital;
(m) Prince of Wales Hospital;
(n) Ryde Hospital;
(o) Royal North Shore Hospital;
(p) St George Hospital;
(q) Shellharbour Hospital;
(r) Shoalhaven Hospital;
(s) Sutherland Hospital;
(t) Westmead Hospital;
(u) Wollongong Hospital;
(v) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

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Of note is that Camden Hospital’s cost is reported under Campbelltown Hospital and the cost of nursing overtime is relative to the total cost of nursing as each facility varies in size and expenditure.

In addition, month to month nursing cost comparison should be viewed with caution due to variables including different number of pay periods per month affecting total cost per month, seasonal fluctuations including increasing staffing levels in response to activity highs including strategies for winter beds and elective surgery, alternatively decreasing staffing levels in response to activity lows including school holidays and periods of staff leave, also varying use of agency and casual staff in lieu of overtime will affect the total nursing cost. These variations occur at different rates between facilities.

*11231COAG HEALTH REFORMS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Separated for each of the individual hospitals mentioned below, how many additional nurses will each hospital receive from 1 July as a result of the COAG health reforms:

(a) Bathurst Base Hospital;
(b) Blacktown Hospital;
(c) Bowral Hospital;
(d) Camden Hospital;
(e) Campbelltown Hospital;
(f) Concord Hospital;
(g) Fairfield Hospital;
(h) Gosford Hospital;
(i) John Hunter Hospital;
(j) Liverpool Hospital;
(k) Nepean Hospital;
(l) Orange Base Hospital;
(m) Prince of Wales Hospital;
(n) Ryde Hospital;
(o) Royal North Shore Hospital;
(p) St George Hospital;
(q) Shellharbour Hospital;
(r) Shoalhaven Hospital;
(s) Sutherland Hospital;
(t) Westmead Hospital;
(u) Wollongong Hospital;
(v) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Funds being allocated to particular NSW public hospitals under the COAG health reforms are not linked to increases in specific categories or numbers of staff. Rather, funding is being provided to reduce waiting times for people attending emergency departments and those requiring elective surgery, and generally to improve access to hospital inpatient care by increasing the number of acute and subacute beds. The accountability measures in the relevant inter-governmental agreement have been designed to assess these outcomes.

*11232RED BULL AIR RACE—Mr George Souris asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
In reference to the Premier's statement on Friday 12 March in declaring the Government's interest in poaching the Red Bull Air Race from Western Australia (reported in the Daily Telegraph), "My door is open to speaking with the promoters and I have asked my new Minister for Major Events Ian Macdonald, to look into the viability of it":

(1) Did former Minister for Major Events, the Hon Ian MacDonald deem the event viable?
(2) (a) Did the Premier meet with the promoters of this event?
   (b) If not, did the former Minister for Major Events, the Hon Ian MacDonald meet with the promoters?
(3) Did anybody from Events NSW accompany either the Premier or Ian MacDonald to a meeting with the promoters?
(4) Did any staff member meet the promoters?
(5) Have you directed your new Minister for Major Events, the Hon Kevin Greene to look into the viability of the event?
(6) Did Minister Greene deem the event viable?
(7) Has newly appointed Major Events Minister the Hon Kevin Greene met with the promoters?
(8) Since Minister Greene's appointment as Minister for Major events has the Premier met with the promoters?
(9) Did anybody from Events NSW accompany either the Premier or Kevin Greene to a meeting with the promoters?
(10) Did any staff member meet the promoters?

Answer—
I am advised:

The former Minister may have met with the event promoters but it is not possible to verify details of any meetings that may have taken place. The Premier has no record or recollection of any meeting with the promoters of the event.

It is not clear what the former Minister's views on the viability of the event might have been.

The event promoters have made a number of approaches over the years to the former Major Events Board and to Events NSW.

Events NSW staff have met with the event promoters, as they routinely do with event proponents seeking information and advice on submissions for Government support.

Any question concerning Minister Greene's views on the viability of the event, and any meetings he may have held, would need to be directed to him.

*11233SYDNEY RESOLUTION CONCERT—Mr George Souris asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

In regards to the scrapping of former Minister Macdonald's proposed Sydney Resolution Concert:

(1) (a) Were you consulted about the proposed Sydney Resolution Concert prior to Ian Macdonald meeting with Andrew McManus to bring Sting to Sydney?
   (b) If so, when were you consulted?
(2) What were the costs provided by Ian Macdonald to you regarding the proposed concert at White Bay?
(3) Did you take into account the concerns of the Member for Balmain who was opposed to this event?
(4) What were the Member for Balmain's concerns?
(5) If her concerns were taken into consideration why was Ian Macdonald allowed to continue with the proposal?
(6) (a) As with the Sydney 500 V8 Supercars bid, was your cabinet given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposal?
   (b) If so, when did this vote take place?
(7) If this opportunity was given to your cabinet, what documentation did Minister Macdonald provide to his government colleagues before the vote took place?
(8) Are there further details regarding the claim that Ian Macdonald had made to Sting in a letter that proper community and Government consultation had taken place?
(9) Have you provided a written or verbal apology to Sting?
(10) Have you provided a written or verbal apology to Andrew McManus who is reportedly more than $130,000 out of pocket due to the cancellation of this event?

Answer—
I cannot advise what may or may not have been discussed at Cabinet.

I am advised:

The former Minister's letter of offer made it clear the offer of Government assistance was conditional on:

• the execution of a Deed of Agreement between the Government and the promoters;
• finalisation of occupancy arrangements with Sydney Ports;
• agreement being reached between the promoters and the Government on the public announcement of the project and the State Government's role in any official launch; and
• the proposed concert series receiving all necessary regulatory approvals including Development Consent.

It is a matter of public record that Minister Firth, in her capacity as the local MP for Balmain, issued a press release opposing the concert on the basis that the location was not appropriate on what was already a very crowded event night in that particular local area.

*11234SYDNEY RESOLUTION CONCERT—Mr George Souris asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

Regarding a letter written to Sting and events promoter Andrew McManus by former Major Events Minister Ian Macdonald which stated that Events NSW was working "closely" with the NSW Government on the Event:

(1) Did the letter state that interest in the event is a "consequence of open government processes and community consultation", that details of the other artists were not given to the media and that "we will endeavour to announce this concert globally in the coming weeks once all formal government processes have been concluded? 
(2) How much money did the proposal for the concert by former Minister Macdonald require? 
(3) How much was spent on the bid prior to your decision to scrap the event? 
(4) Was the event to be funded by Events NSW? 
(5) Was the event to be funded by the Department of Industry & Investment NSW? 
(6) (a) Was the event to be funded by both Events NSW and the Department of Industry & Investment NSW? 

(b) If so, how much would each entity contribute to the event? 
(7) Did Events NSW and/or the Department of Industry & Investment NSW provide any cost-benefit documents? 
(8) Did either entity provide projected figures regarding estimated crowd figures and economic benefits? 
(9) What community consultations took place prior to your decision to cancel this event? 
(10) Were you and your cabinet colleagues given an opportunity to vote for or against this proposal as with the Sydney 500 V8 Supercars event? 
(11) If this opportunity was given to your cabinet, what documentation did Minister Macdonald provide to his government colleagues before the vote took place? 
(12) (a) Were any other artists approached to perform at the event? 

(b) If so, how many artists were approached? 
(13) What "formal government processes" took place prior to your decision to cancel the event? 
(14) Why did you state as reported in an article published in the Daily Telegraph on 13 June that "I have directed Events NSW to hold discussions with the promoter on a concert . . . sometime between New Year's Eve and Sydney Festival First Night"? 
(15) Are there still ongoing discussions between yourself and Andrew McManus regarding this event or any other concert involving Sting? 
(16) In your opinion what effect has the cancellation of this concert had on NSW’s international major events reputation? 
(17) (a) Were you aware of the Member for Balmain's opposition to the event before you cancelled it? 

(b) If so, what were her concerns? 
(18) What effect do you think this botched event bid will have in attracting international artists of Sting's calibre for future performances? 
(19) Have you provided a written or verbal apology to Sting? 
(20) Have you provided a written or verbal apology to Andrew McManus who is reportedly more than $130,000 out of pocket due to the cancellation of this event? 

Answer—

I am advised:
The former Minister's letter of offer made it clear that the offer of Government assistance was conditional on:

- the execution of a Deed of Agreement between the Government and the promoters;
- finalisation of occupancy arrangements with Sydney Ports;
- agreement being reached between the promoters and the Government on the public announcement of the project and the State Government's role in any official launch; and
- the proposed concert series receiving all necessary regulatory approvals including Development Consent.

No Government monies were spent in relation to the concert proposal.

*11235ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES—NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In reference to the 88 additional bus services announced for the northern beaches on 3 June 2010:

(1) When will these additional services commence operating?
(2) On which service routes will these additional services operate?
(3) What consultation was undertaken with the local residents to determine which service routes these additional services would operate on?
(4) When will the timetable be altered to accommodate these additional services?
(5) What notification is being provided to local residents to inform them of these timetable changes?

Answer—

(1) to (5) I am advised that the additional Northern Beaches services were introduced in April 2010 to cater for an expected increase in passenger demand from Northern Beaches commuters following the introduction of the MyZone fares in April 2010.

On 4 June 2010, I formally announced the extra trips had become permanent. The extra trips operate on State Transit's high demand limited and express stops services on bus routes L90, L88, E88, E87, E84, E70 and E50.

The trip planning tools of the Sydney Buses and 131500 Transport Info also incorporate this information.

*11236PRIVATE PATIENT BIRTHS AT MANLY AND MONA VALE HOSPITALS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Out of the total number of mothers to give birth at Manly Hospital, what percentage were private patients in:
   (a) 2006-07;
   (b) 2007-08;
   (c) 2008-09;
   (d) 2009-10?
(2) How many mothers who gave birth at Manly Hospital in 2009-10 were private patients?
(3) Out of the total number of mothers to give birth at Mona Vale Hospital, what percentage were private patients in:
   (a) 2006-07;
   (b) 2007-08;
   (c) 2008-09?
(4) How many mothers who gave birth at Mona Vale Hospital in 2008-09 were private patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The total percentage of women who gave birth at Manly Hospital, who were private patients was:
   (a) 2006-07 - 1.2%
   (b) 2007-08 - 4.1%
   (c) 2008-09 - 10.6%
   (d) 2009-10 - 4.5%

(2) The total number of mothers who gave birth at Manly Hospital in 2009-10 who were private patients was 60.

(3) The total percentage of women who gave birth at Mona Vale Hospital, who were private patients was:
(a) 2006-07 - 12.8%
(b) 2007-08 - 16.8%
(c) 2008-09 - 17.2%

(4) The total number of mothers who gave birth at Mona Vale Hospital in 2008-09 who were private patients was 116.

DENTAL SERVICES AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What are the current arrangements for the provision of dental services at Mona Vale Hospital?
(2) How many dentists are available at Mona Vale Hospital’s dental clinic?
(3) How many dental assistants are available at Mona Vale Hospital's dental clinic?
(4) How long is the waiting list for treatment at Mona Vale Hospital's dental clinic?
(5) Do dentists at the clinic have control over the management of clinical treatment of patients, including the selection of dental assistants to help them in treating individual patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Mona Vale Dental Clinic provides oral health services to the eligible population of Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service in accordance with State policy.
(2) There are 1.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) dentists working at Mona Vale Dental Clinic.
(3) There are four FTE dental assistants rostered to the Mona Vale Dental Clinic.
(4) There are two types of waiting lists at Mona Vale Dental Clinic, assessment and treatment. Due to the individual nature of oral health care, the Oral Health Service is unable to provide an estimate in the length of time people will be required to wait.
(5) Dentists at Mona Vale Dental Clinic are responsible for formulating and implementing a suitable oral health treatment plan for eligible patients and provide treatment within their defined scope of clinical practice.

Treatment provided is in accordance and within NSW Department of Health guidelines for treatment provision.

Dental assistants rostered at Mona Vale Dental Clinic can be allocated by the senior dentist to different work stations, including clinicians, within the dental clinic according to service delivery requirements.

MACKSVILLE LOCAL COURT—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

In relation to Macksville Local Court:

(1) What are the current hours of operation?
(2) Are there any plans to change these hours?
(3) Are there any plans to change staffing arrangements?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information about the opening hours of Macksville Local Court is available on the Lawlink web site (www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au).
(2) No.
(3) No.

SHOALHAVEN RIVER CROSSING—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to the upgrade of the Shoalhaven River crossing:

(1) Does the Government intend to replace, upgrade, or supplement the two bridge crossings at the Shoalhaven River, one of which is over 100 years old, to cater for increased traffic flows?
(2) If yes to (1), how much funding will be allocated to the construction of a third crossing bridge and when is it anticipated that construction will commence?
(3) Given the traffic delays which result from accidents on the existing crossings, does the Minister agree that the introduction of a third crossing of the Shoalhaven River is vital for improving the traffic flow through the South Coast?
Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Options for additional river crossings in the vicinity of the existing Princes Highway have been identified. Further investigations are necessary prior to a preferred option being selected.

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) monitors the condition of the original Shoalhaven River Bridge to ensure its integrity.

(2) A date has not yet been identified.

(3) Improving safety and efficiency on the existing Princes Highway through Bomaderry and Nowra will remain a significant RTA priority.

*11240 BUDGET FUNDING FOR PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to 2010-11 NSW Budget funding for Princes Highway upgrades:

(1) Given that the 2010-11 Budget Infrastructure Statement fails to specify the start and completion dates for a number of road projects, can the Minister provide such dates proposed for the following projects:

(a) Princes Highway - Gerringong Upgrade;
(b) Princes Highway - Berry to Bombaderry Upgrade;
(c) Princes Highway - Foxground and Berry bypasses;
(d) Princess Highway - South Nowra Duplication (completion date only)?

(2) Can the Minister specify when the planning and pre-construction phase is expected to be completed for the following projects:

(a) Princes Highway - Gerringong Upgrade;
(b) Princes Highway - Berry to Bombaderry Upgrade;
(c) Princes Highway - Foxground and Berry Bypasses?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) (b) The development of the Princes Highway is the highest road priority for the NSW Government in the Illawarra and South Coast regions.

The NSW Government has spent more than $589 million on the Princes Highway from south of Wollongong to the Victorian border in the period 1994-95 to 2008-09. The Federal Government has spent more than $64 million on this highway in the same period.

Additionally:

$16 million has been provided in the 2010-11 State budget to continue planning and preconstruction activities and start tendering for design and construction of the Gerringong upgrade between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road. $2 million has been provided in the 2010-11 State budget to continue planning for the upgrade of the Princes Highway between Berry and Bomaderry. $10 million has been provided in the 2010-11 State budget to continue planning and preconstruction work associated with the Foxground and Berry bypasses as part of the Princes Highway Upgrade. $5.5 million has been provided in the 2010-11 State budget to complete planning and preconstruction activities and to call tenders for the construction of a four-lane highway at South Nowra, between Kinghorne Street and Forest Road.

Planning approval is expected in late 2010, while preconstruction activities are expected to be ongoing until construction starts, and once funding becomes available.

(2) (c) Planning and preconstruction activities are continuing for this project. On 30 August 2010, the Minister for Planning announced that the NSW Government declared it as a major project of regional significance and that it will now be considered under the NSW Government's Part 3A assessment system for major projects. This means that approval is expected in approximately 18 months, subject to the completion of the project environmental assessment, community input and consideration by the Department of Planning.

*11241 BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—STATEFLEET MOTOR VEHICLES—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In Budget Paper No. 4 at page 4.46 there is an item of "Statefleet Motor vehicles - various - 2010-2011 - $253,429 million":

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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(1) How many vehicles are in the Statefleet of motor vehicles?
(2) How many vehicles were purchased in the Myall Lakes electorate?
(3) What was the value of such vehicles purchased in the Myall Lakes electorate?
(4) How many vehicles under the Statefleet are located in the Myall Lakes electorate by department?

Answer—

(1) to (4) As at 3 September 2010, there are 23,463 vehicles leased to various Government agencies in NSW through StateFleet. In the financial year 2009/10, 89 vehicles were leased and delivered in the Myall Lakes electorate. The value of the 89 vehicles leased from StateFleet in 2009/10 was $2,422,867. StateFleet delivers the ordered vehicles to an address nominated by client agencies. Information related to subsequent location is not held by StateFleet.

*11242BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—TOURISM—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

In Budget Paper No. 4 at page 4.34 the following items appear:

(a) Information and communication technology enhancement
(b) Regional tourism signposting strategy
(c) Minor works

How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Regional tourism signposting strategy, Tourism NSW is investing $300,000 each year over a four year period for tourist signposting initiatives.

Five signs have been installed welcoming tourists to the Mid North Coast region which includes the Myall Lakes electorate. A total of 60 signs will be upgraded across NSW.

With regard to Information and Communication Technology Enhancement and Minor works, these items in Budget Paper No. 4 refer to works undertaken across Industry and Investment NSW. As such, this question should be directed to the Minister for State and Regional Development.

The Myall Lakes area is promoted by Tourism NSW as part of the new regional NSW tourism campaign.

In April 2010, the NSW Government launched the new campaign for regional NSW which is worth an expected $12 million a year for three years including industry investment.

The new campaign promotes regional NSW in key interstate markets and in New Zealand.

As part of the new campaign, the NSW North Coast, which includes Myall Lakes, featured in a high profile television, print, magazine and online campaign undertaken by Jetstar and Tourism NSW. The campaign, which ran in May this year, promoted the wide range of experiences on offer on the NSW North Coast and air travel to the region.

The Myall Lakes area is covered by the Mid North Coast Regional Tourism Organisation. Through the NSW Government's Regional Tourism Partnership Program, the Organisation has access to $556,200 in 2010-11, for marketing activity on a matched dollar-for-dollar basis.

*11243BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

In Budget Paper No. 4 at page 4.41 the following items appear:

(a) Community-based mobile firefighting trailer unit
(b) Replacement of specialist fire engines and rescue vehicles
(c) Replacement of station engines
(d) Station communication equipment maintenance and replacement
(e) Minor works

How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

Answer—

(1) to (5) There are four NSW Fire Brigades stations located within the Myall Lakes electorate at Wingham, Taree, Tea Gardens and Forster.
I am advised that all these stations provide a strategic and integral role in emergency management for this electorate. The following is a brief summary of the respective station's emergency management profile and capability:

**Taree**
This station is resourced with an urban Type 2 pumper and an Isuzu Hazmat tanker. The station itself is staffed by 17 x Retained firefighters, whom respond not only as an urban fire service, but is also the Intermediate Hazmat station, responding to assist surrounding stations at Hazmat incidents.
The station responded to 615 emergency incidents in 2009-10

**Tea Gardens**
This station is resourced with an urban Type 2 pumper and an Isuzu Rescue tanker. The station itself is staffed by 15 x Retained firefighters, whom respond not only as an urban fire service, but is also the Primary Rescue station, responding to assist surrounding stations and other emergency services at rescue incidents.
The station responded to 46 emergency incidents in 2009-10

**Wingham**
This station is resourced with an urban Type 2 pumper and a Class 3 International 1810 pumper. The station itself is staffed by 14 x Retained firefighters.
The station responded to 128 emergency incidents in 2009-10

**Forster/Tuncurry**
This station is resourced with an urban Type 2 pumper and an Isuzu Rescue tanker. The station itself is staffed by 18 x Retained firefighters, whom respond not only as an urban fire service, but is also the Primary Rescue station, responding to assist surrounding stations and emergency services at rescue incidents.
The fire station building has undergone extensive refurbishment in the last 3 years.
The station responded to 317 emergency incidents in 2009-10

I am advised that for the 2009/10 financial year three Community Fire Units are allocated to Purfleet at a total cost of $31,074.24.
There is no allocation for the Myall Lakes electorate scheduled for this financial year for the replacement of specialist fire engines, station engines and rescue vehicles or for minor building works or the replacement of communication equipment.

**SALINITY AND THE MURRAY RIVER**—Mr John Williams asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
Noting that the Minister has stated that the Salt Interception Scheme on the Billabong Creek north of Walla Walla is releasing 3 megalitres of water into the Billabong from a ground water supply to offset salt levels in the Murray River:
If this is providing salinity reduction in the Murray River, why doesn't the Billabong Creek, even with the 3 megalitres impact, create a continuous flow to the Murray River instead of only filling water holes?
Answer—
The Salt Interception Scheme is designed to pump 1,500 megalitres of groundwater into Billabong Creek per year (not 3 megalitres) on average. The deep aquifer from which the water is being pumped is not directly connected to Billabong Creek so it is not possible for the Creek to provide a continuous flow down the Murray River.
The scheme works by pumping a significantly less saline water (brackish), from a deeper aquifer into the Creek. This prevents the more saline water from the shallow aquifer entering the Billabong Creek. If this is not done, the more saline water will significantly increase the salinity of the Creek which ends up in the Murray eventually. It is physically not cost effective to pump the water directly into the Murray River.

**CTP GREEN SLIPS**—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
In relation to the NSW State Government increasing the cost of CTP Green slips from 1 July and given the charges for new categories for motorcycles will increase the cost of a green slip for a 250cc motor bike from $252 to $465 which is an 84% increase based on a 2004 model bike which is privately registered in the Metropolitan area of Sydney, with a driver 48 years old with no demerit points on his licence:
How can the Minister justify the huge increase in these costs for such a small motorcycle, especially
given new motor cycle riders, who are predominantly young riders, are only permitted to ride this size
motor bike?

Answer—
From 1 July 2010, the Motor Accidents Authority has approved five new motor cycle classes for CTP
purposes, based on engine size.

These changes were made following a review of the framework for setting Green Slip prices for
motorcyclists conducted by the Authority, working closely with the Motorcycle Council of NSW,
between June 2008 and September 2009.

The review found that the previous guidelines grouped too many different-sized motorcycles together,
resulting in some motorcycle owners paying too much for their Green Slip and subsidising the cost of
Green Slips for other riders.

I am advised that the changes introduced from July mean that motorcycle owners are now paying a Green
Slip price which better reflects the actual cost of injuries and compensation for claims against Green Slip
policies held by riders of each of the motorcycle groups.

This will lead to a decrease in the best Green Slip price for over fifty per cent of motorcycle owners
compared to last year. For another twelve per cent of owners, Green Slip prices will remain the same or
rise by up to $10.

Approximately one third of motorcycle owners are however likely to see an increase in their Green Slip
renewal price as a result of these changes.

I met recently with representatives of the Motorcycle Council and I have instructed the MAA to work
with the Motorcycle Council to identify an independent actuary to review motorcycle Green Slip pricing.
I have also invited the Motorcycle Council to join the Motor Accidents Council.

Based on the profile provided in the question, I am advised that the current best price in the market is
nearly $100 less than the $465 suggested in the question. I would therefore advise all motorcyclists find the
best price at the Green Slip price calculator: www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au, or by telephoning its Helpline
on 1300 137 600.

*11246 ALLEGATIONS OF ASSESSMENT FRAUD—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Education and
Training—

In relation to the allegations of assessment fraud made by Richard Gibbs, a former TAFE teacher at
Blacktown TAFE:

(1) Is there any TAFE teacher who will state they taught or assessed the TAFE units in question a second
time?
(2) Is there any TAFE student who will state they received tuition or were assessed in the TAFE units in
question a second time?
(3) Why would any TAFE student repeat a subject that they had already successfully completed?
(4) Do the documents Lindsay_Faud_280807.pdf and StudentRecords.zip, which have been received by
the Minister, conclusively prove that the second assessment mark for the same subject was
fraudulently manufactured?
(5) Did the head teacher, Ms Miller, instruct staff to manufacture marks for assessments that students did
not take?
(6) Does the document ChrisBall_CM_190407.pdf indicate that the TAFE investigation into this fraud
was at best incompetent and at worst a deliberate cover up?
(7) Was the initial TAFE investigation into fraud carried out by Mr Gary Renshaw?
(8) What has the Office of the Minister done to ensure appropriate actions were taken to investigate this
fraud and to take disciplinary action against TAFE officers committing fraud?
(9) Is there any TAFE document which finds fault with this fraudulent manufacturing of assessment
marks?
(10) Has any TAFE officer been disciplined over this fraudulent manufacturing of assessment marks?
(11) Does the Minister have faith in the TAFE investigation into this fraud?
(12) (a) In the document Synopsis_Fraud_210209.pdf, which has been received by the Minister, did Ms
Miller state she told Detective Harris that students were taught the material in question and assessed
against it?

(b) Does this constitute the criminal offence of supplying false information to the police?
(13) Does Ms Miller's action constitute lying to ICAC?
(14) (a) Would the IT section of Blacktown TAFE have received additional funding through this fraud?
(b) If so, what is the actual dollar value of this fraud?
(15) If the IT section of Blacktown TAFE received additional funding through this fraud, what happened to this funding?
(16) What steps did the Minister and TAFE take to protect the whistleblower who reported this fraud?
(17) Has any detrimental action been taken against the whistleblower who reported this fraud?

Answer—

(1) to (17) As these questions appear to relate to matters being investigated by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and matters which will be heard by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, it is not appropriate for me to comment at this time.

*11247DISMISSAL OF TAFE TEACHER—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to Richard Gibbs, a former TAFE teacher at Blacktown TAFE who was dismissed on Christmas Eve 2009 after having made protected disclosures about nepotism, the falsification of student tutorial records and student assessment records, and with reference to the Ombudsman, NSW Protected Disclosures Guidelines - 6th Edition, April 2009 and the DET Code of Conduct:

(1) Did Mr Gibbs request a transfer to another section for the beginning of the academic year 2009?
(2) Was the management of the section that Mr Gibbs requested to transfer to happy for Mr Gibbs to transfer to their section?
(3) Is Mr Gibbs qualified to teach in the position that he requested to transfer to?
(4) Given that the Ombudsman's Protected Disclosures Guidelines states it would be appropriate to transfer a whistleblower when the whistleblower requests a transfer, why did TAFE refuse to transfer Mr Gibbs?
(5) Was Mr Gibbs on special leave for all of 2009 as a result of stress caused by harassment and victimisation after making protected disclosures about nepotism, the falsification of student tutorial records and the falsification of student assessment records?
(6) Is the cost to TAFE of sick leave and special leave paid to Mr Gibbs because of harassment and victimisation approximately $250,000?
(7) Did Susan Hartigan in a letter to Mr Gibbs dated 15 June 2009 state that any interview with regard to the investigation of allegations which eventually led to Mr Gibbs dismissal would be subject to Mr Gibbs' medical advice on his fitness to attend?
(8) Did Mr Gibbs state that the medical advice he received was that he was not fit to attend?
(9) (a) Did Susan Hartigan ignore this advice and proceed with the investigation regardless?
(b) Is this potentially in breach of natural justice and the OH&S Act?
(10) Does the investigation and the finding of a breach of the DET code of conduct against Mr Gibbs revolve around the running of the Cisco IT Essentials course in TAFENSW-WSI?
(11) Did Mr Gibbs write the business proposals to set up the Cisco Academies at Blacktown and Mt Druitt?
(12) (a) Does Mr Gibbs have the experience, expertise and qualifications to teach the Cisco IT Essentials course?
(b) Is Mr Gibbs therefore probably the most qualified person in TAFENSW-WSI to offer advice on the running of the Cisco IT Essentials course?
(c) If so, why was the advice given by Mr Gibbs ignored?
(13) (a) Is Mr Mohan Vuppalapati, the Cisco Curriculum leader at Blacktown at the time, a well qualified person in TAFENSW-WSI to offer advice on the running of the Cisco IT Essentials course?
(b) If so, why was advice not sought from Mr Vuppalapati?
(14) Has Mr Vuppalapati, the Cisco Curriculum leader at Blacktown at the time, transferred out of Blacktown to another college?
(15) Did Mr Vuppalapati, the Cisco Curriculum leader at Blacktown at the time, transfer out of Blacktown because of bullying inflicted on Mr Gibbs and Mr Vuppalapati by the management of WSI over the running of the IT Essentials program?
(16) (a) Is the Cisco legal main contact at Blacktown the same head teacher that was central to the employment of the college director's daughter and the same head teacher that directed staff to falsify student assessment records?
(b) If so, is there the potential for a conflict of interests in the dismissal of Mr Gibbs?
(17) (a) Has Mr Gibbs made formal complaints about Susan Hartigan the institute director that dismissed Mr Gibbs?
(b) If so, is there the potential for a conflict of interest in the dismissal of Mr Gibbs?
(18) (a) Did Mr Ron Wright in a letter to Mr Gibbs dated 7 September 2009 state there had been three prior occasions when Mr Gibbs had been informed of the need to comply with the DET code of conduct?
(b) Is DET stating that these three occasions were disciplinary warnings?
(c) Did DET determine the severity of the penalty based on these supposed disciplinary warnings?
(19) Does the first occasion concern a letter from Mr Gary Renshaw to Mr Gibbs dated 19 February 2008?
(b) If so, why has DET refused to state the context of this letter?
(c) Does this letter refer to an investigation into assessment fraud carried out by Mr Renshaw that was found to be flawed by the NSW Ombudsman and later referred to ICAC and is covered by protected disclosure?
(20) (a) With respect to the second occasion which refers to an alleged breach of a direction in writing, has Mr Gibbs provided documentation to the NSW Ombudsman at the time which proved he could not have been guilty of this breach?
(b) Why has DET refused to request this documentation from the Ombudsman?
(21) With respect to the third occasion which refers to an email sent by Mr Gibbs to the OH&S committee of Blacktown College of TAFE, is the TAFENSW-WSI Director guilty of a breach of the OH&S Act for taking disciplinary action against Mr Gibbs for this email to the OH&S committee?
(22) When did the Director General of DET become aware that there were serious problems with TAFE's assertion that Mr Gibbs was given three prior disciplinary warnings?
(23) When did the Minister become aware that there were serious problems with TAFE's assertion that Mr Gibbs was given three prior disciplinary warnings?
(24) (a) Did DET refer in a document provided to the IRC to "a decision by the Employer to cease teaching certain courses at Blacktown college, and instead teach that course at Mt Druitt instead"?
(b) Is this statement false as the course IT Essentials was never running at Blacktown?
(c) How can TAFENSW-WSI discipline Mr Gibbs for arguing where a course should be running?
(25) (a) Did DET state in a document provided to the IRC "The applicant did not make a formal response to the Respondent's delegate"?
(b) Is this statement true?
(26) (a) Did Mr Gibbs bring the fact that students at Blacktown are being disadvantaged with regard to IT Essentials to the attention of the local member Paul Gibson MP?
(b) Did Mr Gibson then make representations to the Minister?
(c) Did Mr Gibson suggest that Mr Gibbs raise this matter with the local press?
(27) Which of the conflicting statements provided to Mr Gibbs and the Minister about the running of the IT Essentials program is true?
(28) Why was Mr Gibbs dismissed for trying to gain an educational advantage for TAFE students in Western Sydney?
(29) Is the dismissal of Mr Gibbs in breach of the Ombudsman's Protected Disclosures Guidelines?
(30) Does the Minister intend to direct DET to reinstate Mr Gibbs?
(31) Does the Minister intend to instruct DET to investigate the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Mr Gibbs?

Answer—

(1) to (31) As these questions appear to relate to matters being investigated by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and matters which will be heard by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, it is not appropriate for me to comment at this time.

*11248TRUCK MOVEMENTS ON BELLS LINE OF ROAD—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given that 12 months ago a DA was submitted by Clarence Colliery that has the potential to increase truck movements on Bells Line of Road:

(1) Exactly how many additional trucks will use Bells Line of Road following the approval of the DA?
(2) (a) Are trucks being directed to use Bells Line of Road as opposed to the Great Western Highway?
(b) If so, why?
(3) Why is the NSW State Government not utilising the existing heavy rail line for the transportation of this coal, instead of transporting coal with heavy vehicle on a road that has no overtaking lanes between Mount Tomah and Kurrajong (26 km) and no emergency stopping lanes for heavy vehicles on either Mount Tomah or Bellbird Hill?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) It has been estimated that truck movements in peak hour traffic on Bells Line of Road would increase by up to one vehicle movement per hour, as indicated on page 4-21 of Centennial Clarence Pty Ltd July 2009 environmental assessment.
(2) (a) and (b) No.
(3) I am advised that the coal product produced is a special product for use by small companies and factories, and it is less viable to transport via rail due to various customer destinations which are not located near rail.

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*11249INCREASES TO THE NEGOTIATED RETAIL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENT (NRESA)  
—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given the recent increases to electricity costs, what were/are:

(a) the increases to NRESA tariffs over the last 3 years;
(b) the current wholesale electricity tariff;
(c) the gross margin or mark-up that distribution companies are applying to the wholesale tariff?

Answer—

(a) There are a range of negotiated electricity supply agreements available to customers from a number of different retailers. Customers with a negotiated electricity supply agreement are supplied under the terms of that agreement, and it is not possible to provide the individual terms of a specific agreement. From 1 July 2010, retailers are required to publish electricity offers that are generally available to small customers on their website.

(b) Wholesale electricity prices are set in the competitive National Electricity Market (NEM) by market forces of supply and demand. The wholesale electricity price, or ‘spot price’, changes every half an hour in each region of the NEM. Information on spot prices is publicly available from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) at www.aemo.com.au

(c) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) regulates the retail margin for standard electricity retailers. IPART undertakes a robust and transparent consultation process before deciding upon the final retail margin. IPART’s decision on the retail margin for standard retailers from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013 is available at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au. The retail margin for non-standard retailers is determined by the individual retailers in a competitive retail market environment.

*11250MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY CARE SUPPORT REVIEW—GSAHS—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given that the recent Mental Health Emergency Care Support (MHECS) review paper notes that the review and consultation process for the MHECS service has progressed well and that a large amount of feedback has been received and considered:

(1) Was the Director of the Emergency Department of Albury Wodonga Health Albury Campus consulted as part of the development of proposals for the Albury Centre?
(2) Was the Albury Ambulance Service consulted as part of the development of the proposal to reduce staffing at the Centre?
(3) Was the Albury Local Area Police Commander consulted as part of the development of the proposals?
(4) Were the above emergency personnel supportive of the proposed reduction in MHECS staff in
Albury?
Answer—
I am advised that:
(1) The discussion document was sent to the Management of Albury Wodonga Health, Albury for consultation and discussion with staff.
(2) to (4) A final decision on the model for the service will be made pending the outcome of further discussions with staff, consumers, stakeholders and industrial associations.
The proposed new model does not involve job losses, however I encourage local emergency service staff to raise their views through this consultation process.

*11251 OUTCOME OF MHECS REVIEW—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given that the recent MHECS Review proposed a reduction in staff of Mental Health Emergency Care Support personnel from 5 FTE to 3.5 at Albury:

(1) Was Albury Wodonga Health consulted as part of this review?
(2) How will the face-to-face service be improved through videoconferencing if a local mental health practitioner is not available to assess patients presenting in an acute phase of their mental illness?

Answer—
I am advised that:
(1) and (2) Greater Southern Area Health Service is undertaking a thorough consultation process for the review of the Mental Health Emergency Care Service (MHECS).
   A copy of the discussion document was provided to Management of Albury Wodonga Health, Albury Campus for consultation.
   The purpose of the consultation is to ensure provision of the best possible service for mental health patients across Greater Southern Area Health Service.
   A decision on the service model has not been finalised and consultation on the proposal continues.

*11252 DOCS CASEWORKER POSITIONS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many DOCS caseworker positions were there at Cardiff in the following years:
   (a) 2006-07;
   (b) 2007-08;
   (c) 2008-09;
   (d) 2009-10?
(2) How many DOCS caseworker positions were there at Cessnock in the following years:
   (a) 2006-07;
   (b) 2007-08;
   (c) 2008-09;
   (d) 2009-10?
(3) How many DOCS caseworker positions were there at Charlestown in the following years:
   (a) 2006-07;
   (b) 2007-08;
   (c) 2008-09;
   (d) 2009-10?

Answer—
As a preliminary note, during the requested periods, Hunter/Central Coast Region was in the process of establishing new office locations as part of the Enhanced Service Delivery refurbishment program. This resulted in some positions for new locations being temporarily held against existing locations. There was also a redistribution of existing Community Service Centres (CSC) and regional team resources resulting in fluctuations in numbers.
The abovementioned fluctuations particularly apply to Cardiff and Charlestown Community Service Centres, with the closure of Cardiff CSC in 2008 and the subsequent establishment of first Edgeworth CSC and then Mayfield CSC in the following years, which, in combination with Charlestown CSC
provided a service to the same area as the original two CSCs. The number of positions available to Cardiff and Charlestown in June 2007 was 90, however, by 2010 this had increased to 99 for Charlestown, Edgeworth and Mayfield.

Position numbers quoted below, therefore, are based on Cost Centres not reporting structures, and do not include other teams or positions accommodated at the same address.

(1) (a) 39.
    (b) 33 at Edgeworth CSC.
    (c) 33 at Edgeworth CSC and 31 at Mayfield CSC.
    (d) 36 at Edgeworth CSC and 31 at Mayfield CSC.

(2) (a) 19.
    (b) 19.
    (c) 19.
    (d) 19.

(3) (a) 51.
    (b) 58.
    (c) 35.
    (d) 32.

*11253MEDOWIE ROAD, MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Will the Government consider introducing a load limit on Medowie Road, Medowie to reduce the large volume of trucks using this residential road?
(2) If so, when?
(3) If not, why not?
(4) Will the Government consider installing speed cameras on Medowie Road, Medowie to improve the safety of this residential road?
(5) If so, when?
(6) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (6) Medowie Road (Main Road 518) is classified as a regional road for which Port Stephens Council maintains responsibility. The NSW Government provided $2.2 million over three years starting from the 2003-04 financial year for the sealing of Medowie Road, following requests by the council. I understand that Medowie Road has since been gazetted as a B-double route with the council’s agreement.

A weight limit for Medowie Road would conflict with both the B-double gazettal and classification as a regional road.

I have asked the RTA to consider Medowie Road in any future expansion of its speed camera program on a priority basis against other sites across the State.

*11254NELSON BAY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Given advice that construction of the Nelson Bay Ambulance Station was expected to commence in July 2010 (Question 9955):

(1) Why did construction not begin in July 2010 as promised?
(2) When is construction now expected to begin?
(3) Given these latest delays, when is the new ambulance station expected to be completed?
(4) What is the Government doing to ensure this latest timetable is adhered to?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The tender assessment was completed in July 2010 and the contract was awarded on 10 August 2010.
(2) The successful tenderer, ADCO Construction, commenced work onsite on 1 September 2010.
(3) and (4) The contract for the construction of the Nelson Bay Ambulance Station will enable completion by April 2011 and all aspects of the project are being regularly monitored.

*11255BURWOOD BUS DEPOT—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

1. What are the State Government's plans in relation to the Burwood Bus Depot?
2. (a) Is the Government intending to close or downsize the depot?
   (b) If so, when?

Answer—
(1) and (2) The NSW Government intends to continue operating bus services from the Burwood Bus Depot.

*11256METROBUS SERVICES—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to Metrobus services in the electorate of Willoughby:

1. Are there any plans to incorporate the Artarmon Industrial Area in any future Metrobus services?
2. (a) Have any studies been undertaken about the transport needs of the Artarmon Industrial Area (AIA) by Transport NSW?
   (b) If so, what are the results?
3. What plans does the State Government have to improve public transport services to and from the Artarmon Industrial Area?

Answer—
(1) to (3) I am advised that the Metrobus M20 currently services the Artarmon industrial area with a terminus stop located near the intersection of Campbell Street and Reserve Road.

Further information regarding the expansion of the Metrobus network is available on Transport NSW’s website at:

*11257TRAIN NOISE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to train noise from a rail siding at Gosford as highlighted by local residents Rod Hollingsworth and Ian Wamigo, will the State Government intervene to stop train horns blowing all throughout the night?

Answer—
I am advised:
RailCorp has taken a number of immediate measures to manage the noise impact on residents in Gosford, including:

• reviewing staff movements within the Gosford Stabling Yard
• relocating the trains in the Racecourse Road Sidings away from the laneway near Wilhelmina Street
• reducing train amalgamation and division in the Racecourse Road Sidings; and
• reviewing stabling of the various train types in the Gosford Stabling Yard.

*11258YAMBA RESERVOIR—Mr Steve Cansdell asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In regard to the Yamba Reservoir repairs tender:

1. Why are NSW Public Works management fees set at 20% of the total cost of the project cost when the industry average is 5-10% of the project cost?
2. Does the Minister consider this value for money?
3. How many similar projects in NSW have a 20% management fee?
Answer—

(1) I am advised Clarence Valley Council requested NSW Public Works provide it with a range of services in addition to those which would be included in any 'industry average' level of service.

(2) Clarence Valley Council had determined the NSW Public Works' fee proposal provided value for money, based on the range of services the Council had requested for the project, including specialist expertise.

(3) I am further advised NSW Public Works' fee proposals are within industry standards, and its fees are assessed by clients on the proviso they provide value for money. The assessment is completed before fees are accepted.

*11259MORUYA HOSPITAL BEDS—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Why are 10 beds at Moruya Hospital unavailable for patients?
(2) Are these bed closures due to a shortage of nurses?
(3) Will the Minister reopen the beds?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) No beds have been closed at Moruya Hospital. Moruya Hospital is currently (as at 7 September 2010) operating at 70 per cent occupancy with an appropriate level of staffing to accommodate hospital activity levels and patient demand.

All hospitals experience peaks and troughs in patient demand. On occasions, the number of patients may increase unexpectedly or the number of available nurses may go down due to leave or training needs. Moruya Hospital wards are always staffed with the right number and skill-mix of permanent nurses to ensure they deliver a high level of care to patients. Nursing staffing is determined in accordance with the NSW Nurses’ Award and, where necessary agency nurses and midwives are employed at Moruya Hospital to provide cover for permanent nurses who are on leave to ensure all patients continue to receive the appropriate care.

*11260REVIEW OF HYDROLOGY REPORT AT YURAMMIE—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) Is the Minister aware of calls by the Wyndham Community Water users for an independent of Government peer review of the hydrology report at Yurammie?
(2) Is the Minister aware of the submission brought forward by the group regarding Dr Barry Croke of the ANU?
(3) What is the Government's response to these submissions?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) Yes.

(3) The Government is considering seeking further peer review of Dr Ashley Webb's June 2010 report Potential response of Myrtle Creek streamflow to alternate coupe harvesting within Yurammie State Forest.

*11261TOURIST JET BOATS ON SYDNEY HARBOUR—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

Given your advice 17 signed Codes of Conduct for the operation of Commercial Adventure Vessels (CAVs) on Sydney Harbour have been lodged with NSW Maritime since January 2009 (Question 10668):

(1) Has NSW Maritime considered restricting irregular movements of CAVs to the main body of the Harbour eg. not inside Shark and Clark Islands in the east?
(2) Given 17 Codes of Conduct have been lodged since January 2009, in the last five years were any operating CAVs undertaking irregular manoeuvres without having lodged the required Codes of Conduct?

Answer—

(1) Yes. I refer the Honourable member to the Code of Conduct on the NSW Maritime which defines the zones where irregular manoeuvres are permitted and prohibited.

(2) Prior to 19 January 2009 CAVs were not required to return a signed copy of the Code to NSW Maritime.
KINGS CROSS TUNNEL FIRE HAZARD—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Kings Cross Tunnel fire hazard and given your advice a ventilation and fire safety study was commissioned in 2006 (Question 9808), and that work on the implementation of the recommended enhancement of existing fire and ventilation services started almost immediately following the release of the recommendations (Question 10716):

(1) When were the recommendations for enhancement of existing fire and ventilation services released?
(2) When will work to repair the inadequate fire protection of the tunnel be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Recommendations for enhancement of existing fire and ventilation services, following the study commissioned by the RTA, were released in 2007. Following identification of additional safety improvement areas by the RTA during the lighting refurbishment works, recommendations for fire protection between the carriageways were released in 2009.

(2) Works for fire protection between the carriageways are planned to be completed this financial year.

HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given your advice the Australian Road Rules regulates heavy vehicle speed limits (Question 11096); and that the first point-to-point length commenced operation on 1 April 2010, where the RTA has been conducting average speed monitoring using Safe-T-Cam since its introduction in 1995 and where 2009 survey results showed that 37.7 per cent of heavy vehicles exceeded the speed limit in 100 km/h zones (Question 10118):

(1) Will the Government amend state legislation to require heavy vehicles registered in NSW to display "100 km/h limited" signage on the rear of the vehicle?
(2) In addition to point-to-point and Safe-T-Cam enforcement which reveal 37.7 per cent of heavy vehicles exceed the speed limit, what strategies are being implemented to reduce heavy vehicle speeding?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No. The Australian Road Rules changes in 1999 enabling heavy vehicles (except for road trains) to travel at 100km/h, thus removing the need for speed signage on most heavy vehicles.

(2) Other strategies to reduce heavy vehicle speeding include:

- Speed limiter legislation: Heavy fines are imposed on those operators whose heavy vehicles are detected travelling in excess of 115 km/h because of a faulty or non functioning speed limiter.
- Under the '3 Strikes' scheme, a strike is recorded against any heavy vehicle detected travelling at 15 km/h or more over the posted or relevant heavy vehicle speed limit. If three strikes are recorded in a three-year period, the RTA will act to suspend the registration of the vehicle for up to three months.
- Under chain of responsibility provisions, those in the transport chain must ensure that their business activities do not influence heavy vehicle drivers to break any aspect of road transport law, including speeding.
- Increasing to ten the number of chain of responsibility investigators.
- The re-introduction of a mobile speed camera program.
- Proposal to pilot electronic work diaries to further improve heavy vehicle speed compliance.

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice that over time, as a result of natural attrition, there will be a shift of resources from back to front office activities (Question 10500):

(1) What was the rate of natural attrition over the past three years?
(2) What is the Government's budgeted rate of natural attrition for the shift of resources from back to front office activities?

Answer—
I am advised:

The rate of natural attrition for the past three years was:

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The Government does not have a target for the shift of resources from back to front office activities.

*11265STRICKLAND HOUSE ESTATE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Given your advice the State Property Authority is currently examining various options for the future use of Strickland House for consideration by the Government (Question 10499):

(1) (a) Has the Government or State Property Authority held discussions with Woollahra Council at any time in 2009 or 2010 concerning the future use of the Strickland House Estate?

(b) If so, on which dates did the Government or State Property Authority meet with representatives from Woollahra Council?

(2) What topics were discussed in those meetings and were any issues resolved?

Answer—

The State Property Authority met with Woollahra Council representatives on 22 April and 20 May 2010 to discuss the future use of Strickland House Estate. These discussions centered on the heritage conservation and public access objectives of any future use proposals, and the updating of the site's 2003 Conservation Management Plan. Council has welcomed the opportunity to be actively involved in the examination of options for the site.

*11267RYDE COMMUTER JOURNEYS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys south along Victoria Road during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2015;
(d) 2020?

(2) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys north along Victoria Road during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2015;
(d) 2020?

(3) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys north along Epping Road during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2015;
(d) 2020?

(4) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys south along Epping Road during:

(a) 2010;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2015;
(d) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Forecasts of the total number of daily journeys (vehicle counts) for 2010, 2012, 2025 and 2020 are not available. Instead average daily vehicle counts are provided below for the number of days listed from 1 January over which traffic data has been collected.

(1) (a) and (2) (a) Victoria Road
Average number of vehicles daily on Victoria Road at Rydalmere, east of Vineyard Creek as estimated over 230 days:
- 29,100 eastbound
- 29,800 westbound

Average number of vehicles daily on Victoria Road, Drummoyne at Gladesville Bridge as estimated over 242 days:
- 43,300 eastbound
- 39,000 westbound

(3) (a) and (4) (a) Epping Road
Average number of vehicles daily on Epping Road, Marsfield-between Balaclava Road and Vimiera Road as estimated over 251 days:
- 18,000 eastbound
- 17,400 westbound

Average number of vehicles daily on Epping Road, Epping at Terry Creek Bridge as estimated over 229 days:
- 19,600 eastbound
- 19,900 westbound

*11268NORTHCROSS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Roads, and
Minister for Western Sydney—

In reference to my letter to the former Minister for Transport and Roads, dated 18 March 2010:
(1) When did the RTA take the decision for the section of Lane Cove Road outside Northcross Christian School to be made a school zone?
(2) On what date was the school zone first opened?
(3) Does the RTA intend to install flashing school zone lights outside Northcross Christian School?
(4) When will they be installed?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) and (2) An access point for Northcross Christian School was provided on Lane Cove Road following the completion of construction works at the school in April 2010. The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) inspected the site and deemed it appropriate to install a school zone on Lane Cove Road, between Hancott Street and 70 metres south of Tunks Street at Ryde. This was done in line with the RTA's current school zone policy. The school zone signs on Lane Cove Road were installed on 14 May 2010.
(3) and (4) The school zone on Lane Cove Road for Northcross Christian School was included in the rollout of the next 75 school zones to receive the flashing school zone lights. Work started on the rollout in September 2010 and all 75 sites are expected to be fitted with flashing lights by the start of the first school term in 2011, weather permitting.

*11269MYZONE TICKETING—SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Given your advice modelling indicates only around 6% of journeys will be more expensive under MyZone (Question 10191):
(1) Based on the modelling indicating approximately 6% of commuter journeys are now more expensive since the inception of MyZone on 18 April 2010, what percentage of journeys on Sydney Ferries will now be more expensive?
(2) Based on Sydney Ferries figures, how many commuter journeys commenced from Meadowbank Wharf during:
(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) 2010 to date?
(3) Based on Sydney Ferries figures, how many commuter journeys commenced from Meadowbank Wharf during:
(a) March 2010;
(b) April 2010;
(c) May 2010;
(d) June 2010?
(4) Of these commuter journeys, how many were zone 2 trips?
Answer—
I am advised:
(1) Sydney Ferries' fare increase with the introduction of the popular MyZone ticketing was the first fare increase for Ferry Single and FerryTen tickets since January 2007.
(2) and (3) Information from passenger load surveys is available from the Sydney Ferries website.
(4) All commuter journeys from Meadowbank wharf to the CBD are MyZone Zone 2 journeys.

*11270 AGGREGATED COUNT OF CARE ORDERS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—
Given your advice information on the applicant for an order is not collected in a reportable manner (Question 10285 part (3)):
(1) Why does Community Services not keep an aggregated count of how many care orders were granted by the Children's Court when the Community Services Director-General was an applicant?
(2) How can the filing system in Community Services not permit this simple piece of data to be aggregated?
(3) Can the Minister guarantee that the 2010-11 data on this issue will be able to be aggregated in a reportable manner?
Answer—
(1) Community Services is, by law, the only applicant in any care proceedings in this State. The question therefore refers to an aggregated count of court orders in all care applications. It is also the case that the Children's Court is not limited in the orders it makes to the application. Accordingly while there is a single applicant that applicant will not have requested each order that is made. Please refer to sections 61 and 67 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998.
Community Services can provide an aggregated count of care orders granted by the Children's Court for children in out-of-home care where the Minister has some or all parental responsibility. The agency does not maintain an aggregated count of orders which do not involve orders requiring action by the Minister. The information collected concerns the nature of the order and not the history of the formulation of the order.
(2) Applications are entered into KiDS to support casework practice. It is contrary to the law to collect personal data which is not directly relevant to the activity of the agency. Orders not applicable to the operation of the agency will not therefore be aggregated or otherwise collected in a reportable manner. Please refer to section 8 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.
(3) No.

*11271 REFUGE EMPLOYEES—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—
(1) How many refuges in NSW include a male as an employee?
(2) Which refuges are they?
(3) Have there been instances when women have expressed concern that men are employed at these refuges?
Answer—
Community Services does not hold this data in relation to funded services.

*11272 CHILD REMOVAL COMPENSATION—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—
(1) With reference to a five-year old girl who was wrongly removed from her parents by Community Services and who became the subject of a report by the NSW Ombudsman, how many times in the past 10 years has Community Services been found to act incorrectly in the removal of a child from his/her parents?
(2) Has compensation been paid to the families of those children?
(3) While legal restrictions would prevent the financial details of each settlement, what is the total amount paid in compensation?
Answer—

(1) The NSW Ombudsman did not find that the girl had been wrongly removed from her parents in this matter. Rather, the finding of the Ombudsman was that the agency's handling of the allegations in that matter was inadequate.

In the NSW Supreme Court decision of Re Georgia and Luke (No 2) [2008] NSWSC 1387 (19 December 2008) His Honour Justice Palmer, while not finding Community Services negligent, did find that the two subject children ought not to have been removed from the care of their parents. No compensation arose as a result of that action. Two other actions were then commenced by the parents claiming that this judgement entitled them to compensation. The first was a claim for damages. This claim was rejected by the Court. The second was a claim for negligence. This claim is still before the Court and is being vigorously defended.

No other claims in negligence over the last 10 years have resulted in compensation being paid.

(2) No.

(3) Not applicable.

*11273ELECTRICAL POWER ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In relation to Energy Australia figures on electrical interruptions, showing the average time a customer is without power per year:

(1) What was the average time (in minutes) customers within the Gosford local government area were without power during:
   (a) financial year ending 2005;
   (b) financial year ending 2006;
   (c) financial year ending 2007;
   (d) financial year ending 2008;
   (e) financial year ending 2009?

(2) What was the average time (in minutes) customers within the Wyong local government area were without power during:
   (a) financial year ending 2005;
   (b) financial year ending 2006;
   (c) financial year ending 2007;
   (d) financial year ending 2008;
   (e) financial year ending 2009?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (e) The average time during these five years was 159.6 minutes.
(2) (a) to (e) The average time during these five years was 193.8 minutes.

These figures are EnergyAustralia's System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) quoted in its regulatory statistics.

*11274EMPLOYMENT ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Special Minister of State—

(1) In the next financial year, how many new jobs do you estimate will be created on the Central Coast of NSW?
(2) How many of these jobs will be in the:
   (a) public sector;
   (b) private sector?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to strengthening and growing NSW's regional economies through a number of regional strategies. With regards to the Central Coast of NSW, the Government's Central Coast Regional Strategy provides a planning and strategic framework for the sustainable development of the region over the next 25 years.

Under the Strategy, the Central Coast region is expected to have a population of just over 400,000 in 2031 with sufficient employment land and retail and commercial floor space to provide capacity for an additional 45,000 jobs.
In 2009-2010 the Government through Industry & Investment NSW provided assistance to 33 projects within the Central Coast region which contributed to the creation of 495 jobs and an investment of $220 million in the region.

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures are encouraging and show signs of recovery in the region's labour market. According to the ABS data, the number of Central Coast residents in employment reached 144,700 in July 2010, representing a 5% increase, or the equivalent of 6800 more people in employment, compared to July 2009. Annual average employment also increased by 8,400 people from July 2009 to July 2010, and this growth is expected to continue. Public sector employment is a matter for the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and should be directed accordingly.

*11275GAS HEATERS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

With reference to the Minister's statement in the Legislative Assembly of 9 June 2010 regarding the removal of unflued gas heaters from NSW schools, which schools in the following electorates will be included in this program:

(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

Answer—

Earlier this year the Government announced an initial program worth $15 million to replace unflued gas heaters in 101 schools in the coldest parts of the State.

A stakeholder committee including teacher and parent representatives, as well as health advocates, determined the criteria for selecting these schools. No schools in the electorates of Terrigal, The Entrance, Wyong and Gosford were identified using these criteria.

Over time, unflued gas heaters in all NSW public schools, including those on the Central Coast, will be replaced.

*11276S94 LEVIES CAP—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Where councils have credits due to developers under "works in kind" arrangements in relation to new developments, how will the Minister ensure they can meet those obligations when their funding revenues have been reduced by the blanket S94 levies cap?

Answer—

A works-in-kind arrangement allows a developer to provide specific infrastructure in lieu of a section 94 payment. A council is most likely to have credits due to developers for works-in-kind where development is substantially commenced.

The recent changes to local development contributions provide councils with the ability to apply for a cap of $30,000 per dwelling or residential lot in greenfield areas or seek an exemption from the relevant cap if council can demonstrate that development applications have been lodged over at least 25% of the total expected development yield.

In addition, a $50 million Priority Infrastructure Fund has been established to assist those councils that are impacted by the cap to continue to fund the infrastructure essential to servicing new development.

A council may still choose to approach the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a special rate variation if a s94 plan is above the relevant cap.

It is considered that these changes minimise exposure to financial risk within existing commercial obligations councils may have entered into and help ensure that existing financial obligations can be met.

*11277S94 LEVIES CAP—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

How will the Minister ensure that councils in growth centres can meet the funding requirements for necessary infrastructure following the Minister's $20,000 cap on S94 levies?

Answer—

Since the 2010-11 Budget announcement about local development contributions, the NSW Government has been in discussions with councils about the implementation of the reforms.
As a result of these discussions, the Government has modified some of the key development contribution policies. Importantly, the changes acknowledge the higher costs associated with servicing development in Greenfield areas and the existing financial commitments of councils in some of these areas. In summary, the revised policy settings are:

• Retaining the cap of $20,000 per dwelling for development in established areas;
• A cap of $30,000 per dwelling in Greenfield areas;
• Areas where applications for more than 25 per cent of the expected housing numbers have already been lodged will not be subject to a cap; and
• The creation of a $50 million Priority Infrastructure Fund as a two-year arrangement to assist those councils that are impacted by the cap to continue to fund the infrastructure essential to servicing new development.

The proposed changes maintain the integrity of the Budget announcements. The reforms continue to ensure that the costs of development are reasonable and that the necessary infrastructure is available to allow development to occur.

*11278BLACK WATTLE BAY REVIEW PROPOSALS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

When will the Minister respond to the Black Wattle Bay review proposals?

Answer—

The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority has recently completed Stage 1 of an interactive consultative process for the area known as Bays Precinct, which includes Blackwattle Bay. The aim of Stage 1 was to:

(i) gather information and ideas to be used to develop a set of draft principles to guide future planning in the area; and
(ii) identify short, medium and long term land use opportunities for the Bays Precinct.

A second stage of consultation will seek feedback on the draft planning principles and opportunities identified with respect to the Bays Precinct.

*11279RURAL DOCTORS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) How many qualified medical doctors are employed in an administrative role by (a) Greater Southern Area Health Service and (b) Greater Western Area Health Service?

(2) By Area Health Service, for each of the doctors in (1) (a) and (1) (b) above, how many hours of "face to face" medical work with patients have each of these doctors undertaken in the past 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) There are 5 qualified medical doctors employed in an administrative role by Greater Southern Area Health Service.

There are 3 qualified medical doctors employed in an administrative role by Greater Western Area Health Service,

Two doctors employed by GSAHS practice clinical work for approximately 100-200 hours per year each. One doctor employed by GWAHS practices clinical work for approximately 400 hours per year.

*11280PUBLIC LIGHTING—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given the concerns of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils about the ability of the voluntary "NSW Public Lighting Code" to deliver effective and efficient public lighting services to the residents of NSW:

(1) Why has the NSW government not produced any contracts covering the provision of this monopoly service or any binding service regulation?

(2) Why has the Minister not made this code mandatory?

(3) Why has the Minister not introduced and applied meaningful penalties for instances of non-compliance with basic maintenance, reporting and other requirements?
Why has the Minister not required public disclosure of the minimum criteria that new technologies need to meet and established a clear process involving councils for the evaluation and adoption of new technology?

Why has the Minister not included in the 2010 Review Into The Code the many specific issues raised by councils in the 2007 submissions to the Department of Water and Energy and by the Australian Energy Regulator's final decision of April 2009?

Answer—

(1) The provision of street lighting is not a monopoly service. A customer can engage an accredited contractor, other than the NSW Distribution Network Service Providers, to supply, install and/or maintain a public lighting asset.

Prices for public lighting services provided by NSW Distribution Network Service Providers are regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator.

The NSW Public Lighting Code covers NSW Distribution Network Service Providers engaging in Public Lighting works. The Code provides for Service Level Agreements, which outline the service requirements of the parties, and which can be entered into at any time.

(2) to (4) These matters are being considered in the Code review being conducted by Industry and Investment NSW. The revised Code is expected to be released for final consultation shortly.

(5) All Code related issues received in various submissions throughout the consultations for the review of the Code are being considered and addressed as part of the Code Review.

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) What are the names and locations of the firms currently employed or retained by State Water to perform financial and/or performance audits of State Water?

(2) In the past 24 months how many audit results have been provided to State Water?

(3) Are these audit results available to the public, and if not, what is the reason for withholding this information?

(4) What is the cost to the State Water budget of employing/retaining these firms?

Answer—

(1) • Audit Office of NSW for financial audits.
• Internal Audit Bureau for internal audits.

(2) 23 audits were conducted during the past 24 months. This reflects State Water’s status as a state-owned corporation and regulated monopoly, and the organisation's process of continuous improvement to ensure best practice in all aspects of its operations, including water delivery, fiscal efficiency and safety.

(3) Financial audit reports are published in State Water’s annual reports.

(4) Audit Office fees for 2009-10 were $227,000 while Internal Audit Bureau fees for the same period were $165,000.

HORNSBY HOSPITAL BED NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to Hornsby Hospital, what is the breakdown of all the in-patient areas as well as Accident and Emergency in terms of patient bed numbers (by ward, department and unit including mental health)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Average available beds for each hospital in NSW are reported in the NSW Health Services Comparison Data Book (the Yellow Book) which can be found on NSW Health’s website at www.health.nsw.gov.au

HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY STATION STAIRWAY—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) What did it cost to replace the steep stairway at the Hawkesbury River Railway Station with another stairway that is only marginally less steep?

(2) How has the new stairway improved the access to the station for disabled and elderly residents and those with prams, as was requested by residents?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) In response to community concerns about the safety of the stairs, RailCorp proceeded with a $1.9 million upgrade. The works included replacing the stairs leading to the platform from the footbridge and the stairs from the footbridge to Dangar Road; installing anti-throw screens; extension of CCTV and improved lighting; and new paving and landscaping work.

(2) The upgrade of the stairway was designed to provide an immediate enhancement to stair safety. The new stairs were also designed in such a way so as to accommodate the installation of lifts at the station in the future.

*11284SCHOOL ETHICS TRIAL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) In relation to the school ethics trial and in relation to section 32 of the Education Act that appears to allow for only religious education, is there a plan for the establishment of a parliamentary committee to assess the trial of a non-religious alternative?

(2) Why has the curriculum for the ethics trial not been made available to the public?

Answer—

(1) Section 32 of the Education Act 1990 states "In every government school time is to be allowed for religious education of children of any religious persuasion."

The ethics trial does not change the statutory requirements for the provision of Special Religious Education provided in this act.

The ethics trial is being evaluated by an independent academic.

(2) The curriculum for the ethics trial was written for the St James Ethics Centre by Associate Professor Philip Cam, who owns the copyright for this material. He has not made the material available to the public.

*11285SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY PATIENTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What number of patients were turned away from Sutherland Hospital "emergency" and sent to other hospitals during each month from January 2008 to 2010 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

From January 2008 to August 2010 no patients have been "turned away" from the Emergency Department at Sutherland Hospital.

*11286BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to Building the Education Revolution (BER) work at schools in the Cronulla electorate:

(1) Have there been any problems recorded on BER projects at schools in the Cronulla electorate?

(2) If so, could the Minister list the projects and detail the issues?

Answer—

The Building the Education Revolution (BER) Integrated Program Office, together with the Managing Contractor, work with school Principals to address BER related issues in the electorate of Cronulla as they arise.

*11287UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which schools in the Cronulla electorate have unflued gas heaters?

(2) What is the total number of unflued gas heaters in schools in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—

Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment in most Department of Education and Training schools. Schools in the Cronulla electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.

Specific data relating to the number of unflued gas heaters in the Cronulla electorate is not readily available.

*11288EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY NOISE ABATEMENT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
With regard to the RailCorp trial noise abatement program for areas acutely affected by rail noise (as in response to Question 9234):

1. What action has been taken to date on this project?
2. What action has been taken to mitigate noise impacts around:
   a. The Domain portal and Woolloomooloo;
   b. Edgecliff;
   c. Rushcutters Bay/Paddington to Glenmore Road?
3. What has been achieved in noise reduction through these measures?
4. What other action impacts are planned for these areas to prevent train and railway noise?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. The detailed Options Study for noise abatement of the Eastern Suburbs Railway viaduct is nearing completion.
2. and (3) RailCorp has recently carried out rail grinding in the Edgecliff viaduct to mitigate noise levels. RailCorp continues to monitor the rail condition in this area as part of regular maintenance work.
3. The results of the trial Options Study will be considered in RailCorp's implementation of a Rail Noise Abatement Program into the future.

*11289HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

With respect to vacant Housing NSW properties in Woolloomooloo:

1. Is it true that four vacant commercial premises (as in Question 3842) in Cathedral Street Woolloomooloo have been empty for many years?
2. How long have each of these premises been empty?
3. What rent has been forgone for each of these premises while they have been vacant?
4. What plans does the Government have to lease these properties?
5. What consideration has Housing NSW given to use of these properties for non-profit community or cultural purposes?
6. What offers have been made to non-profit community or cultural organisations for use of these premises?
7. What use has been made of the former D4/Walla Mulla Community Centre premises in Woolloomooloo since that organisation moved to new premises?
8. What plans does the Government have for use of this premise?
9. What further action will the Government take to ensure community benefit from these public assets?

Answer—

1. and (2) Commercial leasing is not a core function of Housing NSW and in accordance with a long standing plan; it has over the years actively endeavoured to sell its interest in commercial premises as opportunities arise and to re-invest sale proceeds into various social housing programs. As a result, Housing NSW has three long term vacant properties in Cathedral Street.
2. Foregone rental would depend on the market rates and the requirement to complete significant rectification works.
3. Investigations are proceeding to determine the on-going leasing potential of the land and improvements to properties owned by Housing NSW and RailCorp before a final decision is made regarding future use.
4. Premises constructed on the land owned by Housing NSW and RailCorp are already used for a number of purposes that provide community benefit such as the Mary McDonald Activity Centre (sublet to the City of Sydney at a peppercorn rental of $1 per annum), Hope Street Urban Compassion organisation, Woolloomooloo Police Station, and the medical practice and chemist. Accommodation has also been provided to The Gloo Project for counselling rooms for the treatment of recovering addicts.
5. Significant rectification works will need to be completed before allowing any further occupation of the premises.
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(9) Investigations are proceeding to determine the on-going leasing potential. Before a final decision is made regarding future use of the property significant rectification works will need to be completed before allowing any further occupation of the premises.

*11290SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Are you aware of the section 94 contributions plan that was approved in association with the Ku-ring-gai Town Centres LEP?
(2) Are you aware that Ku-ring-gai Council area faces a shortfall of up to $60 million in infrastructure funding due to the changes involving a developer contribution cap of $20,000?
(3) How much of the shortfall, if any, is the State Government prepared to meet?
(4) How is it proposed to meet any remaining shortfall e.g. increased rates?

Answer—

(1) I am aware that Ku-ring-gai Council adopted the Ku-ring-gai Town Centres Development Contributions Plan 2008 which applies to the land covered by the Ku-ring-gai Town Centre LEP. This plan, along with the Ku-ring-gai Section 94 Contributions Plan 2004 – 2009, was granted an exemption to the cap through the Local Contributions Review process in 2009, on the basis that council was undertaking a review of, and consolidating, these two contributions plans.

I'm also advised that Council has now exhibited this draft Ku-ring-gai Contributions Plan 2009. This draft plan reviews the scope of works, the costs associated with providing the infrastructure and the way in which the costs are apportioned to beneficiaries. I understand that this has not yet been adopted by Council.

(2) The Ministerial Direction issued 16 September 2010 provides Ku-ring-gai Council with an exemption to the $20,000 cap for development within the Pacific Highway / Northern Railway Corridor and St Ives (the Town Centres area). This exemption was provided as Council were able to demonstrate that development applications have been lodged for more than 25% of the expected dwelling yield in this area, indicating that contributions have not been a deterrent to development.

This means that Council can continue to levy under the existing contributions plans that apply and will not be subject to the $20,000 cap.

(3) The exemption only applies to certain land, the Town Centres, within the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area (LGA). The Town Centres are expected to deliver most of growth in the LGA, and therefore the majority of the section 94 contributions will be collected from development in this area. However, if there is a shortfall, Council can apply for funding through the Priority Infrastructure Fund, a $50 million fund introduced to fund projects on the essential works list in areas above the relevant cap.

(4) If Council wish to fund any shortfall, Council may wish to seek a special rate variation, which would be assessed through the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), for legitimate costs arising from development.

*11291KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) What was the original student capacity for Killara High School?
(2) What is the current student population of Killara High School?
(3) How is it planned to address future expected extra students in the Killara High catchment zone?

Answer—

(1) Killara High School opened on its present site in 1970 and was designed to accommodate up to 1,080 students in its permanent facilities. Several adjoining residential properties have been acquired since 1975 to provide additional teaching and playground space.

(2) The current student population at Killara High School is 1,470 students (as at 3 September 2010).

(3) The Department is investigating a range of options to expand the provision of public education in its Northern Sydney Region. Once this work is complete I will consider those options and make an announcement in due course.

*11292PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL—SAN SITE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Is a new school still being planned for the SAN site in Wahroonga?
(2) If so, how much funding has been allocated to this project?
(3) What other options are being considered by the department for additional high school capacity further south on the North Shore?
Answer—
(1) The Department of Education and Training has no plans to put a new Government school on the SAN site in Wahroonga.
(2) Not applicable.
(3) The Department is investigating a range of options to expand the provision of public education in its Northern Sydney Region. Once this work is complete I will consider those options and make an announcement in due course.

*11293GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
What is the total cost for each of the following services in Greater Southern Area Health Service for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 financial years:
(a) Administration costs;
(b) Clinical costs;
(c) Nurse employment costs;
(d) Total budget for the GSAHS?
Answer—
I am advised that:
The costs referred to are not routinely reported by the Area Health Service. Greater Southern Area Health Service budget expenditure is available within the NSW Health Annual Reports from 2008-09 onwards.
The initial Net Cash Allocation for Greater Southern Area Health Service was:
2008-09: $569.1 million
2009-10: $607 million

*11294S457 TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA HOLDERS—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—
(1) How many s457 temporary resident visa holders have children that attend NSW Government schools?
(2) From (1), how many of these are the children of overseas medical professionals with s457 temporary resident visas?
(3) What are the standard annual fees for children of s457 temporary resident visa holders in NSW Government schools?
(4) What is the total amount of fees, in dollars, that has been collected from s457 temporary visa holders for their children to attend NSW Government schools?
Answer—
(1) As at 30 June 2010, there were 2,692 students enrolled in NSW Government schools whose parents were s457 temporary resident visa holders.
(2) The Department of Education and Training does not collect data on the occupation or profession of any parent whose child is enrolled as a temporary resident in a NSW Government school.
(3) The annual education fee for students enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 10 is $4,500 and for students in Years 11 and Year 12 it is $5,500.
(4) In the 2009-10 financial year, gross revenue totalled $9,772,004.

*11295WARNERS BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—
(1) Has funding been made available to Warners Bay Public School for security fencing?
(2) If so, when will this upgrade take place?
(3) How long will it take?
(4) How much will it cost?
Answer—
(1) to (4) A project to provide a security fence at Warners Bay Public School has not been included in the 2010/11 Security Fencing Program.
*11296*LOWER HUNTER WATER SUPPLY—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Given that the Lower Hunter has one of the lowest unrestricted household consumption rates in Australia:
(1) What level of drought security could be achieved by minimal restrictions if adopted prior to water shortages?
(2) Why does Hunter Water need to increase water supply by 50% by building Tillegra Dam?

Answer—

(1) While water restrictions can play an important part of a drought management plan, they cannot be relied upon solely as a drought strategy because of the high rates of water lost due to evaporation from the current storages. During drought, these losses account for as much water as Hunter Water supplies to its customers.
(2) Tillegra Dam has the potential not only to provide immediate drought security for the Hunter, but also to allow capacity for population growth. The Lower Hunter Regional Strategy identifies population growth of up to 160,000 additional residents over the next 25 years. While Tillegra Dam would increase existing water supplies in the short term, this is not excessive as the dam will play an important role in servicing the region's long term water needs.

*11297*WYONG ACCESS OFFICE—APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

(1) How many applicants, serviced by the Wyong Access Office, are currently awaiting assessment for public or community housing?
(2) How many of these are currently listed as homeless?

Answer—

(1) Nil. All applicants who submit an Application for Housing assistance receive an initial assessment.
(2) Nil. All applicants assessed initially as homeless are assisted with financial assistance into temporary accommodation.

*11298*PENSIONER REBATES—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) Having regard to the $145 annual pensioner rebate offered by the State's energy providers for electricity, why does no such rebate exist for pensioners relying primarily on gas?
(2) Will the Minister address this inequity and bring NSW in line with other States that offer the rebate on both gas and electricity?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The NSW Government's Energy Rebate is intended to assist eligible customers, including eligible pensioners, to meet the costs of both electricity and gas.

While the Energy Rebate is designed to assist with both electricity and gas costs, it is only paid on electricity bills. This ensures administrative simplicity, since the vast majority of NSW households have an electricity account, whereas not all households have a gas account. In this way, all eligible customers will receive the full amount of the Energy Rebate whether or not they have separate electricity and gas accounts with different retailers.

This approach is consistent with other States and Territories, such as South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, which also do not provide a separate rebate on electricity and gas.

*11299*STUDENTS SITTING THE HSC—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

How many students from the Tweed electorate have sat the HSC in the following years:

(a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) year to date?

Answer—

The number of students in the Tweed electorate who received the Higher School Certificate in 2007, 2008 and 2009 are:

(a) 406 students in 2007
(b) 424 students in 2008
(c) 431 students in 2009.
(d) In 2010, the Higher School Certificate process is currently underway. As at 1 September 2010, there were 439 students undertaking a pattern of study that would lead to the award of the Higher School Certificate in the Tweed electorate.

*11300TEACHER PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS CLAIMS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What is the total number of claims accepted by WorkCover for psychological stress from teachers working in Tweed schools in the following years:

(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

Answer—
The Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy working and learning environment for everyone in its schools and other workplaces across the organisation.

In 2008 there were eleven accepted psychological claims. In 2009 there were six accepted psychological claims. This year up to 31 August 2010 there have been two such claims from teachers in Tweed electorate schools.

*11301ADOPTION NUMBERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

How many adoptions have their been in the Tweed electorate in the following years:

(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

Answer—
This information is not available by electorate. Information relating to the number of children adopted is available in the Annual Report at www.community.nsw.gov.au

*11302BURST WATER MAIN—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

With regards to the water main that burst under Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford on Thursday 26 August:

(1) Why did it take 1 hour 15 minutes from the time of notification for the water to be turned off?
(2) How much water was lost?
(3) For how long was Pennant Hills Road blocked?
(4) How old is the pipe?
(5) Did the same pipe rupture three or four months ago just 50 metres away at the intersection of Jenkins and Pennant Hills Road?
(6) How many times has this pipe broken in the last five years?
(7) What was the total value of the damage done to the road, footpath, private garage and dwelling?
(8) How much money has been spent on maintaining this pipe in the last five years?
(9) Have any other weak spots been identified?
(10) What is being done to prevent breakage in the future?
(11) How many major mains have burst this month?

Answer—
I am advised of the following:

(1) to (11) The main break was reported to Sydney Water at 6:15am on 26 August 2010. A response crew had to travel in peak hour traffic but was onsite and isolated the watermain at 7:09 am.

Sydney Water arranged specialised traffic control to ensure that there was access around the site. There were two northbound lanes open and one southbound lane open until 5pm that afternoon when both southbound lanes were reopened.

Sydney Water manages a large and complex network of approximately 21,000 kilometres of water mains and since 2006 around $100 million a year has been invested to reduce breaks and leaks from water networks across Sydney.
CLEANING OF WINDOWS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When were the windows in the main building at Royal North Shore Hospital last cleaned on the outside?

Answer—

I am advised:

The windows in the main building at Royal North Shore Hospital were last cleaned on the outside in March/April 2009. In accordance with the relevant cleaning contract the outside of the windows in the main building of Royal North Shore Hospital are due to be cleaned in October 2010.

SYDNEY WATER EXPENDITURE—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) How did Sydney Water's Toilet Replacement Service in 2008-09 go over budget by $657,000 and replace 981 more toilets than planned, but still save 17 megalitres less than expected?

(2) Given this, why does Sydney Water still claim "a high degree of certainty" about its toilet replacements water saving estimate of 25.5 kilolitres per head per year?

(3) How did the DIY Water Saving Kits program in 2008-09 spend $24,000 over budget on an extra 1,501 kits, but save 7 ML less than expected?

(4) Given this, why does Sydney Water still claim a high degree of certainty about its DIY Water Saving Kits estimate of 6.73 kilolitres per person per year?

Answer—

(1) Estimated water savings were based on information collected during an earlier pilot project. The program's scale was increased in response to customer demand.

(2) Additional data collected from the increased number of participants in the program that has accumulated since the program's commencement; the large sample size and longer period since toilets were replaced also contribute to analysis and the greater degree of statistical certainty.

(3) Sydney Water distributed more DIY kits than expected at community events. Water savings attributed to this program were adjusted to account for the duplication of savings achieved through other initiatives.

(4) The DIY Water Saving Kit program data has a high degree of certainty because it is now based on DIY kits actually installed in customer homes. The data indicates that 6.73 kilolitre per household can be saved on average.

NEW LIBRARIES OR LIBRARY UPGRADES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have the following NSW Government schools received a new library or a library upgrade since 2007:

(a) Mount Riverview Public School;
(b) Pretty Beach Public School;
(c) Lisarow High School;
(d) Jilliby Public School;
(e) Windsor Public School;
(f) Figtree Public School;
(g) Dobroyd Point Public School;
(h) Bargo Primary School;
(i) Engadine Public School;
(j) Penrith High School?

(2) If so, on what dates was the library(ies) completed?

(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—

(1) to (3) A project to provide Mount Riverview Public School with a new library is currently underway, with completion anticipated during March 2011. The estimated total cost of the project is $1.17 million.

A project to provide Pretty Beach Public School with a new library, as well as four new classrooms, upgraded administration facilities, a covered outdoor learning area and associated works, was completee on 27 July 2009. The total cost of the project was $2,427,708, jointly funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.
A project to upgrade and extend the existing library building at Lisarow High School is anticipated to be completed during Term 4, 2010. The estimated total cost of the project is $2,646,000.

A project to provide Jilliby Public School with a new library is currently underway, with completion anticipated during March 2011. The estimated total cost of the project is $2.46 million.

A project to provide Windsor Public School with a new library was completed on 26 June 2009. The total cost of the project was $730,310, jointly funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

A project to provide Figtree Public School with a new library is currently underway, with completion anticipated during March 2011. The estimated total cost of the project is $2.3 million.

A project to provide Dobroyd Point Public School with a new library was completed on 11 February 2008. The total cost of the project was $1.266 million, jointly funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

A project to provide Bargo Primary School with a new library was completed on 30 June 2009. The total cost of the project was $693,719, jointly funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

A project to provide Engadine Public School with a new library is currently underway, with completion anticipated during November 2010. The estimated total cost of the project is $1.01 million.

A project to upgrade facilities at Penrith High School, including the refurbishment of the existing library/laboratory block, was completed on 4 June 2008. The total cost of the project was $5.8 million, jointly funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

*11306PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

1. What is the estimated funding mix (as a percentage) between the State Government and Local Governments (in New South Wales) for the development of public libraries in the 2010-11 financial year?
2. What was this funding mix for the financial years:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. The State Government 2010-11 Public Library Grants and Subsidies total $25,538,000, including $2 million Country Libraries Fund (Year 3 of 5 year program). Local councils have not yet reported their expenditure figures for 2010-11.

2. (a) 2007-08 State Government funding $23,528,000.
   (b) 2008-09 State Government funding $24,528,000.
   State Government funding includes $1 million Country Libraries Fund (Year 1 of 5 year program).
   (c) 2009-10 State Government funding $25,528,000.
   State Government funding includes $2 million Country Libraries Fund (Year 2 of 5 year program).

*11307WINDSOR ROAD/OLD WINDSOR ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Allan Shearan asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

1. What was the total cost of the Windsor Road/Old Windsor Road upgrade?
2. What was the total cost contributed by the NSW Government?
3. What contributions were made by local residents, via developer contributions, in nearby areas?
4. What percentage of the total costs was the developer contributions?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. RTA records show that the total Windsor Road/Old Windsor Road upgrade program cost from 2001/02 to 2009/10 was $508 million.
2. $460.5 million
3. $47.5 million
4. 9.35%
AMBULANCE EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For ambulance emergency transports that arrived at emergency departments in the month of July 2010, separated for statewide and for each of the below mentioned hospitals, what was the:

(a) total number of cases that arrived at an emergency department;
(b) average "off stretcher time" in minutes for all cases;
(c) total number of cases where "off stretcher time" was less than 20 minutes;
(d) total number of cases where "off stretcher time" was less than 30 minutes;
(e) total number of cases where "off stretcher time" was greater than 30 minutes;
(f) total number of cases where "off stretcher time" was less than 60 minutes;
(g) total number of cases where "off stretcher time" was greater than 60 minutes?

• Bathurst Base Hospital
• Blacktown Hospital
• Bowral Hospital
• Camden Hospital
• Campbelltown Hospital
• Concord Hospital
• Fairfield Hospital
• Gosford Hospital
• John Hunter Hospital
• Liverpool Hospital
• Nepean Hospital
• Orange Base Hospital
• Prince of Wales Hospital
• Ryde Hospital
• Royal North Shore Hospital
• St George Hospital
• Shellharbour Hospital
• Shoalhaven Hospital
• Sutherland Hospital
• Westmead Hospital
• Wollongong Hospital
• Wyong Hospital.

Answer—
The Bureau of Health Information was established in September 2009 by the NSW Government under the Health Services Act 1997. The role of the Bureau is to provide independent reports to government, the community and healthcare professionals on the performance of the NSW public health system, including safety and quality, effectiveness, efficiency, cost and responsiveness of the system to the health needs of the people of NSW. The Bureau undertakes public reporting of off stretcher time.

In September 2010 the Bureau issued the report titled: "Hospital Quarterly: Performance of NSW Public Hospitals - April to June 2010."

This, and future reports, are publicly available at the Bureau of Health Information web site at:

ACUTE AND SUB-ACUTE BEDS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Of the plans to deliver at least 500 additional acute and sub-acute beds over 4 years as part of the COAG National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement:

(1) How many of these beds will be acute overnight beds?
(2) How many doctors are required for one acute overnight bed?
(3) How many nurses are required for one acute overnight bed?
(4) How many allied health professionals are required for one acute overnight bed?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) In the 2010-11 historic health and hospital reforms between the State and Federal governments the NSW and Federal Government has invested $154.4 million for a further 488 new hospital beds. Of these, 381 will be acute beds. The new beds will result in additional staff.

(2) to (4) Multiple factors contribute to the provision of clinical staffing numbers and these include patient volume, patient complexity and clinical sub-specialty. As such clinical staff are not assigned on a per bed status.

*11310BULLYING AND HARASSMENT—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For the 12 months to 30 June 2010:

(1) How many incidents of bullying and harassment were reported by staff working within the health system (e.g. across every health service)?
(2) How many of these incidents of bullying and harassment were investigated?
(3) How many anti-bullying officer positions remain unfilled or have not been filled with permanent staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) This data has been collected from 1 January 2010. Up to 30 June 2010 163 bullying complaints were reported to Human Resources Units in Area Health Services. Incidences of bullying and harassment are investigated in accordance with the Prevention and Management if Workplace Bullying: Guidelines for NSW Health. Funding has been allocated to recruit 16.5 FTE new Anti-Bullying Management Advisor positions. Eleven positions have been filled. Recruitment to the remaining positions is ongoing.

*11311EVENTS NSW ANNUAL REPORT—Mr George Souris asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) Does Events NSW file an annual report?
(2) If yes, where can a copy of all the annual report(s) be obtained from?
(3) If no, why are the annual report(s) not publically released?

Answer—

I am advised:

Events NSW is classified by ASIC as a "small company" and, therefore, is not required to file an Annual Report according to the Corporations Act.

Events NSW, as a proprietary company limited by shares, does, however, submit annual reports to the Premier, representing the owner, the State of NSW.

*11312ARALUEN ROAD—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to flooding at Araluen Road and given that the Moruya and Araluen communities have been waiting for four months for a decision to be made by the RTA on a plan to replace the section of the road washed away during the February floods:

(1) Will this section be replaced?
   (a) If so, when and how long will the construction work take?
   (b) If not, why not?
(2) How will emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire brigades be able to gain access past the slippage?
(3) Is the Minister aware that residents, including school children, now have to walk across the slippage area after dark?
(4) Why have communities been waiting for four months for this road to be repaired?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eurobodalla Shire was declared a natural disaster area on 21 June 2010 and the NSW Government has offered financial assistance under natural disaster funding arrangements administered by the RTA. Natural disaster funding is intended to restore damaged road and bridge infrastructure to its previous standard.
Araluen Road is a local road for which Eurobodalla Shire Council is responsible. It is the responsibility of the council to assess the damages to the road and submit a claim to the RTA for funding for permanent repairs.

The council's claim was received by the RTA on 23 June 2010 and has now been approved.

The work started on 2 August 2010 with completion expected in late October 2010, weather permitting.

The RTA has been working closely with the council to help provide the best possible solution to repair Araluen Road. This work is complex and the RTA has provided support from its geotechnical scientists in determining the best slope repair method for this project.

*11313GLADSTONE POLICE STATION—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In relation to Gladstone Police Station:

(1) Is the Minister aware of a petition containing over 500 signatories opposing any closure or sale of the station?
(2) Is the Minister aware of a recent armed robbery in the village of Gladstone?
(3) Is the Minister aware that the SES headquarters for the flood-prone Lower Macleay area is on the Gladstone Police Station property?
(4) Is the Minister aware that apart from Gladstone, the only other police in the entire Lower Macleay district (Gladstone, Smithtown, Kinchela, Hat Head, South West Rocks and Stuarts Point) comprise just two officers at South West Rocks?
(5) If yes to (1), (2), (3) and 4 above, will the Minister therefore cease any action to close and sell this vital police station?
(6) If no to (1), (2), (3) and 4 above, will the Minister undertake to make himself and his department fully aware of these important issues?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(2) Police inquiries following the armed robbery and aggravated break and enter offences committed on 6 August 2010 in Gladstone have resulted in the arrest of four alleged offenders on 2 and 3 September 2010.

(3) SES personnel have some equipment located in a shed on the Gladstone police station property.

(4) The Lower Macleay district is presently covered by police attached to Kempsey, Gladstone, South West Rocks and Crescent Head.

(5) and (6) There is currently no intention to close or sell Gladstone police station.

*11314TRAVEL SPEEDS IN THE SYDNEY METROPOLITAN AREA—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to travel speeds in the Sydney Metropolitan Area taken from the most recent travel speed surveys conducted by the RTA:

(1) What was the average AM peak speed for each of the following routes:
   (a) Princes Highway;
   (b) F3, Pacific Highway, Gore Hill Freeway, Sydney Harbour Bridge;
   (c) M4, Parramatta Road, City West Link;
   (d) Victoria Road;
   (e) M5, Southern Cross Drive, Eastern Distributor;
   (f) M2, Lane Cove Tunnel, Gore Hill Freeway and Sydney Harbour Tunnel;
   (g) Pittwater, Spit and Military Roads, Warringah Freeway, Harbour Tunnel?

(2) What was the average PM peak speed for each of the following routes:
   (a) Princes Highway;
   (b) F3, Pacific Highway, Gore Hill Freeway, Sydney Harbour Bridge;
   (c) M4, Parramatta Road, City West Link;
   (d) Victoria Road;
   (e) M5, Southern Cross Drive, Eastern Distributor;
   (f) M2, Lane Cove Tunnel, Gore Hill Freeway and Sydney Harbour Tunnel;
   (g) Pittwater, Spit and Military Roads, Warringah Freeway, Harbour Tunnel?
I am advised:

(1) and (2) This information is contained in the RTA’s Annual Report.

*11315BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—DISABILITY SERVICES—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

In Budget Paper No. 4 the following items appear:

(1) At page 4.31
   (a) Accommodating young people relocated from nursing homes
   (b) Accommodation facilities for new clients
   (c) Asset reconciliation
   (d) Disability assistance package
   (e) Modification of group homes (safety and compliance)

(2) At page 4.32
   (a) Frontline offices - refurbishment
   (b) New works - additional housing
   (c) Work in progress - additional housing

How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

Answer—

Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) services are not intended to target clients by electoral boundaries. The below response is based on the ADHC Northern Region as a whole.

(1) The NSW Government will spend $8.72 million in the Northern Region for the following services:
   (a) Accommodating young people relocated from nursing homes
   (b) Accommodation facilities for new clients
   (c) Asset reconciliation
   (d) Disability assistance package

The amount the NSW Government will spend in 2010-11 on modifying and upgrading existing group homes can not be confirmed at this stage.

(2) These Budget Paper 4 line items listed under the Department of Human Services relate to other Agencies, not ADHC.

*11316BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—PLANNING—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

In Budget Paper No. 4 the following items appear:

(1) At page 4.37
   (a) Acquisition of coastal land
   (b) Minor works - Department of Planning
   (c) Earthmoving equipment replacement program
   (d) Minor works - land and property management authority

(2) At page 4.38
   (a) Electronic data processing equipment
   (b) Building refurbishment program

(3) At page 4.39
   (a) Building refurbishment program
   (b) General land acquisition (five year rolling program)

How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

Answer—

(1) (a) Nil.
   (b) Nil.
BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—HEALTH—Mr John Turner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In Budget Paper No. 4 the following items appear:

1. At page 4.24
   COAG capital initiatives
   Local initiatives 2010/11

2. At page 4.28
   Planning for future new works

3. At page 4.29
   SESIAHS Oncology Information System

How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

Answer—
I am advised:

1. and 2. The items referred to are statewide programs. These programs represent initiatives aimed at improving services and infrastructure across the whole of the health system.

2. The "SESIAHS Oncology Information System" is specific to the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service.

RICHMOND STATION TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Given there is currently a train service from Mulgrave Station at 4.30 am on weekends, will the Minister advise if this service can commence from Richmond Station at 4.30 am on weekdays when it is needed for people wishing to travel to work in the early hours of the morning?

Answer—
I am advised:

The starting time and location for train services across the CityRail network are governed by operational requirements and passenger demand. At this stage there are no changes planned to early morning services on the Richmond Branch Line.

NON-AIRCONDITIONED TRAINS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Noting that temperatures in the Hawkesbury area can drop below zero during winter months, why are residents of Western Sydney catching trains in the mornings at stations such as Richmond, Windsor, East Richmond, Clarendon, Mulgrave, Vineyard, Riverstone, Schofields and Quakers Hill, that are non-airconditioned trains as they did on the morning of 28 June 2010 when the temperature was -1 celsius?

Answer—
I am advised that approximately 70 per cent of CityRail's carriages are air-conditioned. RailCorp is purchasing 626 new air-conditioned carriages. These trains will replace non air conditioned carriages and provide additional trains to allow introduction of new services across the network. This next generation of suburban passenger trains will provide customers with improved security, safety and accessibility features. Each Waratah train will feature smart energy air-conditioning which adjusts the fresh air-flow according to the number of passengers on board and the temperature.
OUTBREAK OF MYRTLE RUST—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Given the outbreak of the disease “Myrtle Rust” in Australia that has been declared a category 1 incursion and that has the potential of infecting World Heritage listed national parks located within 10 km of where this infection first appeared on properties in April 2010:

(1) Why did it take until August 2010 for any reasonable action to be taken for the destruction of infected plants?
(2) Why was action not undertaken earlier that could have avoided the spread of this disease, given as summer approaches and the weather warms, the faster the rust multiplies?
(3) Why were there no "quarantine" procedures placed on properties known to have plants infected with Myrtle Rust?
(4) Why are businesses that have plants that have been detected with Myrtle Rust still trading with no disinfections of people or vehicles leaving their properties?
(5) Why are these businesses simply being asked not to sell plants in the Myrtaceae or Myrtle family, while the public and/or vehicles travel freely in and out of these properties potentially spreading the disease onto uncontaminated properties?
(6) Why has there been no general communication to the public regarding this category 1 incursion, that is the worst possible scenario for native plants if infected by this disease?

Answer—

(1) It is incorrect to imply that destruction of infected plants did not occur until August 2010. The established practice upon detection of each infected premises is to:
   • contain and destroy infected plants and the line of plants which included the infected plants;
   • treat the property with a systemic fungicide effective against Myrtle rust;
   • impose legal obligations on the property regarding treatments, plant and equipment movements and reporting.

(2) Myrtle rust was diagnosed on 23 April 2010 and Industry & Investment NSW immediately responded and notified the Commonwealth. The National Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests agreed that the disease might have significant impacts on plant industries and Australian ecosystems but considered that eradication was not technically feasible because the disease is a rust. Nevertheless, Industry & Investment NSW continued with the response and proved to the national plant health managers that aggressive containment with the goal of eradication was worth pursuing. On 2 July 2010 the National Management Group agreed to a response plan prepared by NSW.

(3) All infected premises are served with legal orders under Section 14 of the Plant Diseases Act 1924. This section empowers inspectors to require owners or occupiers of land or premises to prevent the spread of disease. Currently a section 14 order is in place on every infected premises.

(4) Nationally agreed scientifically based protocols for movement on and off infected properties have been developed and implemented on all properties.

(5) Nationally agreed scientifically based protocols to contain Myrtle Rust have been developed and are being implemented on all infected properties. Myrtle rust spores are easily transported with wind current and these can not be stopped.

(6) Both general and specific information about Myrtle rust is available. For example:
   • an Industry & Investment NSW Myrtle rust web page that is regularly updated;
   • a Weekly Update is emailed widely to a range of stakeholders;
   • interested stakeholders can register to receive regular updates;
   • Myrtle rust brochures and posters have been developed and are widely available;
   • a number of media releases, newspaper coverage and radio channels are being used.

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GAMMA KNIFE—Mr Richard Amery asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) How long has the cancer treating device known as a Gamma Knife been in existence?
(2) Has one of these devices recently been brought to Australia?
(3) If so, which organisation is responsible for bringing this device to Australia?
(4) What access do Australians have to this form of cancer treatment in New South Wales?
Answer—

I am advised:
(1) The Gamma Knife was invented in 1967.
(2) One Gamma Knife facility exists in Australia at the private Macquarie University Hospital.
(3) Elekta distributes Gamma Knife surgery equipment in Australia.
(4) Gamma Knife Radiosurgery is offered at the private Macquarie University Hospital.

*11322HARBOUR BRIDGE ACCIDENT—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) In light of the serious accident that occurred last week on the Harbour Bridge where several children on a bus were injured, is the Government undertaking a review of how to prevent future injuries?
(2) Is the consideration of installing seat belts in school buses part of a possible solution?

Answer—

I am advised:
(1) and (2) The NSW Government has been looking closely at the issue of school bus safety. The work done by NSW has been instrumental in the development of National Guidelines for Risk Assessment of School Bus Routes, which have been endorsed by the Australian Transport Council.

These Guidelines are being used by States to identify possible risk factors along school bus routes, particularly in rural and regional areas, and to classify routes according to the overall level of risk.

*11323INCREASES IN LAND VALUATIONS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) Is the Minister aware of councils receiving complaints from ratepayers due to significantly higher rates that have come about by steep increases in land valuations?
(2) What action have councils taken to deal with these complaints?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:
(1) Local government rates are based on land values provided by the Valuer General under the Valuation of Land Act 1916.
(2) If a land owner does not agree with the valuation given to their property, they can lodge an objection with the Land and Property Management Authority.

Councils have a discretionary power under the Local Government Act 1993 to enable them to adopt policies to distribute the rates burden equitably, or to adopt a rating structure that benefits ratepayers who may be adversely affected by large valuation increases. This includes adopting a base amount or a minimum rate, rather than determining rates solely on an ad valorem basis.

Councils have the discretion under section 601 of the Act to waive, reduce or defer the payment of the whole or part of the increase in rates where a ratepayer suffers hardship.

Where a ratepayer is concerned about an increase in rates due to an increase in land value, I would encourage them to contact their council to discuss the options available to them.

*11325ELECTRIC HOT WATER HEATERS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Will the Minister provide an update on the phase-out of electric hot water heaters in NSW?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW Government has committed to phasing out greenhouse gas intensive electric resistance water heaters as part of the National Strategy on Energy Efficiency. This measure will substantially reduce household greenhouse gas emissions and assist householders to reduce their electricity bills.

Under the first stage of the phase-out, greenhouse gas intensive water heaters will not be allowed to be installed in new houses (detached and semi-detached) and in existing houses with access to gas. This stage is to be implemented by each state, and the NSW Government is currently assessing which mechanisms will be used for implementation.
In 2012, the second stage will be implemented at the national level. This will extend the phase-out so that greenhouse gas intensive hot water heaters will no longer be able to be installed in any existing detached, terrace, townhouse or hostel, or in any new flats or apartments with access to gas, except where an exemption applies.

*L11326LIQUOR LICENCE FREEZE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

Will the Minister extend the liquor licence freeze to the Manly CBD, as per my request in a letter sent in 2009?

Answer—

No. The Keneally Government has no plans to extend the liquor licence freeze to the Manly CBD.

In recent years, the Government has taken significant action to reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in Manly.

The Government established the Manly Community Safety Partnership in October 2009. The partnership secured cooperation of licensed premises and late night trading food venues, Manly Council and government agencies in developing and implementing a broad range of actions to reduce the risk of alcohol-related violence in the area. These include special approval of a late night bus, an "individual responsibility" campaign by NSW Health, additional compliance effort by the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing and the introduction of weekly debriefing sessions with licensees and Police. Late night food traders agreed to ensure that the exterior of their premises are managed to include checks and clearance of bottles and litter in the surrounds of their premises.

In March 2010, the Premier released the Hassle Free Nights Action Plan to help further reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in entertainment precincts across the State. The plan committed the Government to establish a precinct liquor accord in Manly. The first meeting of the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord will be held in October. The Precinct Liquor Accord will drive collaborative solutions at the local level to reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in the Manly entertainment precinct. It is expected that the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord will help create an even safer and more vibrant late night entertainment precinct for everybody.

On 2 September 2010, Communities NSW facilitated a Local Accord meeting which resulted in all seven of the late trading hotels in Manly voluntarily signing a local accord agreement dealing with late trading arrangements. This outcome is a great credit to the licensees who have demonstrated their commitment to making Manly a safe and vibrant precinct.

The spirit of cooperation between licensees, other late trading businesses, Council, Police and Government that has been achieved to date will no doubt greatly assist in the success of the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord.

All evidence to date indicates that the measures taken by the Keneally Government are working. The March 2010 BOCSAR data indicates a reduction of 39.5% in assaults on premises in the Manly LGA in comparison to the previous year.

*L11327HARBOUR BRIDGE SECURITY GUARDS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What was the cost of employing security guards on the Harbour Bridge for each of the past three years?
(2) How many security guards are employed to perform this role?
(3) What monitoring is done to ensure this is an effective measure for Sydneysiders?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Guard costs, by financial year, for the last three years are:
   • 2007-08 - $2.608 million.
   • 2008-09 - $2.247 million.
   • 2009-10 - $2.225 million.

(2) Guard numbers vary on a daily basis, with an average of 6 - 8 guards at any one time, patrolling the bridge and its associated facilities. These numbers increase, as required, during special events.

(3) The RTA works closely with the NSW Police Force local area commands and other emergency service agencies to ensure that its security and emergency response for the Sydney Harbour Bridge is adequate.
*11328METROBUS SERVICE—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Are there plans to operate a Metrobus on the north side of the Spit Bridge?

Answer—

On 20 July 2010 the Premier announced the Government's proposal to extend the Metrobus network to a total of 13 routes by the end of the 2010/11 financial year. Further expansion of the Metrobus network will be considered in the allocation of the 1000 growth buses provided under the Metropolitan Transport Plan.

Further information regarding the expansion of the Metrobus network is available on Transport NSW's website at http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/metrobus

*11329REFURBISHMENT OF FRESHWATER FERRY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Has the Freshwater ferry been refurbished recently in a dock in Brisbane?
(2) If so, what is the rationale for taking this job out of NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.
(2) Sydney Ferries conducted a fair and open tender process and that assessment of tender responses focussed on best value for money against a range of predetermined evaluation criteria in accordance with the NSW Procurement Guidelines.

*11330SEAFORTH ROAD REPAIRS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What action has been taken to fix potholes in Seaforth, particularly on Sydney Road, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Frenchs Forest Road?
(2) When was this action taken?
(3) Is the Minister confident the repairs are adequate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The RTA has a systematic approach to the identification and rectification of potholes. Through ongoing inspections, potholes are identified and fixed within the defined response time. The defined response time for Sydney Road, Burnt Creek Deviation and Frenchs Forest Road is two weeks. The prolonged wet weather over the winter period has resulted in an increase of the number of pot holes and these have been fixed within the required response time.

*11331SCHOOL BUS PASSES—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Are school bus passes able to be extended to allow for students to travel to and from a carer's address as well as their home address?
(2) If not, is this a policy the Government will consider?
(3) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised that the School Student Transport Scheme provides eligible students with subsidised travel between their home and school only.

New South Wales has the most generous arrangements for free school travel of any State in Australia. In the 2010-11 financial year it is estimated around $541 million will be provided to the School Student Transport Scheme.

Further information regarding the Scheme is available on Transport NSW's website at: http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts
INSTALLATION COST OF NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What was the cost of installing the new traffic lights at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Hank Road, Heatherbrae?
(2) How many accidents have been recorded at this intersection to warrant the implementation of traffic lights?
(3) What was the cost of installing the new traffic lights at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Old Maitland Road, Hexham (east)?
(4) How many accidents have been recorded at this intersection to warrant the implementation of traffic lights?
(5) What was the cost of installing the new traffic lights at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Old Maitland Road, Hexham (west)?
(6) How many accidents have been recorded at this intersection to warrant the implementation of traffic lights?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) $635,000.
(2) There were seven crashes within 50 metres of the intersection, including four injury crashes at the intersection, between January 2003 and December 2007.
(3) $730,000.
(4) There were 16 crashes within 50 metres of the intersection, including six injury crashes, between January 2003 and December 2007.
(5) $600,000.
(6) There were 20 crashes within 50 metres of the intersection, including nine injury crashes between January 2003 and December 2007.

NELSON BAY POLICE STATION—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) Is the NSW Government considering upgrading the Nelson Bay Police Station?
(2) If so:
   (a) At what stage is planning up to?
   (b) What will the upgrade involve?
   (c) What is the expected cost of the project?
   (d) When is construction expected to begin?
   (e) When is construction expected to be completed?
(3) If not, why not?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised:
(1) Nelson Bay police station is part of a four year prisoner handling upgrade program.
(2) Works to upgrade the charge area are in the final design phase and will go out to tender in September. Works are due to commence in early 2011 with completion due mid-year.
(3) N/A.

HILLSTON HEAVY TRANSPORT INSPECTION FACILITY—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the heavy transport inspection facility at Hillston:

(1) What are the State Government's plans for use of this facility?
(2) Does the Minister appreciate how important this facility is for the Carrathool Shire and surrounding areas?
(3) Will the Minister ensure that the local community is extensively consulted before the Government decides on alternative arrangements in relation to use of the facility?
(4) What action is the Minister taking to support the position of the Carrathool Shire in this matter?

Answer—

(1) to (4) When the RTA determines that a HVIS site does not meet its standards, the RTA will seek to have that site upgraded or find a suitable alternative facility that meets the RTA's standards. I am advised that the RTA is currently holding discussions with officers from Carrathool Shire Council about options for the future of the Hillston facility, and that council officers and RTA staff jointly
inspected the site on Thursday 23 September. I am hopeful that an appropriate agreement can be
reached between the Council and the RTA.

*11335AUSTRALIAN VACCINATION NETWORK—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Minister for Gaming
and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

(1) When did the Minister and the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing first become aware that
concerns were held about the Australian Vaccination Network and its fundraising activities?
(2) When will the Minister make the audit report available to the Parliament?
(3) (a) Is the Australian Vaccination Network in breach of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 Division
2 s31?
(b) If so, what action is being taken?

Answer—

(1) My Department first became aware of concerns held about the Australian Vaccination Network and
its fundraising activities on 18 August 2009. Those concerns were investigated and the matter
finalised on 15 October 2009.
(2) I do not intend to table the investigation report.
(3) (a) I understand my Department has prepared a submission for me on the issue of whether or not the
Australian Vaccination Network's licence to fundraise should be revoked under section 31 of the
Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. I expect to consider that submission shortly and make a decision.
(b) See (a).

*11336KINGS CROSS INJECTING CENTRE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for
Health—

Given your advice no state government funding has been used for the operation of the Injecting Centre,
where the Injecting Centre operational funds are sourced from the Confiscated Proceeds of Crime
Account (Question 10276):

(1) Is the Minister aware the cost of operating the injecting centre has exceeded $20 million since the
centre was established by the NSW Government in May 2001?
(2) Is the Minister aware that Confiscated Proceeds of Crime Account is a source of State Government
revenue and for use as directed by Treasury?
(3) Will a decision on the centre's future be made before March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.
(2) All direct operational costs of the Trial covered by the budget allocation and the separate indirect
costs for property, workers compensation and legal liability insurance are funded from the
Confiscated Proceeds of Crime Account.

No State Government funds have been diverted from other drug treatment or rehabilitation services
to fund the costs of the Centre's operation.

(3) The Member is referred to the Premier's announcement on 15 September 2010, regarding bringing
forward legislation to remove the Trial status of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre and
continue the Centre as an ongoing program.

*11337BUS DEPOT CAPACITIES—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Climate Change and the
Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for
Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Given your advice the State Transit has a long-term depot program to increase depot parking capacity for
the State Transit network and in this regard will be continuing to examine sites and options to optimise
capacity at current depots, including Waverley Depot (Question 10367):

(1) What are those options being considered by State Transit to optimise capacity at Waverley Depot?
(2) What sites are being examined by State Transit to optimise capacity at Waverley Depot?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised that State Transit has a long-term depot program to increase depot capacity for
the State Transit network, and will be continuing to examine sites and options to optimise capacity at
current depots. In the foreseeable future, State Transit is considering measures at Waverley Depot to
improve the safety and efficiency of bus circulation to optimise capacity at the depot.
PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given your advice you will oversight a range of reforms and improvement projects to ensure the efficient and effective administration of the NSW public service (Question 10793):

(1) What are those reforms and improvement projects you will oversight?

(2) How will you determine whether the efficient and effective administration of the NSW public service has been achieved?

Answer—

The principal reform is consolidation of 160 Government agencies into 13 clusters. This will improve and streamline service delivery to the people of NSW. We will measure the effectiveness of this and other reforms against the priorities set out in the 2010 State Plan. NSW Government departments and agencies are required to measure levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction with their services.

With respect to efficient administration, agencies are required to meet savings targets from efficiency dividends.

MACQUARIE PARK COMMUTER JOURNEYS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys to the Macquarie Park precinct during:
   (a) 2010;
   (b) 2012;
   (c) 2015;
   (d) 2020?

(2) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys from the Macquarie Park precinct to the city during:
   (a) 2010;
   (b) 2012;
   (c) 2015;
   (d) 2020?

(3) Based on RTA figures, what percentage of daily commuter journeys from Macquarie Park to the city are made by:
   (a) car;
   (b) bus;
   (c) train?

(4) Based on RTA figures, what percentage of daily commuter journeys to Macquarie Park are made by:
   (a) car;
   (b) bus;
   (c) train?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for my colleague, the Hon John Robertson MLC, Minister for Transport.

MACQUARIE PARK—PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITY—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In reference to the M2 motorway road-widening project:

(1) When was the decision made to exclude the proposed park-and-ride facility in Macquarie Park in the final plans of the project?

(2) How many additional car spaces were to be built under the plan?

(3) What was the estimated total cost of the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A park and ride and bus interchange facility was initially proposed during the early development stages of the M2 Upgrade project, based on preliminary analyses of potential demand of the facility. From late 2008 to mid 2009, a more detailed investigation of the potential demand, costs and benefits of such a facility was undertaken. The outcomes of the investigation indicated that forecast demands
(for park and ride use) of the facility were much lower than originally anticipated and as a result, the facility did not represent value for money. Subsequently, it was decided to exclude the facility from the M2 Upgrade project.

(2) The facility was proposed to have 2,500 car parking spaces.
(3) Costs were estimated to be around $60 million (in 2009 dollars).

*11341 HOUSING NSW SALES PROGRAM—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

Given your advice "Housing NSW sells a very small number of properties each year" (Question 10185 part (1)) and "No sales approval has been rescinded in the Ryde Electorate" (Question 10185 part (3)): Was sale approval rescinded on any Housing NSW properties in Darvall Road, West Ryde and/or Beazley Street, Ryde between 1 July 2009 and 24 July 2010?

Answer—
In May 2010, Housing NSW indefinitely deferred a property in Darvall Road, West Ryde that was being considered for sale. Another property in Beazley Street, Ryde was deferred, however circumstances have changed and this property has been placed on the sales program.

*11342 GOULBURN LOCAL AREA COMMAND GRAFFITI—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many graffiti vandals have been charged and found guilty in the Goulburn Local Area Command in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09?
(2) Of those found guilty, did any receive a custodial sentence?
(3) What penalties were imposed?

Answer—
The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics. I suggest the Honourable Member's question is more appropriately addressed to the Attorney General, within whose portfolio the Bureau resides. Court outcomes are also a matter for the Attorney General, not police.

*11343 CHILD RESTORATIONS AND REMOVALS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

In the following years, how many children were restored to their families but were subsequently removed again by Community Services:
   (a) 2004;
   (b) 2005;
   (c) 2006;
   (d) 2007;
   (e) 2008;
   (f) 2009?

Answer—
These data are not held in a form available for reporting purposes.

*11344 SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many people were charged with assault or homicide as a result of shaken baby syndrome?
(2) How many people who were charged were subsequently convicted?

Answer—
I am advised:

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research collects data on all criminal charges finalised in NSW courts. Perpetrators are charged under the appropriate legislation, for example murder or assault, depending on the extent of harm caused. It is not possible for the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research to separately identify offences of murders or assaults involving shaken baby syndrome.
SCIENCE LABORATORY UPGRADES—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have the following NSW Government schools received science laboratory upgrades since 2003:
   (a) Bulli High School;
   (b) Corrimal High School;
   (c) Kanahooka High School;
   (d) Oak Flats High School;
   (e) Smiths Hill High School;
   (f) Lake Illawarra High School;
   (g) Warilla High School;
   (h) Illawarra Sports High School;
   (i) Nowra High School?

(2) If so, on what dates were these science laboratory upgrades completed?

(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The upgrade of science facilities at Bulli High School was completed on 27 April 2009 at a cost of $1,008,857.

The upgrade of science facilities at Corrimal High School was completed on 28 January 2009 at a cost of $723,034.

The upgrade of science facilities at Kanahooka High School was completed on 1 December 2009 at a cost of $894,473.

The upgrade of science facilities at Oak Flats High School was completed on 15 December 2009 at a cost of $896,046.

The upgrade of science facilities at Smiths Hill High School was completed on 28 January 2009 at a cost of $849,354.

The upgrade of science facilities at Lake Illawarra High School was completed on 15 May 2009 at a cost of $1,010,378.

The upgrade of science facilities at Warilla High School was completed on 16 October 2009 at a cost of $1,058,914.

The upgrade of science facilities at Illawarra Sports High School was completed on 25 June 2009 at a cost of $1,047,366.

The upgrade of science facilities at Nowra High School was completed on 12 November 2009 at a cost of $1,085,000.

These nine projects were all funded under the NSW Government's Building Better Schools program.

REST STOP FACILITIES—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the need for adequate toilet and rest stop facilities on the corner of Sussex Inlet Road and the Princes Highway:

(1) Has the Roads and Traffic Authority undertaken any studies into the need for additional rest stop facilities on the Princes Highway south of Nowra?

(2) Is the Roads and Traffic Authority aware that there are no rest room facilities at the corner of Sussex Inlet Road and the Princes Highway?

(3) Has the Roads and Traffic Authority undertaken a specific study on the need for appropriate rest stop facilities on the corner of Sussex Inlet Road and the Princes Highway?

(4) Will the Government fund the installation of rest stop facilities including toilets with disabled access on the corner of Sussex Inlet Road and the Princes Highway?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As part of the National Transport Commission guidelines the NSW Government is increasing the number of suitable rest areas on key road freight routes in NSW to better meet the needs of heavy vehicle drivers. This requires the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to provide regular heavy vehicle rest areas for the heavy vehicle industry at 100 kilometre intervals to meet the required guidelines.
The RTA is scheduled to start work on the construction of five additional heavy vehicle rest areas along the Princes Highway, which are due to be completed in June 2012. This will include heavy vehicle rest areas at Jerrawangala, which is three kilometres south of Sussex Inlet Road, Waldron's Swamp, McLeods Hill (north and southbound) and Mogo.

(2) to (4) The land at the intersection of Sussex Inlet Road and the Princes Highway is owned by Shoalhaven City Council and is primarily used as a commuter car park to allow carpooling for Sussex Inlet residents. It is also used as a driver reviver site during holiday periods, at which times the RTA provides temporary facilities. The construction of permanent toilet facilities at this site is a decision for the council as it is a local community facility.

This site is not considered appropriate for the placement of a heavy vehicle rest area. This intersection is not designed to meet the safety access and egress requirements of the heavy vehicle industry and would introduce conflicts with other road users at this site, particularly at driver reviver operating times.

*11347SHOALHAVEN WATER SUPPLY TRANSFER SYSTEM—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Has the Sydney Catchment Authority completed scheduled "maintenance" of its Shoalhaven water supply transfer system?
(2) When did the Sydney Catchment Authority commence the "maintenance"?
(3) When did the Sydney Catchment Authority complete the "maintenance"?
(4) Did the Sydney Catchment Authority conduct water transfers from Tallowa Dam throughout this period?
  (a) If so, for how long?
  (b) If so, how much water was transferred from Tallowa Dam?
(5) Was the water then transferred through to Warragamba Dam?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

(2) and (3) Maintenance of SCA infrastructure is ongoing. However, in recent times there have been planned major periodical maintenance on specific infrastructure in essentially three stages:
  • relining of Bendeela Pipeline commenced in March 2009 and was completed in June 2009;
  • in addition to quality control checks, the system and pipeline were exercised during May and June 2010; and
  • relining of Kangaroo pipeline and shaft commenced in July 2010.

(4) and (5) As part of the testing of Bendeela Pipeline, water was pumped from Tallowa Dam to Wingecarribee Reservoir during May and June 2010. Water was released from Wingecarribee Reservoir down the Wingecarribee River and Glenquarry Cut. Some water has been stored in Fitzroy Falls and Wingecarribee reservoirs.

*11348TALLOWA DAM FISHLIFT—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) What was the total construction cost of the Tallowa Dam fishlift?
(2) To date, how much has the NSW Government spend on maintenance of the fishlift?
(3) What percentage of time has the fishlift been operational since it was opened?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Infrastructure costing $9.6 million at Tallowa Dam now allows native fish passage.

The fish lift allows for upstream movement of native fish, while a new gated slot through the dam spillway allows the fish to move downstream, while releasing better quality surface water for the increased environmental flows.

All fish lift works are covered under Defects Liability Period under the construction contract. The fish lift is the first of its kind to be fitted to an existing dam in Australia and operational adjustments were expected.

*11349SECURITY FENCING AND SCHOOL ZONES FLASHING LIGHTS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) What schools in the South Coast electorate are scheduled to receive security fencing in the 2010-11
NSW Budget?
(2) When are these project(s) due to commence?
(3) What school zones in the South Coast electorate are scheduled to receive flashing lights in the 2010-11 NSW Budget?
(4) When are these project(s) due to commence?

Answer—
(1) No schools in the South Coast electorate are scheduled to receive a security fence in 2010-11.
(2) Not applicable.
(3) This matter falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Roads.
(4) This matter falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Roads.

*11350UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) Will the Minister respond to my correspondence dated 30 June 2010 regarding the need for an urgent meeting with the Minister to discuss a proposal to construct a waste facility in the township of Tomerong?
(2) Will the Minister also state why he has not replied to my correspondence and through his actions refused to meet with concerned residents regarding this proposal?

Answer—
I am advised that:
(1) and (2) My office did not receive any correspondence from Mrs Hancock or her office in relation to the proposed construction of a waste facility in Tomerong. Mrs Hancock's office faxed a copy of the correspondence to my office on, 15 September 2010, after one of my staff called and spoke with her staff.

*11351UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Regarding the planned replacement of unflued gas heaters;

(1) (a) Has money from the Department of Education and Training capital works budget been utilised for the replacement of unflued gas heaters?
(b) If so, how much?
(2) How long is the rollout of new heaters for NSW public schools expected to take?
(3) How many schools in the South Coast electorate have unflued gas heaters?
(4) How many heaters does this equate to?
(5) Does the NSW Government have any plans to utilise the Department of Education and Training's capital works budget to replace unflued gas heaters in NSW public schools?
(6) What is the total amount allocated for Department of Education and Training capital works budget for:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?
(7) How much of the Department of Education and Training capital works budget was allocated for school maintenance for:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?
(8) What is the current backlog of maintenance outstanding for NSW public schools?
(9) What is the current backlog of maintenance outstanding for NSW public schools in the South Coast electorate?

Answer—
(1) (a) Yes.
(b) In 2009-10 the Department allocated $15 million to replace unflued gas heaters in around 100 NSW government schools in the coldest areas of the state.
(2) For the wider replacement program, the Department is looking at alternatives to unflued gas heaters and will determine the most appropriate replacement for individual schools. A program for the
replacement of unflued gas heaters will be developed following completion of the Department's research into heating alternatives.

(3) There are no schools located in the South Coast electorate included in the $15 million replacement program announced on 9 June 2010.

(4) Specific data relating to the number of unflued gas heaters in the South Coast electorate is not readily available.

(5) Funding will be determined based on program requirements.

(6) (a) $616.9 million.
    (b) $732.4 million.
    (c) $2,666 billion.
    (d) $2,027 billion.

(7) (a) $220.2 million.
    (b) $230.2 million.
    (c) $405.1 million.
    (d) $270.7 million.


(9) There is no backlog maintenance outstanding for public schools in the South Coast electorate.

*11352*SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the need for a dedicated Emergency Operating list for Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital?

(2) (a) Is Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital the only major non-metropolitan hospital in NSW without a separate emergency surgery list?
    (b) If so, why?

(3) Does the NSW Government plan to fund a $250,000 dedicated emergency surgery list in Nowra at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) On 20 September 2010, following a three month trial and extensive consultation, a new model for emergency surgery at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital was endorsed by the Hospital's Clinical Council. The new system will improve patient access to surgery.

The requirement for separate emergency surgery operating sessions is dependent on the emergency surgery load received by the individual hospital. If the emergency surgery demand is low, hospitals are able to incorporate the emergency cases into scheduled operating theatre sessions. Many non-metropolitan hospitals use this model of emergency surgery management. As the emergency surgery load becomes greater, other models for emergency surgery can be adopted and are described in the NSW Health Emergency Surgery Guidelines (2009).

*11353*HOSPITAL WAITING TIMES ON CENTRAL COAST—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the current waiting time for elective colonoscopies at Gosford Hospital?

(2) What is the current waiting time for elective colonoscopies at Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Waiting list data is released quarterly on the NSW Health Website:

*11354*GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS SECURITY FENCING—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Do the following NSW Government schools have security fencing:
    (a) Brisbane Water Secondary College;
    (b) Woy Woy Campus;
    (c) Kariong Public School;
(d) Erina High School;
(e) Kincumber High School;
(f) Terrigal High School;
(g) Terrigal Public School;
(h) Tuggerawong Public School;
(i) Narara Public School;
(j) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale Campus;
(k) Killarney Vale Public School;
(l) Wyong High School;
(m) Umina Primary School?

(2) If so, on what dates were the security fencing projects completed?
(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—

(1) All of the schools listed from (a) to (m) have security fencing.

(2) (a) and (b) 6 March 2008
   (c) 10 July 2008
   (d) 23 December 2008
   (e) 6 February 2009
   (f) 22 July 2008
   (g) 2 June 2008
   (h) 2 June 2008
   (i) 25 February 2010
   (j) 28 September 2009
   (k) 14 February 2007
   (l) 20 April 2007
   (m) 8 June 2005.

(3) (a) and (b) $191,674
   (c) $149,799
   (d) $369,309
   (e) $301,395
   (f) $255,303
   (g) $133,102
   (h) $111,320
   (i) $115,070
   (j) $290,659
   (k) $143,229
   (l) $264,418

   (m) This project was funded as part of the 2004-05 Safer Schools Program. An individual cost for this project is unavailable.

*11355UNFLUED GAS HEATERS IN CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which schools in the Terrigal electorate have unflued gas heaters?
(2) Which schools in The Entrance electorate have unflued gas heaters?
(3) Which schools in the Gosford electorate have unflued gas heaters?
(4) Which schools in the Wyong electorate have unflued gas heaters?

Answer—

Earlier this year the Government announced an initial program worth $15 million to replace unflued gas heaters in 101 schools in the coldest parts of the State.
A stakeholder committee including teacher and parent representatives, as well as health advocates, determined the criteria for selecting these schools. No schools in the electorates of Terrigal, The Entrance, Wyong and Gosford were identified using these criteria.

Over time, unflued gas heaters in all NSW public schools, including those on the Central Coast, will be replaced.

*11356ROAD SIGN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Why does the road sign at the corner of the Great Western Highway and the Quandialla - Caragabal Road point to "Quandilla"?
(2) When will this error be rectified?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) The sign at the corner of the Great Western Highway and the Quandialla - Caragabal Road is incorrect.

(2) I am advised that the RTA has arranged with Weddin Shire Council to rectify the sign.

*11357YASS, BOOROWA AND MURRUMBURRAH-HARDEN HOSPITALS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) On how many occasions since 1 January 2010 has the Yass Hospital been without the services of a VMO or locum VMO?
(2) On how many occasions since 1 January 2010 has the Boorowa Hospital been without the services of a VMO or locum VMO?
(3) On how many occasions since 1 January 2010 has the Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital been without the services of a VMO or locum VMO?
(4) On how many occasions since 1 January 2010 has the Yass Hospital been without the services of a radiographer or a locum radiographer?
(5) On what dates and for what periods did these vacancies occur?
(6) What action is the Greater Southern Area Health Service taking to ensure that in future a nine-year-old girl with a suspected broken arm does not have to wait for five days before receiving an x-ray to confirm this diagnosis?
(7) Given that the incident at question (6) above occurred at Yass Hospital on 21 February 2010, why was a radiographer or locum neither available nor sourced?

Answer—
I am advised that:

(1) to (7) It is a shared responsibility between the local General Practitioner and the Health Service to arrange locum General Practitioner medical cover for planned absences. During a period when a VMO is unavailable in a town, the Health Service has arrangements in place to ensure all patients continue to be triaged and receive appropriate care by appropriately trained and experienced emergency nurses. These arrangements ensure that the community has safe and effective coverage during the General Practitioner's absence. Patients with urgent conditions may need to be transferred to the nearest suitable facility for further treatment. Detailed plans of care for all inpatients are completed prior to a VMO being away from town.

In the 9 month period from 1 January to 1 October 2010, there were 19 occasions that Yass Hospital has been without the services of a VMO within the township; 3 occasions at Boorowa MPS; and 28 occasions at Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital.

Since January 2010, there were 61 occasions that Yass Hospital was without the services of a radiographer.

When a radiographer is not available, patients requiring emergency x-rays are referred to the nearest facility.

The patient to whom Ms Hodgkinson refers presented to Yass Emergency Department on 21 February 2010. The initial diagnosis did not indicate a fracture or requirement for immediate x-ray.

Follow up care was provided to this patient including x-rays taken on 26 February and 11 March 2010.
*11358SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Has Sydney Water investigated the process used by the sewerage works at Treuenbrietzen in the Federal Republic of Germany which process stimulates the activity of microbes that break down waste?

(2) Given that this process is stated to reduce operating costs, will the Minister investigate the possibility of its introduction into Sydney Water and Hunter Water Sewage Treatment Plants?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Sydney Water is aware of a process being trialled at a sewage treatment plant in Treuenbrietzen, Germany.

The process being trialled involves a special stereo sound system developed by Mundus GmbH to accurately replicate the vibrations and sound of a concert hall. The company claims that the sonic waves of Mozart's compositions, along with the addition of oxygen, spur micro organisms to a higher performance in breaking down biosolids.

A founder and managing partner of the company, Mr Anton Stucki, was reported to theorise that "Mozart managed to transpose universal laws of nature into his music. It has an effect on people of every age and every cultural background. So why not microbes? After all, they are living things just like us".

There has been no scientific testing reported on the performance of this process.

Sydney Water will monitor the progress of this trial to obtain further performance data before considering possible application at Sydney Water sewage treatment plants.

*11359BLACKOUTS AND BROWNOUTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How many blackouts or brownouts have occurred in the electorate of Hornsby in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date?

(2) How many businesses and households in each year following a blackout or brownout were eligible for compensation?

Answer—

(1) 2006 - 313
    2007 - 274
    2008 - 351
    2009 - 325
    2010 - 38

(2) Customers in the Hornsby electorate are eligible for a payment if they have experienced four interruptions lasting four hours or longer or a single interruption lasting more than 12 hours.

*11360INPUT INTO ACAT ASSESSMENTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to the NSW State Health input into ACAT assessments, what does this responsibility involve?

Answer—

I am advised:

In NSW the operation of the Aged Care Assessment Program (ACAP) is jointly funded by the NSW Government and the Australian Government. There are currently 39 Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) and over 600 NSW Health employees involved with the delivery of ACAT services.

The Australian Government sets ACAP Policy and Operating Guidelines. NSW Health is responsible for the provision of ACAT services in NSW.

This includes the day-to-day management of ACATs, the appointment of ACAT Delegates, the training of staff and the provision of ACAP data to the Australian Government's National Data Warehouse.

*11361FUME CABINETS—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Education and Training—

When will the fume cabinets at Galston High School, that appear to have been faulty since the 1970s, be
repaired for use of staff and students?

Answer—

Upon becoming aware of this situation I instructed the Department of Education and Training to ensure the fume cupboards in question were replaced as a matter of priority.

NSW Public Works is currently finalising cost estimates for the work. The timing of the work may be affected by the upcoming Higher School Certificate. Once the work is ready to proceed the Department of Education and Training will liaise with Galston High School to ensure any noise created by the work will not interfere with the exams.

*11362BUDGET ALLOCATION—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

In relation to mental health:

(1) For the past two years, will the Minister itemise the budget allocation for GWAHS VMOs and detail how often they visit and under what specialisation?

(2) What volume of calls has the statewide 1800 mental health telephone number received and made for each month since it was activated in December 2009?

(3) (a) Have funds quarantined for mental health as part of the mental health budget ever been reallocated to areas outside the mental health spectrum?

(b) If so, what are the specific details?

(4) How much from the 2010-11 mental health budget is being spent on prevention and early intervention?

Answer—

(1) VMO budget figures for Greater Western Area Health Service have remained the same from 2009-10 at approximately $2.99 million per annum.

VMO's provide coverage to 29 locations throughout the GWAHS including regional, rural and remote areas and three inpatient facilities. These visits can be from 1-2 days per month to 3 days per week dependant on the location and service being provided. Services include adult psychiatry, child and adolescent mental health, addiction medicine and psychogeriatric services (older persons mental health).

(2) Total number of calls received to the 1800 number for the period 9 December 2009 to 31 August 2010 is 13,145.

Monthly figures:

December 2009 - 1,203
January 2010 - 1,598
February 2010 - 1,541
March 2010 - 1,694
April 2010 - 1,408
May 2010 - 1,634
June 2010 - 1,290
July 2010 - 1,177
August 2010 - 1,600

(3) All funds provided by NSW Treasury are quarantined for the purposes of providing public mental health services in NSW and are allocated by the NSW Department of Health for that purpose.

(4) The Mental Health Program budget is not allocated in terms of "prevention and early intervention" and as such it is not possible to accurately identify how much of the 2010/11 budget is being spent on "prevention and early intervention" specifically.

Some examples of funded prevention and early intervention initiatives include:

- SAFE START
- The NSW Children of Parents with a Mental Illness framework
- The NSW School-Link initiative
- Youth Mental Health Services
- The NSW Early Psychosis Program
- Mental Health Services for Older People
- NSW Suicide Prevention Strategy
• Drought Mental Health Assistance Package
• Mental Health First Aid workshops

*11363SCIENCE LABORATORY UPGRADES—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have the following NSW Government schools received science laboratory upgrades since 2003:
(a) Engadine High School;
(b) Heathcote High School;
(c) Gymea High School;
(d) Kirrawee High School;
(e) Port Hacking High School;
(f) Endeavour Sports High School;
(g) Menai High School;
(h) Lucas Heights Community School;
(i) Blakehurst High School;
(j) Kingsgrove High School;
(k) Kogarah High School;
(l) Sydney Technical High School;
(m) Beverly Hills High School;
(n) Georges River College;
(o) Penshurst Girls Campus;
(p) Moorefield Girls High School?
(2) If so, on what dates were these science laboratory upgrades completed?
(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—

(1) (a) Upgrade at Engadine High School currently scheduled to start in November 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (b) Upgrade at Heathcote High School currently scheduled to start in October 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (c) Upgrade at Gymea High School currently under construction.
(2) Anticipated completion September 2010.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (d) Upgrade at Kirrawee High School currently scheduled to start in September 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion November 2010.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (e) Yes.
(2) 17 March 2008.
(3) $1.22 million.
(1) (f) Yes.
(2) 15 September 2010.
(3) $894,000.
(1) (g) Upgrade at Menai High School currently scheduled to start in December 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (h) Upgrade at Lucas Heights Community School currently scheduled to start in November 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (i) Yes.
(2) 11 April 2008.
(3) Estimated total cost $1.124 million.
(1) (j) Yes.
(2) 19 February 2010.
(3) $1.025 million.
(1) (k) Yes.
(2) 9 June 2010.
(3) $837,000.
(1) (l) Upgrade at Sydney Technical High School currently under construction.
(2) Anticipated completion November 2010.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (m) Yes.
(2) 22 April 2010.
(3) $982,000.
(1) (n) and (o) No. (Note: questions (n) and (o) refer to the same school.)
(1) (p) Yes.
(2) 22 April 2010.
(3) $687,000.

*11364 TOILET BLOCK UPGRADES—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have the following NSW Government schools received toilet block upgrades:
   (a) Heathcote East Public School;
   (b) Heathcote Public School;
   (c) Sutherland Public School;
   (d) Connells Point Public School;
   (e) Oatley West Public School;
   (f) Peakhurst South Public School;
   (g) James Cook Boys High School?
(2) If so, on what dates were the toilet block upgrades completed?
(3) How much did each project cost?
Answer—
(1) to (3) Upgrade at Heathcote East Public School completed on 30 June 2008. Cost of project: $119,801.
   Upgrade at Heathcote Public School completed on 02 September 2009. Cost of project: $328,426.
   A new toilet block replaced an old one at Sutherland Public School; completed on 12 August 2010.
   Cost of project: $444,224.
   Upgrade at Oatley West Public School completed on 28 February 2008. Cost of project: $102,912.
   Upgrade at Peakhurst South Public School completed on 05 September 2008. Cost of project: $197,639.

*11365 REPLACEMENT OF DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have library facilities replaced demountables at Engadine Public School?
(2) If so, on what date was it replaced?
(3) How much did this project cost?
Answer—
(1) A new permanent library is currently under construction to replace the demountable library.
(2) The anticipated completion date is November 2010.
The estimated final cost of the new library is $1.01 million.

*11366TEACHERS ACCUSED OF INAPPROPRIATE DEALINGS WITH CHILDREN—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Can the Minister provide details of the number of teachers in New South Wales who are accused of inappropriate dealings with students?
(2) Of those accused in such matters, what percentages of the accused are found to be guilty of the accusations?
(3) How many matters cannot be determined due to lack of evidence?
(4) What percentage of those accused are proven to be innocent of the accusations?
(5) Are you aware of the numbers of accused teachers whose reputations have been ruined despite being found not guilty of the accusations?
(6) How many members of the teaching profession who have been thus accused have committed acts of self-harm or indeed suicide?
(7) Is the Minister aware that the Ombudsman's guidelines and the NSW legislation on Child Protection do not include the young students of the Regional Conservatoriums of Music?
(8) Are there any other organisations within NSW whose young members fall through the cracks of the legislation?
(9) If the students of such organisations are not covered by the legislation, does that mean that teachers of those students who are accused of inappropriate dealings with the students are also not protected by the legislation?
(10) Does this mean that one who is falsely accused, as is a statistical probability, is not protected from investigations?
(11) When a teacher, accused of inappropriate dealings with a student or students is exonerated, what action can that person take to ensure that their lives are returned to some semblance of normality?
(12) What action, if any, can be taken against the accuser when accusations are found to be false and malicious?
(13) What actions must be taken by an employer of that teacher to ensure that the accused is able to return to their employment immediately after the exoneration?
(14) Is the Minister aware that matters of teachers accused of inappropriate dealings with students can, under present state laws, be investigated by inexperienced personnel of the employer of the accused or designated investigators appointed by the employer?
(15) If an employer takes inappropriate actions within an investigative process, allowing for conflicts of interest to exist, what rights are available to the accused?
(16) What are the timelines for an investigation into teachers accused of inappropriate dealings with students?
(17) (a) Is the Minister aware that investigations carried out under the present guidelines can take several years to finalise?
   (b) Has there been a case where after four years a teacher, proven innocent of the accusations, was suspended without pay until destitute and forced, in a state of mental and physical degradation, to sign a deed of mutual release while unable to have any recourse under the NSW Child Protection Legislation?
(18) What timelines are enforced in other places such as the United Kingdom?
(19) In light of the possible destruction of reputations and lives, should such concerns be treated as a matter of urgency, investigated by experienced and well trained investigators to enable the falsely accused an opportunity to be reinstated in employment, reputation and self esteem?
(20) Is it appropriate that employers and/or agencies granted the right to investigate and report on matters of a reportable allegation against a teacher, are not held responsible for their breaches of the NSW Ombudsman's Working With Children legislation and the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) Act?
(21) Who monitors breaches of the Act and holds these agencies accountable?
(22) What measures have the agencies taken to address the following issues and what measures are available to the person subject of allegations (PSOA) in each instance:
   (a) Conflict of Interest;
   (b) Notifying CCYP before investigation is finalised, thus denying the PSOA his/her right to respond to the preliminary finding and any adverse comments;
   (c) Altering details and dates on documentation to support the conflict of interest;
   (d) Knowingly using altered documentation when reporting the matter to the CCYP;
   (e) Making false declarations and signing certifications in the knowledge that the information contained within is false, misleading and inappropriate;
(f) Not allowing the PSOA to respond to further alleged behaviour;
(g) Taking many months to notify the PSOA that an allegation was found to be false;
(h) Disregarding the testimony at interview of eyewitnesses when that testimony directly refutes the
accuser’s version of events;
(i) Conducting an interview with leading questions then using the false information to change the
original allegation;
(j) Not using the corroborating evidence of an eyewitness to the PSOA’s account, when making a
notification to the CCYP?

Answer—

(1) to (21) The Department of Education and Training has a legislative responsibility under the NSW
Ombudsman Act 1974 to consider all child protection allegations against employees referred to it.

These inquiries are managed by the Department’s Employee Performance and Conduct Directorate. All
matters referred to the Directorate are assessed, and appropriate action taken according to the standard of
information/evidence available.

All Departmental child protection investigators have either extensive child protection or teaching
experience. In addition, all Departmental child protection investigators receive formal investigation
training, attending a course in investigation conducted by an accredited university (or equivalent
training).

In the 12 month period ending 30 June 2010, 712 matters were referred to the Employee Performance
and Conduct Directorate (the Directorate) in relation to child protection allegations against teachers. Of
these, 592 matters have been finalised.

The Department of Education and Training does not make a finding of “guilty” in relation to outcomes of
child protection investigations. Under arrangements negotiated between the Department, relevant unions,
and the NSW Ombudsman the outcome of an investigation may find the allegations “sustained” or “not
sustained”.

Of the matters finalised in the 12 month period ending 30 June 2010, 62 per cent were found to be
sustained and 38 per cent were found to be not sustained.

The Department understands the impact such investigations can have on the parties involved and makes
every effort to resolve them in a procedurally fair and timely fashion. In the event that a teacher has been
removed from teaching duty, every effort is made to return them to their pre investigation duties once an
investigation is finalised and the conduct has not been sustained. This includes ensuring appropriate
support is provided through the Department’s Employee Assistance Program.

The timelines for advising a person the progress of an investigation conducted by the Department of
Education and Training are detailed in the Guidelines for Management of Conduct and Performance

If a person is not satisfied with an investigation of a child protection matter in the Department of
Education and Training, they can seek an internal review of the matter by requesting the same from the
Director, Employee Performance and Conduct. Should the person remain dissatisfied they can seek a
review from the NSW Ombudsman who has oversight of child protection matters in New South Wales.

Child protection investigations conducted by the Department of Education and Training are reviewed by
the NSW Ombudsman. In addition, the Ombudsman audits child protection matters on an annual basis to
ensure Departmental compliance with the Class or Kind Determination made by the NSW Ombudsman.

If there are concerns about the conduct of child protection investigations by the Department of Education
and Training, these concerns are appropriately referred to the NSW Ombudsman.

The Department of Education and Training is not responsible for the oversight of child protection
legislation in New South Wales.

(22) In relation to the responses to sub questions (a) to (j) of question (22), these questions appear to refer
to possible corrupt conduct by investigators. All matters of corrupt conduct are required to be referred to
the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

In addition to referring concerns about the conduct of the investigation to the NSW Ombudsman, I
suggest that any details regarding these concerns also be referred immediately to the Independent
Commission Against Corruption.

*11367BREAKFAST ON THE BRIDGE—Mr Jonathan O’Dea asked the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the
Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—
(1) What is the budgeted expenditure (including public services in kind) for the 2010 Breakfast on the Bridge event?
(2) Given your statement last year that the Breakfast on the Bridge was a "once in a lifetime" event, and the reported oversubscribed demand for free tickets last year, what measures are being taken to ensure that those who received tickets last year receive a lower priority for tickets this year than those who apply this year, but did not receive tickets last year?

Answer—
I am advised:
The 2010 Breakfast on the Bridge event falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Major Events. As such, this question should be referred to the Hon Kevin Greene MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Major Events.
Tourism NSW supports events with advertising in domestic and international markets as part the new tourism campaigns launched in April this year.
Under the campaigns, the NSW Government is investing around $22 million with industry each year over the next three years to promote Sydney and regional NSW.
Tourism NSW is promoting Breakfast on the Bridge as part of the Crave Sydney International Food Festival through television, print, digital media and public relations activity in domestic markets and in regional NSW.

*11368SHERIFF’S OFFICERS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many sworn, uniformed and ranked Sheriff's Officers are in the Office of the Sheriff?
(2) How many Sheriff's Officers are employed in each of the regions in NSW?
(3) What are the service standards for civil law enforcement, including response time following application for a writ of execution?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) and (2) Staff numbers are published in the Department of Justice and Attorney General Annual Report.
(3) On receipt of a civil enforcement process from the court, the Sheriff's Office will attempt to make contact with the defendant within seven days to serve the document or enforce the order.

*11369DEFENCE SPENDING—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) Is the media release dated 4 June 2010 from the NSW Department of Industry & Investment accurate in indicating that:
   (a) Federal Government spending on defence over the next 10 years is expected to grow to over $100 billion;
   (b) the Commonwealth currently spends around $1 billion per year on the acquisition and sustainment of defence material in NSW?
(2) What is the current value of defence contracts awarded across Australia?
(3) What share of the total Australian spend was attracted to NSW for the years:
   (a) 2006;
   (b) 2007;
   (c) 2008;
   (d) 2009?

Answer—
I am advised:
The media release is accurate. According to the Defence Portfolio Budget Statements 2009-10, the Defence Materiel Organisation's annual budget was in excess of $11.85 billion, of which an estimated 57 per cent was expected to be spent in Australia.
The total defence spend by State is not published. However, it is estimated that 20-25 per cent of the defence in-country spend in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 was made in NSW. This is based on data collected from a 2009 industry survey conducted on behalf of the NSW Government and the proportion of defence sector employees residing in NSW.
(1) (a) Given that RTA highway guidelines stipulate that highway interchanges should be no less than 10 kms apart, why is the proposed Bangalow interchange less than half that distance from the proposed Ewingsdale interchange?

(b) Why was this matter not raised in your Director-General's Environmental Assessment Report dated January 2010 under s751 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?

(2) (a) What is the cost of the proposed motorway interchange at Bangalow?

(b) What is the financial cost-benefit of the interchange given that the existing highway already has an interchange and the new one is an additional cost of the new motorway?

(c) How does the Minister justify this extra cost?

(3) When does the Minister intend to respond to the petition of the 1015 Bangalow citizens against the proposed motorway interchange at Bangalow and their strong arguments against the interchange?

(4) Given when the RTA announced plans for the T2E motorway in 2006 the project was sold to the local community on the basis that there were to be only two interchanges - one at the southern end (Ross Lane) and one at the northern end (Ewingsdale), why were those plans later amended in 2008 by adding in two additional interchanges at Bangalow and at Ivy Lane?

(5) Given there were 240 objections to the T2E Ivy Lane intersection and that intersection was subsequently dropped by the RTA, and given there were 172 objections to the Bangalow interchange yet they have been ignored:

(a) Why?

(b) What change in the RTA's plans can be expected from the 1,015 person petition tabled in the Legislative Council on 19 May?

(6) (a) Why was the proposed Ivy Lane interchange removed?

(b) Why was the proposed Bangalow interchange left in?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) The guidelines are strategic objectives and, as stated, are a guide rather than a requirement. Spacing is a factor, but it is not always the primary consideration.

For the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade, the Bangalow interchange was designed to retain the status quo as well as allow the RTA to satisfactorily manage incidents, maintenance of the St Helena tunnel and provide some dangerous goods vehicles not permitted through the tunnel with alternate access via the old highway and the Bangalow interchange.

Please note there are other sections of highway presently being upgraded (eg Sapphire to Woolgoolga and Ballina Bypass) which have interchanges spaced at less than 10 km apart.

The upgraded interchange at Bangalow forms an integral part of the incident management system for the proposed tunnel at St Helena Hill. The existing Pacific Highway, together with the Bangalow and Ewingsdale interchanges on the upgraded highway, will provide for the safe management of an alternative access route to the tunnel. This route also provides an alternative for a number of heavy vehicles either oversize or dangerous goods that would be unable to use the tunnel on the upgraded section of the highway.

(b) This is a matter for the Department of Planning. The interchanges for the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade were well documented in the project's environmental assessment.

(2) (a) While there has been no itemised estimate prepared just for the two ramps, it is likely that they would cost around $4 million. Most of the work planned at this interchange location will be required to reinstate the local road network and connections. The actual interchange is achieved through the provision of two ramp connections between the new highway and Bangalow Road.

(b) The highway upgrade provides similar arrangements to those of the existing interchange at this location. The major benefit is that it forms part of an alternative route for dangerous goods who cannot use the new tunnel and other road users in the event of an incident in the tunnel. It also allows locals and visitors to the Bangalow area to make use of a newly upgraded highway between Bangalow and Ross Lane.

(c) Costs for the interchange are not in addition to the project scope included in the project's approval, which was granted by the NSW Minister of Planning. The project was then determined by
the RTA's Chief Executive to be built in line with that project approval, with construction to be complete by mid 2014 to meet the Federal Government commitment.

(3) My response to the Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC was sent on 24 September 2010.

(4) Based on feedback received from the community and the RTA's own design development for the preferred route, it was determined to provide half interchanges at Bangalow and at Ivy Lane.

The highway access strategy displayed in 2008 outlined the inclusion of the interchanges. The feedback from the community on the strategic access report (2008) identified concerns about traffic through Bangalow and the highway upgrade not addressing the traffic from Byron Bay to Lismore. The submissions focused on a southern bypass of Bangalow which led to the RTA carrying out a feasibility study. Substantial feedback was not received on the removal of the interchange at that stage.

(5) (a) The objections made in submissions were considered and the responses in the submissions report for the environmental assessment clearly identify the following:

- An interchange already exists in the location of the proposed Bangalow interchange. The proposed interchange would replicate the function of the existing interchange.
- Most of the elements of the new interchange would be further from nearby residents than the existing interchange (particularly the northbound off-ramp).
- The new interchange would have additional elements, most notably a roundabout at the same level as the existing highway.
- The RTA considers that with appropriate noise and landscape treatment the Bangalow interchange can be implemented with minimal impact on nearby residents. The noise modelling undertaken for the environmental assessment included the Bangalow interchange. The results of the modelling indicate that with the identified noise reduction measures, there would be an improvement in noise levels in Clover Hill.

(b) While the RTA will continue to work with communities on any refinements to the approved design, the interchange at Bangalow must remain as it forms an integral part of the incident management system for the proposed tunnel at St Helena Hill.

(6)

(a) Ivy lane was opposed by all but one stakeholder during the preparation and display of environmental assessment. The decision was based on an assessment of a number of elements, including that the removal of Ivy Lane interchange will reduce the overall environmental impacts of the proposed upgrade.

(b) Removing the proposed interchange would deny Bangalow a similar interchange that performs well now in servicing the township and greatly assists the RTA in managing incidents, as well as the future maintenance of the St Helena tunnel. In addition, some dangerous goods vehicles would not be permitted to travel through the tunnel and the interchange provides alternative access via the old highway.

**11371BANGALOW INTERCHANGE—**Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) What notice is taken of the view of local residents and businesses in your Department's consideration of project proposals such as the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade, specifically the Bangalow interchange which was not in the original proposal put before the RTA's community consultation groups and now has a 1015 person petition against it?

(2) Does your Department have any plans to review the decision to build the Bangalow interchange even though it adds millions of dollars more to the cost of the project, essentially a duplication of what's already there, and the great majority of the Bangalow community don't want it as amplified by an anti-Bangalow interchange petition signed by 1015 people and submitted to Parliament last May?

**Answer—**

(1) The Department of Planning's consideration of the Bangalow interchange is detailed in the Director-General's Environmental Assessment Report located on the Department of Planning's website.

(2) This is a matter for the Roads and Traffic Authority. Any request by the RTA to modify the Minister's decision on this matter would be treated on its merits.

**11372MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—**Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Will the Minister provide an update regarding the promised Mental Health Unit at Griffith Base Hospital?
(2) How much will the mental health unit cost?
Answer—
I am advised that:
(1) and (2) A non acute unit at Griffith remains a priority on the forward NSW Health Capital Program.
The project cost will be reviewed and updated at the appropriate time.

*11373SMOKING ON NSW TAFE GROUNDS—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) What is the NSW Department of Education and Training’s policy regarding smoking on TAFE grounds in NSW?
(2) Are there designated areas for smokers to smoke in?
(3) Are these designated areas for smokers adhered to by teachers and students?
(4) Given that thousands of NSW students from Year 10 onwards attend TAFE campuses each week for the TVET program, School Certificate courses and indeed all other courses, how does the DET manage the possibility that these students could be smoking?
(5) Given that TAFE also offers early childhood courses with practical training by holding playgroups on campuses, how does the DET manage the possibility of these children inhaling damaging secondary smoke?
Answer—
(1) to (5) TAFE NSW complies with the Smoke-Free Environment Act 2000 and the Smoke-Free Environment Regulation 2007 which specify that smoking is not permitted in any enclosed public places including schools, colleges and childcare centres.
All TAFE NSW Institutes have local guidelines, procedures and workforce development plans reflecting the requirements of the Act. This ensures staff can respond appropriately and effectively should any alcohol or other drug-related issue arise in the learning and work environment.
TAFE NSW also complies with the Department of Education and Training’s Code of Conduct which requires that staff must not give or provide students under the age of eighteen, including TVET students, with tobacco or tobacco products, or encourage the use of tobacco by these students.

*11374SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) When will school zone flashing lights be installed within the Yenda Public School precinct?
(2) How much will this cost?
(3) How long will the installation take?
Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (3) The RTA is currently finalising new school zone sites for the installation of flashing lights in 2011. The selection of new sites is based on stringent criteria including crash history and risk, traffic and pedestrian volumes, speed limits, road environment and visibility. This is to ensure that flashing lights are installed at those schools that need them most. All schools in NSW, including the schools at Yenda, will be considered against these criteria.
As different treatments are available for different sites, the cost per site can vary. The minimum number of flashing lights signs per school zone is two, for which the average cost is $19,000.

*11375BANORA POINT UPGRADE—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to employment created from the Banora Point upgrade in the Tweed electorate:
(1) Are contractors required to employ local residents?
(2) What is the number of local jobs that have been created from this project?
(3) Of the total number of jobs created, how many employees are local residents?
Answer—
I am advised:
While there is no specific requirement that contractors employ local residents, the usual experience on road construction projects is that many locals are employed directly or benefit from spending in the local area.

The upgrade is expected to create about 290 direct and 900 indirect jobs on average for each year of construction. Of the 250 people currently on site, 90 have been employed from the local regional area. The Banora Point Upgrade Alliance, which is responsible for construction of the project, has also contracted 81 subcontractors so far for the upgrade works and these subcontractors also employ individuals from the local area. These numbers are expected to increase as construction activities continue toward their peak.

*11376 NEW POLICE BOAT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What is the number of officers who are qualified to operate the new Tweed police boat that is stationed in the Tweed?

(2) How many times has the boat been used for water police operations?

Answer—
This matter should be referred to the Minister for Police.

*11377 BOAT LICENCES—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the total number of boat licences in the Tweed Local Government Area in the following categories:

(a) General Licence;
(b) General Young Adult Licence;
(c) Personal Watercraft Licence (PWC);
(d) Young Adult PWC?

Answer—
NSW Maritime does not collate the information requested according to Local Government Areas. The figures provided below approximate the number of boat licences based on the postcodes in the Tweed Shire Council Area as outlined on the Division of Local Government website.

(a) 5,686
(b) 58
(c) 551
(d) 8

*11378 FAULTY WATER METER—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) When did the water meter at the Government Office building in Penrith first develop a fault?

(2) What were the names of the two corporations fined in the first 12 months of covert camera trial and surveillance operations after they were caught illegally accessing restricted drinking catchment land?

Answer—
The Government Office building in Penrith is managed by the State Property Authority. This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, Infrastructure and Lands.

*11379 INSTALLATION OF SHOWER ROSES—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given that according to the September "Energy Efficiency Scheme" newsletter you are currently reviewing shower rose replacement programs:

(1) What is the largest number of shower roses reportedly installed at one address under the Energy Efficiency Scheme?

(2) How many instances occurred "where a seemingly excessive number of shower roses have been installed at a single residential premise"?

(3) How many properties had claims lodged by more than one Accredited Certificate Provider (ACP) for installation at a single address?
(4) What is the total number of shower roses that were claimed more than once?
(5) How many shower rose installers were flagged as being employed by more than one ACP for the same time period?

Answer—

(1) to (5) I refer the Member to my response to Written Question 10551.

*11380SHOWER ROSE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given that according to the September "Energy Efficiency Scheme" newsletter you are currently reviewing shower rose replacement programs:

(1) How long has the shower rose replacement program review been going for?
(2) Do you agree with the EES newsletter that says "uncertainty has mainly arisen because of the ongoing Minister's Review of shower rose replacement programs"?
(3) Given your advice that "all Energy Savings Scheme compliance matters are a matter for the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal" (Question 10551), why are you reviewing the shower rose replacement program?

Answer—

(1) The Review on the replacement of showerhead activities in the Energy Savings Scheme was announced in May 2010.
(2) The NSW Government is aware of the need for a timely response.
(3) The review is focused on analysing the evidence about showerhead trends in NSW, identifying options for changing the current default savings factor values for showerhead replacements in order to strengthen the Scheme; and considering the impacts on the overall Scheme and participants of adjustments to showerhead activities.

*11381STATE LIBRARY ACQUISITION BUDGET—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

(1) What is the acquisition budget for books for the State Library of New South Wales in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11?
(2) What is the acquisition budget of online and digital collections for the State Library of New South Wales in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11?
(3) What is the acquisition budget of periodicals for the State Library of New South Wales in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised that the acquisition budget for books, electronic resources and periodicals for the State Library of New South Wales for 2009-10 and 2010-11 is $6.94 million.

*11382UNPLANNED HOSPITAL READMISSIONS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

At the below mentioned hospitals and separated for the months of July 2010 and August 2010, how many unplanned hospital readmissions were there:

(a) for patients discharged from hospital within the previous 48 hours;
(b) for patients discharged from hospital within the previous 48 hours who were elective surgery patients;
(c) for patients discharged from hospital within the previous 28 days;
(d) for patients discharged from hospital within the previous 28 days who were elective surgery patients?

• Bathurst Base Hospital
• Blacktown Hospital
• Bowral Hospital
• Camden Hospital
Answer—
It is an unreasonable diversion of Health resources to provide the level of data being requested, when Health funds should properly be used to treat patients.

*11383INCIDENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

At the below mentioned hospitals and separated for the months of July 2010 and August 2010, how many types of incidents were reported on the Incident Information Management System (IIMS) for:

(a) Falls;
(b) Medication incidents;
(c) Clinical Management;
(d) Aggression;
(e) Behaviour;
(f) Documentation;
(g) Pressure Ulcers;
(h) Accident/occupation health and safety;
(i) Organisation management;
(j) Medical device/equipment/property?

• Bathurst Base Hospital
• Blacktown Hospital
• Bowral Hospital
• Camden Hospital
• Campbelltown Hospital
• Concord Hospital
• Fairfield Hospital
• Gosford Hospital
• John Hunter Hospital
• Liverpool Hospital
• Nepean Hospital
• Orange Base Hospital
• Prince of Wales Hospital
• Ryde Hospital
• Royal North Shore Hospital
• St George Hospital
• Shellharbour Hospital
• Shoalhaven Hospital
• Sutherland Hospital
• Westmead Hospital
• Wollongong Hospital
• Wyong Hospital.
Wyong Hospital.

Answer—
I am advised:
In relation to clinical incidents, the NSW Department of Health, in conjunction with the Clinical Excellence Commission, publish statewide bi-annual reports that present clinical incident data which has been reported through the Incident Information Management System (IIMS).

These reports highlight key trends and data such as the IIMS notifications received by month, severity assessment code and by principal incident type and are listed on the NSW Health website and copies of the reports can be found at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/incidentmgt/reports.asp

For occupational health and safety incidents the Annual Reports (Departments) Regulation 2010, requires all government agencies to include information about their OH&S performance in their Annual Reports. This includes details of work related injuries, work related illnesses and prosecutions under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000.

*11384NURSING OVERTIME AND AGENCY NURSES COSTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

At the below mentioned hospitals and separated for the months of July 2010 and August 2010, what was the individual cost of nursing overtime and individual cost of agency nurses?

- Bathurst Base Hospital
- Blacktown Hospital
- Bowral Hospital
- Camden Hospital
- Campbelltown Hospital
- Concord Hospital
- Fairfield Hospital
- Gosford Hospital
- John Hunter Hospital
- Liverpool Hospital
- Nepean Hospital
- Orange Base Hospital
- Prince of Wales Hospital
- Ryde Hospital
- Royal North Shore Hospital
- St George Hospital
- Shellharbour Hospital
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- Sutherland Hospital
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- Wollongong Hospital
- Wyong Hospital.

Answer—
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Camden Hospital's cost information is reported under Campbelltown Hospital.

*11385"SEE WHERE IT TAKES YOU" CAMPAIGN—Mr George Souris asked the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

(1) When and where was the "See Where It Takes You Campaign" launched?
(2) What is the total expenditure/budget allocation for this campaign broken down by calendar/financial year?
(3) How much money has been spent since the commencement of this campaign:
   (a) in total across all NSW areas;
   (b) for aspects of the campaign specifically targeting tourism in rural and regional NSW, i.e. excluding Newcastle, Sydney and the Illawarra?
(4) In which markets has the campaign been running and what are the details?
(5) Across which media channels has the campaign been running and what are the details?
Answer—
I am advised:
In April 2010, the NSW Government launched the new "See where it takes you" campaign for regional NSW which is worth an expected $12 million a year for three years including industry investment.
The new campaign promotes regional NSW in key interstate markets and in New Zealand. The campaign has been running in Queensland, Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory and in New Zealand and has also appeared in NSW markets including Sydney.

The "See where it takes you" campaign has featured across a range of media including television, digital, print, radio and outdoor advertising.

Sydney is promoted separately through the "Syndicity" campaign.

The tourism industry is an important driver for the NSW economy. It injects around $28 billion a year into the State's economy and directly supports 162,500 jobs.

This new campaign demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to growing tourism in NSW and supporting this important industry.

*11386MONA VALE HOSPITAL MATERNITY WARD—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In reference to Mona Vale Hospital's maternity ward:

(1) Has the Pittwater community been consulted on the midwifery group practice model proposed for Mona Vale Hospital?
(2) If the answer to question (1) is yes:
   (a) When was this consultation undertaken?
   (b) What were the outcomes of this consultation?
(3) If the answer to question (1) is no, why not?
(4) Have the obstetricians who previously serviced Mona Vale Hospital's maternity unit been consulted on the midwifery group practice model proposed for Mona Vale Hospital?
(5) If the answer to question (4) is yes:
   (a) When was this consultation undertaken?
   (b) What were the outcomes of this consultation?
(6) If the answer to question (4) is no, why not?
(7) Have the Mona Vale Hospital midwives temporarily transferred to Manly Hospital been consulted on the midwifery group practice model proposed for Mona Vale Hospital?
(8) If the answer to question (7) is yes:
   (a) When was this consultation undertaken?
   (b) What were the outcomes of this consultation?
(9) If the answer to question (7) is no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (9) Various groups have been consulted about the proposed model of care for Mona Vale Hospital's maternity service. Further consultation will be completed as part of a detailed planning process for the proposed model of care. The Garling Report, which recommended a continuity of midwifery carer model of care, which was endorsed and supported in the formal response by the NSW Government "Caring Together: The Health Action Plan for NSW", was also subject to extensive community consultation.

*11387TRANSIT SECURITY GUARDS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) What was the total number of transit security guards employed by Sydney Buses as at 31 August 2010?
(2) What was the total number of transit security guards assigned to Contract Region 8 as at 31 August 2010?
(3) On which bus routes and at what times do these transit security guards operate?
(4) Are there any plans to increase the number of transit security guards assigned to Contract Region 8?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) State Transit deployed 59 security guards for Sydney Buses bus services and depots across the four State Transit Sydney metropolitan Contract Regions as at 31 August 2010.
(2) As at 31 August 2010, the total number of security guards assigned to Contract Region 8 was 15. Additionally, as at 31 August 2010, there were two teams of 4 State Transit Revenue Protection Officers assigned to Contract Region 8. Revenue Protection Officers have all the powers that are held by security guards. Revenue Protection Officers may also be tasked as required to work with Police on bus security Police Operations.

(3) and (4) The deployment of security patrols is regularly assessed by Sydney Buses, including for Contract Region 8, to ensure that coverage is as effective as possible. Deployment of guards can be varied to target "hot spots". Sydney Buses works closely with the NSW Police to boost security on Northern Beaches public transport services and to develop strategies to make bus travel safer.

*11388BIRTHS AT MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What was the total number of women to give birth at Manly Hospital in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11 year to date?

(2) Of the total number of women to give birth at Manly Hospital, how many delivered via caesarean section in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11 year to date?

(3) Has there been an increase in the number of women giving birth via caesarean section at Manly Hospital?

(4) If the answer to question (3) is yes, what is the reason for this increase?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The total number of women giving birth at Manly Hospital:
   (a) 2007-08: 894
   (b) 2008-09: 939
   (c) 2009-10: 1,336
   (d) 2010-11 year to date: 208 (as at 31 August 2010).

(2) The total number of women to give birth at Manly Hospital via caesarean section:
   (a) 2007-08: 211
   (b) 2008-09: 277
   (c) 2009-10: 398
   (d) 2010-11 year to date: 50 (as at 31 August 2010).

(3) and (4) The overall number of women giving birth by caesarean section has increased since 2007-08. The percentage of caesarean sections increased slightly between 2007-08 and 2008-09, then remained stable between the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 and is lower in 2010-11, as at 31 August 2010.

*11389SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many customers in the following suburbs are participating in the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme:

   (a) Akuna Bay;
   (b) Avalon;
   (c) Bayview;
   (d) Bilgola;
   (e) Bungan Beach;
   (f) Careel Bay;
   (g) Church Point;
   (h) Clareville;
   (i) Collaroy;
   (j) Cottage Point;
   (k) Duffs Forest;
(l) Elanora Heights;
(m) Elvina Bay;
(n) Great Mackerel Beach;
(o) Ingleside;
(p) Lovett Bay;
(q) Mona Vale;
(r) Narrabeen;
(s) Newport;
(t) North Narrabeen;
(u) Palm Beach;
(v) Scotland Island;
(w) Terrey Hills;
(x) Towlers Bay;
(y) Warriewood;
(z) Whale Beach?

Answer—

(a) to (z) Information regarding participation in the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme will be tabled in Parliament at the conclusion of the review which is currently underway.

*11390PROPOSED FRENCHS FOREST HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Has any research been undertaken into the transport infrastructure needed to cater for the proposed Frenchs Forest Hospital?
(2) If the answer to question (1) is yes:
   (a) What were the findings of this research?
   (b) When was this research conducted?
(3) If the answer to question (1) is no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) The initial planning process for the selection of the Frenchs Forest site, and preparation of the Strategic Procurement Plan included consideration of transport connectivity to the site and, at a preliminary level, the likely infrastructure needs for the site.

This included a preliminary consideration of the short- and medium-term implications for both the integration of public transport on the site and vehicular traffic planning to and around the site.

The next stage of the planning process, the Project Definition Plan, will provide a detailed study of the transport infrastructure needed for the proposed Hospital.

*11391PATIENT TRANSFER COSTS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What was the total cost of transferring patients by NSW Ambulance between Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital in:
   (a) 2008-09;
   (b) 2009-10;
   (c) 2010-11 year to date?
(2) How many patients were transferred between Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital in:
   (a) 2008-09;
   (b) 2009-10;
   (c) 2010-11 year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The total costs of transferring patients by NSW Ambulance between Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital for the periods nominated are:
   (a) 2008-09 - $136,589
   (b) 2009-10 - $117,219
   (c) up to 31 July 2010 - $11,541

(2) The number of patients transferred between Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital for the periods
nominated are:
(a) 2008-09 - 218
(b) 2009-10 - 177
(c) up to 31 July 2010 - 17

*11392 TRUCK DRIVER FATIGUE MANAGEMENT—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to the RTA's training package to help truck drivers manage fatigue:
(1) What is the RTA's total expenditure/budget allocation for this training package?
(2) Has the training package yet been made available to truck drivers?
   (a) If yes:
      (i) When was the new training package launched?
      (ii) How many truck drivers have been trained thus far, broken down by month?
      (iii) What is the total cost of the training program?
   (b) If no, why not?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) and (2) The training package is being developed by a working group comprising representatives of the Roads and Traffic Authority, WorkCover NSW, the Transport Workers' Union, National Road Transport Operators' Association (NatRoad), Australian Trucking Association of NSW and the Livestock and Bulk Carriers' Association of NSW. It is anticipated the training package will be finalised in October 2010.

*11393 POINT TO POINT SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many point to point speed cameras are currently installed on NSW roads?
(2) How many heavy vehicle drivers have been caught committing the following offences since March 2010:
   (a) driving on the wrong side of the road;
   (b) tailgating;
   (c) turning their lights off at night?
(3) How many penalty notices have been issued for heavy vehicles caught speeding by point to point cameras since March 2010:
   (a) broken down by month;
   (b) broken down by location?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) There are currently two lengths of road which have had "point-to-point" average speed detection devices installed. These are located on:
   • Pacific Highway between New Italy and Harwood.
   • Great Western Highway between Raglan and Meadow Flat
(2) These offences are required to be witnessed by a Class 1 Authorised Officer (currently only Police Officers or SDRO) for action to be taken. This information is held by the SDRO.
(3) Both the currently installed systems are in Warning Letter period with no infringements issued in the period nominated. Sixty nine warning letters have been sent to heavy vehicle drivers who will now be subject to close scrutiny by the RTA.

*11394 AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Using the most recent statistics held by the RTA, what are the average daily traffic volumes for each of the following major road corridors:
(a) Princes Highway;
(b) M5 Motorway;
(c) M4 CityWest Link;
(d) Victoria Road;
(e) M2 Motorway - Harbour Tunnel;
(f) F3 Freeway - Harbour Bridge;
(g) Pittwater Road - Harbour Tunnel?

Answer—
I am advised:
The information is contained in the Road and Traffic Authorities Annual Report.

*11395BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—EDUCATION—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In Budget Paper No. 4 the following items appear:

(1) At page 4.16
(a) Building Better Schools - new high school gymnasium
(b) Building Better Schools - new primary school halls
(c) Connected classrooms
(d) Electronic document and record system

(2) At page 4.17
(a) Learn to trade - trade schools
(b) Learning management and business reform project

(3) At page 4.18
(a) Statewide Demountable Replacement Program 2008-09
(b) Statewide Demountable Replacement Program 2009-10
(c) Statewide Gymnasium and Halls Program 2008-09
(d) Building the Education Revolution - Primary schools for the 21st century
(e) Building the Education Revolution - Science and language centres for the 21st century (secondary schools)
(f) Digital Education Revolution
(g) National Solar Schools Program
(h) Trade Training Centres

(4) At page 4.19
(a) Minor works:
(i) Building Better Schools
(ii) Technology for Learning
(iii) Principal's Priority Building Program
(iv) School infrastructure upgrades
(v) Other minor works
(b) Learning Management and Business Reform Project - student administration and learning management system
(c) TAFE - learning systems 2010-11

(5) At page 4.20
Learn or earn - trade schools

How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

Answer—

(1) (a) No allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(b) No allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(c) Connected Classrooms is a four year, State-wide program that is improving information technology resources for all students in government schools in NSW, including those in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(d) State-wide program to improve system practices.

(2) (a) No allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(b) State-wide program to improve system practices.

(3) (a) No allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(b) No allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(c) No allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(d) Refer to the NSW BER-IPO website for school specific project details.
(e) Refer to the NSW BER-IPO website for school specific project details.
(f) The Digital Education Revolution program is providing an individual laptop to all senior secondary government school students and their teachers, including those in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(g) State-wide program, no specific allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(h) State-wide program, no specific allocations for schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.
(4) (a) (i) to (v) $50,000 funding allocated in the Principal's Priority Building Program for a sewerage and stormwater upgrade at Nabiac Public School.
   (b) See (2) (b).
   (c) Statewide program, no specific allocations for the Myall Lakes electorate.
(5) No allocations for the Myall Lakes electorate.

*11396BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—HOUSING—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

In Budget Paper No. 4 the following items appear:

(1) At page 4.72
   (a) Administration assets information technology projects
   (b) Crisis accommodation
   (c) Crisis accommodation asset improvements

(2) At page 4.73
   (a) Office accommodation and administration assets
   (b) Social housing - new supply
   (c) Social housing asset improvements (including nation building bed sit upgrades)
   (d) Crisis accommodation
   (e) National building economic stimulus plan stage 2
   (f) Minor works

   How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?

   Answer—

   A number of the entries on the list refer to administrative items, such as IT and office accommodation, which are not specific to any particular area. In the Myall Lakes electorate, a total of $14.739 million has been allocated in 2010-11. The bulk of this funding is to complete Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan projects.

*11397BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—TRANSPORT—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In Budget Paper No. 4 the following items appear:

(1) At page 4.53
   Charter vessel wharves - upgrade program
(2) At page 4.58
   (a) Assets and facilities safety and security
   (b) Automatic train protection
   (c) Customer/staff safety security and station facilities
   (d) Digital train radio
(3) At page 4.59
   (a) Easy access project development
   (b) Information communications technology support system
   (c) Level crossing upgrade
   (d) Network communication system
(e) Passenger information
(f) Passenger initiated egress
(g) Plant and equipment acquisition
(h) Power supply
(i) Rolling stock upgrade
(j) Signalling improvements

(4) At page 4.60
(a) XPT refurbishment
(b) Asset maintenance works
(c) Other minor works
(d) Bridge renewals
(e) Conversion to continuous welded track
(f) Level crossing surface upgrades
(g) Rerailing
(h) Steel resleepering
(i) Minor works

(5) At page 4.61
Signalling train control systems
How much money under each item will be allocated to the Myall Lakes electorate and for what specific programs?
Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (5) Transport NSW does not allocate funding by electorates. Budget allocations for public transport improvements and maintenance for items such as easy access, level crossings, XPT refurbishment, bridge renewals, rerailing and train signalling have network wide benefits.

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*11398PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

(1) How many dwellings, for the purpose of social/public housing, are currently being constructed in the Mount Druitt electorate?
(2) What are the locations of these dwellings?
Answer—
(1) 8 projects totalling 191 dwellings
(2) Mount Druitt, Bidwill, Blackett and Willmot

*11399FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Is the Government funding a roll out of flashing lights for school zones around the State?
(2) What has been the result of any assessments of the effectiveness of these lights to protect children and other pedestrians near schools?
(3) How many schools in the Mount Druitt electorate will have these lights by the end of the current financial year?
Answer—
I am advised:
(1) In 2007, the NSW Government committed a $46.5 million roll-out program of flashing lights. Under this program, 400 school zones will have flashing lights installed at a rate of 100 school zone sites a year.
(2) In May 2006, the NSW Government started trialling flashing lights alert systems at 100 schools to increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones.
The results from a field assessment found the school zone speed alert systems were statistically effective in alerting motorists to 40km/h speed zones, causing them to reduce their speed at these sites.

Over the course of a 12 week period, the evaluation group found:

- Flashing light treatments reduced motorists' speed both on approach and within school zones, with traffic entering the school zone 7.4 km/h slower after the treatments were installed.
- The treatments improved speed limit compliance by 20 per cent.

(3) On Thursday 26 August 2010, I announced the next 75 school zones to receive the school zone speed alert systems by the start of the first school term in 2011. The following school zones in Mount Druitt electorate will receive flashing lights as part of the recent announcement:

- Chifley College Bidwill Campus / Bidwill Public School.
- Hebersham Public School.
- Plumpton House School.
- Chifley College Shalvey Campus.

The following sites were installed prior to 30 June 2010:

- Eastern Creek Public School.
- Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus / Dawson Public School.

It is to be noted that the RTA is currently finalising the remaining school zone sites for installation of school zone speed alert systems in the second half of the current financial year.

*11400ALBURY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) When was the last OH&S audit conducted on the Albury Ambulance Station in Dean Street?
(2) What were the findings of the audit in respect of the following:
   (a) Identification of safety-related issues;
   (b) Provision of adequate sleeping or rest areas;
   (c) Provision of appropriate and gender-separate toilet and shower facilities;
   (d) Provision of adequate safe parking and entry/exit points for ambulances and related vehicles;
   (e) Conformity with guidelines for the size and layout of the building in respect of the number of officers working in the station, office accommodation, clothing and equipment storage and preparation areas, briefing and communication rooms and other facilities?
(3) What deficiencies (if any) have been rectified since the audit?
(4) When will a fresh OH&S audit be conducted on workplace conditions in the Albury Ambulance Station?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The last OH&S audit of Albury Ambulance Station was in August 2010. Relevant findings included potential trip and fall hazards and obstructions in the wash bay in the plant room. Work is in progress to rectify this issue. The audit also identified a potential future refurbishment of the unisex staff toilet facilities. Another OH&S audit is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2010, with OH&S issues monitored by local managers during regular station inspections.

*11401FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Which schools in the Albury electorate have had school zone flashing lights installed?
(2) Which schools in the Albury electorate are listed for installation of flashing lights?
(3) What is the timetable for installation of flashing lights at these schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The following schools in the Albury electorate have had school zone flashing lights installed:
- Albury North Public School / Xavier High School / James Fallon High School - Mate Street at Albury.
- Albury Public School / St Patrick's Parish School - Smollett Street at Albury.
- Thurgoona Public School - Thurgoona Drive at Albury.
- Scots School - Young Street (Old Hume Highway) at Albury.
- Lavington Public School / Meadowbank Education Trust School - Urana Road at Albury.
- Corowa Public School - Honour Avenue (Main Road 86) at Corowa.
(2) The Scots School at Borella Road, Albury was included in the recently announced latest round of schools to receive flashing lights.

(3) All sites announced in the latest round for installation should be fitted with flashing lights by the start of the first school term in 2011, weather permitting.

*11402EXTENSION OF LIGHT RAIL NETWORK—Ms Gladys Berejiklian asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the State Government's plans regarding the extension of the light rail:

(1) What action has been taken to ensure the light rail network will be accessible for commuters with a disability?

(2) (a) Will the network be wheelchair accessible?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The NSW Government will require that any extension to the light rail system incorporates appropriate access for commuters with a disability. Easy access - including lifts, ramps and tactile strips - will be provided at all stops and there will be level access from the stops onto the light rail cars. Transport NSW's website provides details on the NSW Government's Accessible Transport Action Plan and other useful information, including Disability Standards under the Commonwealth's Disability Discrimination Act 1992, which can be found at:


(2) (a) Yes.

(b) Not applicable.

*11403MOBILE COMMAND UNITS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

Given your advice the Malabar Police Station was closed on 30 June 2009 and that all first response policing for the Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, which includes Malabar, is tasked from the Local Area Command headquarters in Maroubra (Question 6820), and that the 2010-2011 NSW Police budget includes increased funding for 25 mobile command units:

(1) Will the Maroubra Local Area Command receive any additional mobile command units?

(2) If so, will those mobile command units focus policing on areas formerly serviced by the Malabar Police Station, including La Perouse, Philip Bay, Little Bay, Malabar, Matraville and Chifley?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that allocation of all 25 new mobile police command units has not yet been completed. Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command, which includes Maroubra, already has a mobile command unit which is used throughout the Command.

*11404WILLIAM STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to William Street, East Sydney traffic management and given advice it is not possible to configure the William Street road network to entirely accommodate the level of demand during peak times, and that traffic flow efficiency on William Street is dependent on the coordinated operation of traffic signals across the network (Question 5785):

What level of demand must be reached on the William Street road network before the road network is re-configured to entirely accommodate the significant volume of traffic, particularly during peak hours?

Answer—

I am advised:

The traffic signals along William Street as well as other traffic signal sites in the CBD area form part of the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS). The green time for each phase or movement as well as the coordination offset time between the start of the green signals at each intersection along William Street is allocated by SCATS. These automatic changes are determined by measured traffic demand and density at each intersection and are continually updated; therefore, the green time and offset time will continually vary for all approaches according to traffic conditions.
A decision to undertake capital works to increase the traffic capacity of William Street would not be based on traffic demand alone. Consideration would be given to many factors including:

• Current traffic demand and predicted growth.
• The role and function of the route.
• The current performance of the road in terms of travel times, speeds and delays.
• The consequences of not upgrading the road.
• The economic, environmental and social impacts of the works.
• The capital cost of the works.
• The availability of funds.

*11405 ELECTRIC CARS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

In relation to electric cars and given your advice the NSW Electric Vehicles Taskforce will have input to developing Government policy related to electric vehicles (Question 10880):

(1) Who comprises the Electric Vehicles Taskforce and how was their appointment determined?
(2) When will related policies be released?

Answer—

I am advised that:

All questions on this matter should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

*11406 HOUSING NSW SALES PROGRAM—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

Given your advice "Housing NSW sells a very small number of properties each year" (Question 10185 part (1)) and "No sales approval has been rescinded in the Ryde Electorate" (Question 10185 part (3)):

(1) What was the very small number of Housing NSW properties sold state-wide between 1 July 2009 and 24 June 2010?
(2) Of that very small number of Housing NSW properties sold, how many were sold in the Ryde district between 1 July 2009 and 24 June 2010?

Answer—

(1) Information on Housing NSW property disposals is contained in the Housing NSW Annual Report.
(2) 6.

*11407 HOUSING NSW SALES PROGRAM—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

Given your advice "Housing NSW sells a very small number of properties each year" (Question 10185 part (1)) and "No sales approval has been rescinded in the Ryde Electorate" (Question 10185 part (3)):

(1) How many Housing NSW properties were placed on the sales list between 1 July 2009 and 24 June 2010 statewide?
(2) How many Housing NSW properties were placed on the sales list between 1 July 2009 and 24 June 2010 in the Ryde district?

Answer—

(1) Information on Housing NSW property disposals is contained in the Housing NSW Annual Report.
(2) 6.

*11408 COMMUTER PARKING SHORTFALLS AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Given your advice the Government will fund $400 million over 10 years to provide commuter car parks and interchanges (Question 10186):

(1) Of the 29 commuter car parks currently being delivered across Sydney, the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast and Illawarra, how many of these will be completed by:
   (a) financial year ending 2010;
   (b) financial year ending 2011;
   (c) financial year ending 2012?
(2) Of the 29 commuter car parks currently being delivered across Sydney, how many of these will commence construction at railway stations within the Ryde electorate during:
(a) financial year ending 2010;
(b) financial year ending 2011;
(c) financial year ending 2012?

(3) Of the additional 7,000 car spaces being delivered in the 29 commuter car parks, how many of these car spaces will be built at railway stations within the Ryde electorate?

(4) Of the $167 million allocated in this year's budget for the additional car spaces, how much will be spent in Ryde electorate?

(5) What was the total number of commuter car spaces at railway stations in the Ryde electorate on:
   (a) 1 January 2007;
   (b) 1 January 2008;
   (c) 1 January 2009;
   (d) 1 January 2010?

(6) Under the Metropolitan Transport Plan, what is forecast to be the total number of commuter car spaces at railway stations in the Ryde electorate on:
   (a) 1 January 2011;
   (b) 1 January 2012;
   (c) 1 January 2015;
   (d) 1 January 2020?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) Fourteen of the twenty-nine commuter car parks have been delivered thus far under the Commuter Car Park program, with the majority of the remaining car parks due for completion by early 2011.

(2) to (6) None of the twenty-nine commuter car parks identified under the Commuter Car Park Program will be delivered in the Ryde electorate. There are currently approximately 860 car spaces available for commuters in the Ryde electorate. Future opportunities to improve commuter car parking across Sydney will be considered as part of the NSW Government's commitment to invest more than $400 million in new commuter car parks and interchanges over the next ten years.

*11409SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
How many babies or children were admitted to NSW hospitals and were subsequently diagnosed with shaken baby syndrome in 2009 and to-date in 2010?

Answer—
I am advised:
"Shaken Baby Syndrome" is not a standard terminology used in the Clinical Diagnoses coding used for admitted patient records in Australia.
Patients who may be characterised by this description would be expected to have a diagnosis code recorded reflecting head injury, in combination with a relevant external cause code.
No records exist for admitted patients in 2009 or in the 2010 year to date with these codes recorded.

*11410EMPLOYMENT OF LAWYERS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—
(1) (a) Are there any lawyers employed directly by Community Services?
   (b) If so, how many?
(2) (a) If not, are lawyers employed by the Department of Human Services and used specifically by Community Services?
   (b) If so, how many?

Answer—
(1) (a) No, there are no lawyers employed directly by Community Services.
   (b) Not applicable based on the answer to question 1.
(2) (a) Lawyers are employed by the Department of Human Services and used specifically by Community Services.
   (b) As at 5 October 2010, there are 47 Full Time Employed legal officer positions, including the Director and all Team Leaders.
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

How many children in Out-of-Home Care are identified as having:

(a) a developmental delay;
(b) a psychological or mental health concern;
(c) a behaviour problem;
(d) a physical disability?

Answer—
This data is not collected and held in a reportable format.

PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

Given that anonymous documents are being distributed in Port Stephens accusing a Port Stephens councillor of serious breaches of confidentiality, in that confidential council minutes regarding a civil court case appear to have been sent by facsimile to council's opponent in that court case by that councillor:

Will the Minister investigate these extremely serious allegations as a matter of urgency, in the interests of the accused councillor and the fact that council could lose tens of millions of ratepayers' dollars in damages in the civil action?

Answer—
I provide the following details in response to your questions:
This is a matter for council to deal with under its Code of Conduct.

SCIENCE LABORATORY UPGRADES—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have the following NSW Government schools received science laboratory upgrades since 2003:
   (a) Brisbane Water Secondary College;
   (b) Gosford High School;
   (c) Erina High School;
   (d) Terrigal High School;
   (e) Gorokan High School;
   (f) Northlakes High School;
   (g) Lisarow High School;
   (h) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkley Vale Campus?

(2) If so, on what dates were these science laboratory upgrades completed?
(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—
(1) to (3) Yes.
   (a) Brisbane Water Secondary College (Woy Woy Campus) upgrade completed 4 November 2009 at a cost of $779,581.
   (b) Gosford High School upgrade completed 9 December 2009 at a cost of $929,550
   (c) Erina High School upgrade completed 24 September 2009 at a cost of $961,456.
   (d) Terrigal High School upgrade completed on 27 November 2009 at a cost of $967,527.
   (e) Gorokan High School upgrade completed on 27 January 2010 at a cost of $960,842.
   (f) Northlakes High School upgrade completed on 16 April 2010 at a cost of $961,590.
   (g) Lisarow High School upgrade completed on 22 September 2008 at a cost of $968,414
   (h) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkley Vale Campus upgrade completed on 27 January 2020 at a cost of $856,400.

SECURITY FENCING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Do the following NSW Government schools have security fencing:
   (a) Brisbane Water Secondary College;
   (b) Woy Woy Campus;
(c) Kariong Public School;
(d) Erina High School;
(e) Kincumber High School;
(f) Terrigal High School;
(g) Terrigal Public School;
(h) Tuggerawong Public School;
(i) Narara Public School;
(j) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale Campus;
(k) Killarney Vale Public School;
(l) Wyong High School;
(m) Umina Primary School?

(2) If so, on what dates were the security fencing projects completed?
(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—
I refer the Member to my answer to Legislative Assembly Written Question 11354.

*11415DEE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
As the windows at Dee Why Police Station appear not to have been cleaned for over 2 years, when will window cleaning services be provided?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me that a request for the cleaning of external windows at Dee Why police station has been logged with United Group Services for attention.

*11416NORTH KELLYVILLE PROPERTIES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
How many properties have been brought to the market at North Kellyville since you announced it would be a target area for provision of new housing?

Answer—
I am advised that Sydney Water is delivering water and wastewater services to the first release precincts of the North West Growth Centre over three (3) packages of work. The packages of work were split to better match the servicing of these precincts to the likely development rates. The first package of work (package 1), is due to be completed later this year, and will provide water and waste water services to approximately 1,700 lots in the Small's Creek catchment of the North Kellyville precinct. Works that will service a further 1000 lots are expected to be completed by December 2012.

*11417GROWTH CENTRE COMMISSION—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
How many of the staff previously employed at the Growth Centre Commission are still employed within the Department of Planning?

Answer—
As at 9 September 2010 there are 25 staff still employed in the Department of Planning who were previously employed at the Growth Centres Commission.

*11418USE OF ETHANOL IN AIRCRAFT FUEL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Given that, according to the Allocation of the Administration of Acts, you are responsible for the Biofuels Act 2007, what action have you taken to alert the users of ultralight aircraft to the dangers of using methanol blended fuel in their aircraft?

(2) Given that most operators of ultralight aircraft purchase their fuel from service stations and that methanol-blended fuel can cause deterioration of hoses, pumps and equipment in ultralight aircraft, that has in the past been the cause of fatal crashes, why have you not yetmandated the labelling of service station pumps providing methanol blended petrol as unsuitable for aircraft?

Answer—
(1) Methanol is not blended with petrol in Australia. Aviation safety is a Commonwealth responsibility.
(2) Methanol is not blended with petrol in Australia.

*11419BORE LICENCES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) With reference to the draft Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources, how many bores in this area were drilled and brought into use during the period 1920-30 that were not documented by the water authority at the time of their installation?
(2) Given that some of these bores have been in continual use by farmers since their installation and they are an important part of agricultural production, what action has the Minister taken to formalise these license agreements?
(3) Is the Minister moving to shut down these bores?
(4) If so what compensation is being offered to the owners of these bores?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Office of Water has advised that during the period 1920-30, it is aware of only four groundwater works that were drilled in the draft Water Sharing Plan area at that time. All four of these works are licensed.

The NSW Office of Water is not aware of bores that are not licensed.

(2) The NSW Office of Water is currently completing a process to convert old licensed bores that did not have a volumetric entitlement, to ensure that they are able to continue under the Water Management Act 2000. This process involves allocating a volumetric annual extraction limit on each licence, primarily based on the history of water extraction use from the bores. This process is undertaken in consultation with the licence holder.

(3) There are no plans to shut down licensed bores.

(4) Not applicable.

*11420FORESTRY BUDGET—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With reference to the 2010-11 Budget Estimates Paper Number 3, Section 7 and information provided by the Minister on 14 July 2010 about expenditure under "Other Operating Expenses":

(1) What is the specific breakdown of the $11,308,000 allocated to "Other Operating Expenses" within the $43,001,000 allocated to "Other Operating Expenses" in the budget paper above?
(2) For what reason and on what date was the $236,000 expenditure for overseas travel and accommodation used?
(3) What are the addresses of the rental properties and for what purpose is each property used to justify the expenditure of $2,736,000 for "Other Property Rentals"?

Answer—

(1) The breakdown of the 2010-11 budget for "other operating expenses" in the Department of Industry and Investment - Science and Research Service group is as follows:

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(2) The $236,000 for overseas travel and accommodation provided in my previous response relates to 2010-11 budget estimates, not actual expenditure. This expenditure typically relates to research officers travelling overseas which is reported in detail, showing the name of the officer, position, country visited, purpose of the visit and the dates of travel, in the Department of Industry and Investment annual report.

(3) Rent as with all corporate overheads of the Department of Industry and Investment is allocated across the service groups of the department on a per head count basis. Details of the rental properties are listed below.
(1) In relation to New Line Road (Cherrybrook and Dural suburbs), what are the statistics regarding traffic volumes at all intersections in the years:
   (a) 2007;
   (b) 2008;
   (c) 2009;
   (d) 2010 to present?

(2) In relation to the above parameters, what are the crash statistics?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) to (d) The compilation of this information is not available and cannot be obtained without an unreasonable diversion of resources from core business of the RTA.

However, provided below is a sample of traffic counts on an average day at intersections on New Line Road in 2009 and 2010.

Wednesday 25 November 2009

- Intersection of New Line Road and Purchase Road: 27,702
- Intersection of New Line Road, David Road and James Henty Drive: 28, 858
- Intersection of New Line Road and Hastings Road 15,919

Wednesday 25 August 2010

- Intersection of New Line Road and Purchase Road: 26,651
- Intersection of New Line Road, David Road and James Henty Drive: 27, 691
- Intersection of New Line Road and Hastings Road: 15,227

(2) For the length of New Line Road within the Cherrybrook and Dural suburbs (Old Northern Road to 230 metres north of New Farm Road) there have been 120 reported crashes resulting in 52 casualties for years 2007 to 2010 (note that crash data from 1 September 2009 to 14 September 2010 is provisional).

The requested breakdown per year is as follows:

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Crash data for intersections along the above length of road are as follows:

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* 2009 data is provisional from 1 September to 31 December 2009

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Note that the RTA only reports on crashes where at least one person was killed or injured or at least one vehicle was towed away. Data for 2009-10 is provisional and will not be finalised until the NSW Coroner confirms the cause of each road fatality.

**11422**TRAIN DISRUPTION—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) What was the reason for the major train disruption on the North Shore Line on Wednesday 18 July?  
(2) What was the duration of this disruption?  
(3) What actions were undertaken to correct this disruption?  

Answer—  
I am advised:  
RailCorp is not aware of a major disruption to North Shore CityRail services on 18 July.

**11423**RISK ASSESSMENTS—HORNSBY MALL—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

How often and using which parameters does Hornsby Shire Council do risk assessments on the Hornsby Mall adjacent to Westfield Hornsby, given frequent falls occur to people who access this mall?  

Answer—  
I provide the following details in response to your questions:  
Hornsby Shire Council is responsible for managing assets such as the Hornsby Mall. Therefore, this question is best directed to the Council.

**11424**PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICANTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

(1) How many people applied for public housing in the Cronulla electorate in 2008-2009?  
(2) How many people applied for public housing in the Cronulla electorate in 2009-2010?  

Answer—  
(1) and (2) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW and approximately 60,000 were received in 2009-10.

**11425**PARKING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

What is the total number of parking offences in school zones in the Cronulla electorate for the following years:  
(a) 2008;  
(b) 2009;  
(c) year to date?  

Answer—  
I am advised that enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of Councils and Police.  
I am advised that the Auditor-General, in his performance audit report, "Improving Road Safety: School Zones", released in February of this year, made the following comments:  
"Unsafe parking may also contribute to the hazards around schools, and illegal and unsafe parking can be routinely observed in many school zones. Most councils do little or no enforcement of parking restrictions in NSW school zones." (page 9)  
"Since the initial implementation of school zones, the RTA has added extra improvements such as better signage, overhead bridges and fencing, additional crossing supervisors, flashing lights, speed
cameras and increased penalties for driving and parking offences in school zones. The RTA has also, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Training, delivered public education to students, parents and the general motoring public." (page 9)

"Many motorists persist in speeding in school zones. Enforcement of the speed limits depends almost entirely on speed cameras, and the great majority of school zones without these have little enforcement. Enforcement of parking restrictions around schools also appears poor." (page 14)

"Enforcement of parking and stopping restrictions, including in school zones, is the responsibility of Councils and Police. The RTA establishes parking policies, guidelines and some penalty regimes, but has no role in enforcement.

The Audit Office has no legal authority to conduct audits in local government. However it is important that parents, carers and the school community be aware of the performance of councils in ensuring safe and legal parking around their children's schools.

Enforcement of parking offences in school zones appears to be highly variable across the state. Of the 164 Councils in NSW, 79 did no school zone parking enforcement at all during 2008-09. Most of these councils are in rural areas where there may not be as much congestion around schools as in cities. Of the 38 councils in Sydney, some generate only a few dozen school zone parking infringements per year. A similar pattern is seen in regional councils: some issue no school zone parking infringements while others issue hundreds.

We are unable to say whether the variations are because of the differences in capacity to enforce, different approaches to enforcement, or the compliance with parking restrictions by parents driving to the school. However unsafe or illegal parking practices can be readily observed around schools, as shown below.

While Police issued around two per cent of all parking infringements, they are far more proactive in school zones, where they issue around eight per cent of all parking offence notices. In 2007-08 they issued 1,450 parking infringements in school zones, and 1,498 infringements in 2008-09."

*11426EXPENDITURE ON CLEANING—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What was the total expenditure on cleaning at each school in the Cronulla electorate in:

(a) 2009-2010;
(b) 2008-2009?

Answer—

The total expenditure on cleaning for each school in the Cronulla electorate during 2008-09 and 2009-10 is as follows:

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*11427BUS NOISE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
With regard to information from the Minister for Transport in recent correspondence that each State Transit bus is independently tested by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) twice a year for compliance with (among other things) noise controls:

(1) How many State Transit buses were found to breach RTA noise controls in the:
   (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
   (b) 2008-2009 financial year;
   (c) 2007-2008 financial year?

(2) What action was taken to ensure that these buses were not returned to the road until noise emissions ceased to breach controls?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised that no State Transit buses were found to have breached any RTA noise controls in the financial years 2009-2010, 2008-2009, and 2007-2008.

*11428BUS NOISE—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With regard to information from the Minister for Transport in recent correspondence that State Transit buses are subject to random checks for noise controls by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water:

(1) How many State Transit buses were checked for breaches of noise controls in the:
   (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
   (b) 2008-2009 financial year;
   (c) 2007-2008 financial year?

(2) Were any noise control breaches detected?

(3) If so, how many State Transit buses were found to breach controls?

(4) If so, what action was taken to ensure that these buses are not returned to operations until noise emissions ceased to breach controls?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The Department did not receive any reports of noisy State Transit buses in the 2009-2010, 2008-2009 or 2007-2008 financial years. Therefore, no noise control checks were conducted on State Transit buses during these periods.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.

*11429LIQUOR LICENCE INFORMATION—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

(1) What public information does the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing provide about existing liquor licences and the conditions that apply to those licences;

(2) What details about existing liquor licence conditions are available to the community on the OLGR website;

(3) How can community members obtain details about the number and nature of licensed premises in their precinct, such as through an area or street search function on the OLGR website;

(4) How can community members obtain details about individual licensed premises about which they are concerned, such as through a venue type search function on the OLGR website; and

(5) What plans does the Government have to provide improved and expanded public information about liquor licences and licence conditions?

Answer—

Refer to answers provided for Written Question 11210.

*11430ICAC FINDINGS OF CORRUPTION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given the recent ICAC findings of corruption, including forgery and fraud, against former NSW Maritime General Counsel Tonette Kelly:

(1) Will the conduct of NSW Maritime CEO Steve Dunn in repeatedly backing Ms Kelly be reviewed?

(2) Will the adverse treatment of former NSW Maritime staff be reviewed where this has relied on Ms
Kelly's evidence?
Answer—
I refer to the response given in Parliament to a Question Without Notice from the member on this matter, dated 7 September 2010.

*11431NSW MARITIME LICENSING SOFTWARE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What is being done to rectify problems associated with the recently adopted and flawed licensing software being used at NSW Maritime?
(2) What is being done to assist NSW boat owners who were recently sent incorrect or inadequate licensing information?
(3) What form of assistance is being provided to the staff of NSW Maritime who have experienced stress or abuse in addressing enquiries using inadequate and flawed licensing software?
(4) What was the budget for the software project?
(5) What is the cost of the project to date?

Answer—

(1) NSW Maritime and the Department of Services, Technology & Administration (DSTA) have stabilised the system and are progressing with the roll out of GLS across NSW Maritime's licensing services. This includes:
   (a) Resolution of data migration issues
   (b) Provision of refresher training
   (c) Identifying and resolving system irregularities
   (d) Adoption of a continuous improvement methodology to identify opportunities for further enhancement.

(2) NSW Maritime has implemented measures to ensure licence holders are not disadvantaged. Inaccuracies have been corrected and updated information forwarded to these customers.

(3) NSW Maritime provides:
   (a) Information updates at monthly meetings to customer service specialists
   (b) Emails to each staff member using GLS to keep them informed of developments
   (c) On line Help Desk support in the event a difficulty is encountered
   (d) GLS News Bulletins for staff
   (e) "IHelp" on the NSW Maritime GLS which provides step by step instructions for each licence transaction
   (f) Stress management workshops specific to this issue and on-site and off-site counselling services under the Employee Assistance Programme, and
   (g) Periodic refresher training to customer service staff to ensure staff are up-to-date with GLS.

(4) There is no large outlay or duplication of funds for the development of software by each government body. NSW Maritime will pay a service fee to DSTA.

(5) NSW Maritime has incurred around $2.2 million in costs on this project as at 31 August 2010.

*11432NSW MARITIME STAFF—FINDINGS OF CORRUPTION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the three NSW Maritime staff who had findings of corruption against them in the recent ICAC September 2010 report:

(1) Over the last 12 months, how much was paid in wages or other benefits to each of them?
(2) Over the last 12 months, how many full days did each of them actually work?

Answer—

I am advised Mr Nicholai Dacombe attended work at NSW Maritime from 7 September 2009 to 20 November 2009. Mr Dacombe was paid around $28,000 and was a contract employee. The contract expired on 20 November 2009 and was not renewed.

I am advised Ms Bonnie Dacombe attended work at NSW Maritime from 7 September 2009 to 27 November 2009. Total payments to Ms Dacombe during the last 12 months are around $123,000.

I am advised Ms Tonette Kelly attended work at NSW Maritime from 7 September 2009 to 26 October
2009. Total payments to Ms Kelly during the last 12 months are around $178,000.

*11433AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to the Australian early development index:

(1) What types of funding/grants are available from the NSW Government in order to address the Australian Early Development Index in children aged 0-5?

(2) How does the NSW Government address educational issues in children aged 0-5, specifically intellectual and developmental needs?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The NSW Department of Education and Training has legislative responsibility for the education of children in government schools beginning at Kindergarten, the first year of schooling. The legislative responsibility for the care and education of children under school age rests with other agencies.

The Department of Education and Training does however operate 100 preschools, 47 early intervention classes for children with disabilities and 48 eight Schools as Community Centres in government schools across NSW.

These are a small component of the total provision of early childhood education and care services funded and/or operated by other agencies in NSW.

*11434HSC GRADUATES AND LITERACY LEVELS—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to HSC graduates and literacy levels:

(1) How many HSC graduates in NSW are required to have undertaken a remedial literacy course to commence/continue their university courses for each calendar year from 2007 to date?

(2) What is the threshold mark in each of the NSW HSC English Courses that would subsequently require the student to undertake a remedial literacy course in order to qualify to undertake any university courses (particularly courses in the health profession)?

Answer—

(1) This data is not collected by the Department of Education and Training.

(2) Universities determine their own entry requirements, including specific pre-requisites and/or assumed knowledge for particular faculties and courses.

*11435HEATERS AT WAVERLY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Why were the unflued gas heaters at Waverley Public School removed in 2009?

(2) How many were removed?

(3) How many were replaced?

(4) What type of heaters were they replaced with?

(5) How much did it cost in total to remove and replace these heaters?

Answer—

(1) Older style 'blue flame' or 'high NOx' heaters were replaced with 'low NOx' unflued gas heaters at Waverley Public School in 2009.

(2) 21 units.

(3) 21 units.

(4) The older style 'blue flame' or 'high NOx' heaters at Waverley Public School were replaced with 'Low NOx' unflued gas heaters.

(5) The total cost including construction, supply, installation, commission and fees was $40,936.87.

*11436REGISTERED MARINE VESSELS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

What was the total number of registered marine vessels in the Tweed Local Government Area in the following years:

(a) 2008;

(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

Answer—

NSW Maritime does not collate the information requested according to Local Government Areas.

The figures provided approximate the number of registered marine vessels based on the postcodes in the Tweed Shire Council Area as outlined on the Division of Local Government website.

(a) 3,208 at 1/7/2008;
(b) 3,307 at 1/7/2009; and
(c) 3,362 at 1/7/2010.

*11437INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

How many infringement notices have been issued to people with boat licences in the Tweed Local Government Area by NSW Maritime officers?

Answer—

NSW Maritime does not collate the information requested according to Local Government Areas.

However, during 2009-10 a total of 204 Infringement Notices were issued to people with boat licences in postcodes in Tweed Shire Council Area as outlined on the Division of Local Government website.

*11438BUDGET PAPER NO. 4—INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

With reference to the NSW 2010-11 Budget Paper No. 4, Infrastructure Statement:

(1) What is the amount that has been allocated to the Tweed⁄Byron Local Area Command and where will it be spent for each of the following items under the location "Various" on page 4-41:

(a) Digital Closed Circuit TV in Police Station Charge Areas;
(b) Upgrade of Police Forensic Crime Scene Investigation Equipment;
(c) Mobile Number Plate Recognition System Roll Out?

(2) What is the amount that has been allocated to the Tweed⁄Byron Local Area Command and where will it be spent for each of the following items under the location "Various" on page 4-42:

(a) Portable Radio Frequency Identification;
(b) Rollout of Additional 25 Mobile Police Command Units;
(c) Upgrade of Information Technology Equipment Phase Two;
(d) Fit Out of Vehicles for Additional Police Officers?

(3) What is the amount that has been allocated to the Tweed⁄Byron Local Area Command and where will it be spent for each of the following items under the location "Various" on page 4-43:

(a) Prisoner Handling Upgrades at 14 Locations;
(b) Rollout of Tasers to First Response Police?

Answer—

As previously advised in response to Written Question No. 11139, some items, such as radio frequency identification and information technology equipment, relate to system upgrades which have statewide application. Other items are allocated to Local Area Commands based on police strength and operational need.

*11439PUBLIC HOUSING AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

(1) How many people applied for public housing in the Lane Cove electorate in 2008-2009?
(2) How many people applied for public housing in the Lane Cove electorate in 2009-2010?
(3) How many households in the Lane Cove electorate applied for rental assistance in 2008-2009?
(4) How many households in the Lane Cove electorate applied for rental assistance in 2009-2010?
(5) How much money was spent on temporary accommodation in the Lane Cove electorate in 2008-2009?
(6) How much money was spent on temporary accommodation in the Lane Cove electorate in 2009-2010?
(7) How much money was spent on rental assistance in the Lane Cove electorate in 2008-2009?
(8) How much money was spent on rental assistance in the Lane Cove electorate in 2009-2010?
Answer—

(1) and (2) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW and approximately 60,000 were received in 2009-10.

(3) and (4) In 2008-09, approximately 33,000 households were assisted with rental assistance across NSW and approximately 35,000 were assisted in 2009-10.

(5) and (6) In 2008-09, approximately $12 million was spent on temporary accommodation across NSW and $17 million spent in 2009-10.

(7) and (8) In 2008-09, approximately $20 million was spent on rental assistance across NSW and $24 million was spent in 2009-10.

*11440BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) What is the current status of all the Building the Education Revolution projects in the Lane Cove electorate?
(2) Which projects are reported to be behind schedule?
(3) Which projects are reported to be over budget?

Answer—

(1) The current status of all BER projects in NSW Government schools is detailed on the NSW BER website at http://www.ber.nsw.gov.au

(2) BER projects in NSW Government schools will be delivered within the Commonwealth Government's timeframe for the program.

(3) Final costs of Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) projects at schools in the electorate of Lane Cove are not yet determined. Once determined, the final costs of all P21 projects in NSW Government schools will be published on the NSW BER website.

*11441REMOVAL OF UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

With reference to the Minister's statement in the Legislative Assembly of 9 June 2010 regarding the removal of unflued gas heaters from NSW schools, which schools in the Lane Cove electorate will be included in the program?

Answer—

Earlier this year the Government announced an initial program worth $15 million to replace unflued gas heaters in 101 schools in the coldest parts of the State.

A stakeholder committee including teacher and parent representatives, as well as health advocates, determined the criteria for selecting these schools. No schools in the electorates of Lane Cove were identified using these criteria.

Over time, unflued gas heaters in all NSW public schools, including those in Lane Cove, will be replaced.

*11442MOBILE TELEPHONES, BLACKBERRYS AND IPHONES—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Separated by device (e.g. mobile telephone, BlackBerry and iPhone) for the year ending 30 June 2010:

(1) What was the NSW Department of Health's total expenditure for mobile telephones, BlackBerrys and iPhones?
(2) How many individual mobile telephones, BlackBerrys and iPhones were on issue for employees of the NSW Department of Health?
(3) How many individual mobile telephones, BlackBerrys and iPhones had a total expenditure of less than $1?
(4) How many individual mobile telephones, BlackBerrys and iPhones had a total expenditure of greater than $1 but less than $1,000?
(5) How many individual mobile telephones, BlackBerrys and iPhones had a total expenditure of greater than $1,000?

Answer—

I am advised:
The table below outlines expenditure and number of phones held by the Department of Health. Responses relate to the period 16 June 2009 to 15 June 2010 (Telstra billing period) for the NSW Department of Health.

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* Expenditure of less than $1 is generally associated with credit balances and other billing adjustments on discontinued services (where plan costs are paid in advance).

*11443GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE GARLING INQUIRY—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Separated for each of the individual 134 recommendations accepted by the NSW Government, how much money was budgeted for implementing the NSW Government's response to the Garling Inquiry "Caring Together: The Health Action plan for NSW"?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has allocated $485 Million over four years for the implementation of a range of initiatives in response to the Garling Inquiry.

I refer the honourable member to the Caring Together website www.healthactionplan.nsw.gov.au, on which further information is publicly available regarding specific funded initiatives.

*11444POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In the last two months, how many meetings have you and/or the Director-General had with persons who have expressed interest in applying for the position of Chairperson of a Local Health Network Governing Council?

Answer—

Both the Director General and I meet regularly with clinicians, staff, stakeholders and community members.

An expression of interest process has taken place for chairpersons of Local Health Networks and a transparent and rigorous selection process will take place in order to finalise appointments.

*11445NSW POLICE FORCE SEX CRIMES SQUAD—Mr Greg Smith asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) What was the actual strength of the NSW Police Force Sex Crimes Squad at:
   (a) 1 July 2006;
   (b) 1 July 2007;
   (c) 1 July 2008;
   (d) 1 July 2009;
   (e) 1 July 2010?

(2) What was the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force Sex Crimes Squad at:
   (a) 1 July 2006;
   (b) 1 July 2007;
   (c) 1 July 2008;
   (d) 1 July 2009;
   (e) 1 July 2010?

(3) How many officers were assigned to the Child Protection Register as at:
   (a) 1 July 2006;
   (b) 1 July 2007;
   (c) 1 July 2008;
   (d) 1 July 2009;
   (e) 1 July 2010?
Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

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*11446 UPGRADE OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY—WARRELL TO URUNGA—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

With regards to the NSW Department of Planning assessment of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway from Warrell to Urunga:

(1) Is the Minister aware that the selection of the route of this project involves construction on land classified as urban residential which will result in significant noise impacts on adjacent residential property?
   (a) If yes, why was this route selected and what will the owners of these properties be given to remediate this problem?
   (b) If no, does the Minister believe that this effect on residential property owners makes the selected route inappropriate for the upgrade?

(2) Given that the proposed route involves building across a flood plain that is prone to large flood events, as well as an area of SEPP 14 wetland, which is likely to be impacted by the construction and use of the highway, does the Minister agree that the selected route is inappropriate and that a new route should be selected?

(3) Have members of the community advised the Minister regarding numerous inaccuracies in the assessment and will the Minister seek to correct these inaccuracies and take such corrections into account in recommending that a new route be selected?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Warrell Creek and Urunga is currently under active assessment by the Department of Planning. As part of its assessment, the Department will consider issues raised in public submissions on the project, including property impacts, flooding and potential impacts on SEPP 14 wetlands.

The Department of Planning has forwarded submissions to the Roads and Traffic Authority and is currently awaiting a response to those submissions prior to finalising its assessment and recommendations to me.

*11447 CHANGES TO EXISTING SPEED ZONES/LIMITS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Taken from the most recent data collected by the RTA:

(1) How many changes to existing speed zones/limits occurred in NSW in:
   (a) 2009, broken down by quarter/month;
   (b) 2010 to date, broken down by quarter/month?

(2) Since 1 July 2009 to date, how many locations in NSW recorded more than:
(a) 2 changes in existing speed zones/limits;
(b) 3 changes in existing speed zones/limits;
(c) 4 changes in existing speed zones/limits;
(d) more than 4 changes in existing speed zones/limits?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) Changes to speed limit in NSW:

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(2) (a) to (d) Nil.

*11448REMOVAL OF LEFT TURN SLIP LANE—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the removal of the left turn slip lane from St James Road into Macquarie Street:
(1) Which body made this decision and when was the decision made?
(2) What was the justification for this decision?
(3) Was there any study undertaken into the impacts of this action upon traffic flows in the Sydney CBD?
(4) Was there any prior consultation with affected stakeholders e.g. residents, motoring associations, other levels of government?
   (a) If yes, what are the details of consultation?
   (b) If not, why not?

Answer—
I am advised:
The removal of the left turn slip lane at the intersection of Macquarie Street and St James Road/Prince Albert Road has been carried out by the City of Sydney Council as part of their cycleway installation program along College Street.

*11449FEES PAYABLE BY CHILD CARE CENTRES—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) Has the Minister, the State Government or the Minister's Department increased the annual fee payable by child care centres in New South Wales?
(2) If so:
   (a) Why?
   (b) By how much?
   (c) Why has she decided to increase the fee, which will make child care more expensive in NSW?
(3) How does the Minister justify this increase?

Answer—
(1) No.
Licence fees for children's services were introduced in NSW from 1 January 2010.
Annual fees for centre-based services range from $700 for a small service licensed for up to 29 places, $900 for a medium service, and $1,100 for a large service licensed for more than 60 places.
Annual fees have not been increased since their introduction in January 2010.
(2) (a) to (c) Not applicable.
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*11450PUBLIC HOUSING—ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

(1) How many people applied for public housing in the Albury electorate in 2008-2009 and in 2009-10?
(2) How many of these applicants were accommodated in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?
(3) How many households in the Albury electorate applied for rental assistance in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?
(4) What was the expenditure on rental assistance in the Albury electorate in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?
(5) What was the expenditure on temporary accommodation in the Albury electorate in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?

Answer—

(1) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW and approximately 60,000 were received in 2009-10.
(2) The number of new tenancies is contained in Housing NSW’s Annual Report.
(3) In 2008-09, approximately 33,000 households were assisted with rental assistance across NSW and approximately 35,000 were assisted in 2009-10.
(4) In 2008-09, approximately $20 million was spent on rental assistance across NSW and $24 million was spent in 2009-10.
(5) In 2008-09, approximately $12 million was spent on temporary accommodation across NSW and $17 million spent in 2009-10.

*11451SALE OF SURPLUS LAND IN ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What sites owned by NSW Health have been identified as surplus to requirement in the Albury electorate and have been approved for sale by auction?
(2) When will these sites be placed on the market?
(3) What areas associated with the delivery of health services in the Albury electorate have been identified by NSW Health to receive funding from the proceeds of the sale of surplus properties?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) to (3) In line with NSW Health protocols, any potential revenue from the sale of surplus assets, in the first instance, is expended on assets from where the funds are generated.

Currently the Greater Southern Area Health Service has no identified sites approved for sale by auction.

*11452HEALTH BUDGET—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

With regard to the response to Question 11002, is the Minister now in a position to advise on the 2010-11 budget allocations by Greater Southern Area Health Service as originally asked in each part of Question 11002?

Answer—

I am advised that:

With reference to Question 11002:

(1) to (3) Negotiations are currently being finalised between Victoria and NSW on the funding that NSW will provide to Albury Wodonga Health for 2010/11, including for capital expenditure and elective surgery waiting list reduction.

(4) Decisions about the allocation of the Albury Wodonga Health budget to particular services are matters for the CEO and Board of the Albury Wodonga Health Service.

(5) to (7) NSW Health does not allocate resources or provide services on the basis of State electorates.
*11453PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice 29,015 people left the NSW public sector during 2008-2009, including 3,122 people who retired (Question 10881):

(1) Of the remaining 25,893 people who left the NSW public sector, how many resigned voluntarily?
(2) How many people were newly employed by the NSW public sector in the same period of 2008-2009?

Answer—

I am advised:

During 2008-2009 10,695 people resigned voluntarily from the NSW public sector. Individual agencies are responsible for collecting data on people newly employed by the NSW public sector.

*11454NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice the NSW Government will make a submission to the inquiry into a national disability long term care and support scheme (Question 10501):

(1) Has the Government's submission been completed?
(2) (a) Has the Government's submission been forwarded to the Productivity Commission?
   (b) If so, when was the submission forwarded?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government's submission was forwarded to the Productivity Commission on 17 September 2010.

*11455HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given your advice the first point-to-point length commenced operation on 1 April 2010, and that 2009 survey results showed that 37.7 per cent of heavy vehicles exceeded the speed limit in 100 km/h zones (Question 10118):

(1) What is the location of each point-to-point speed camera?
(2) What is the distance between each comparison set of cameras?
(3) What enforcement thresholds are applied to determine whether heavy vehicles are speeding or not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The location of all proposed point-to-point length is available to the public on the RTA website (www.rta.nsw.gov.au)
(2) Information regarding the distances between the ends of the respective lengths is also available on the RTA website.
(3) The length is surveyed for distance and the time taken between points is measured based on the difference in time between the photos taken at each point. A formula is then applied to calculate the average speed of the vehicle over the length.

*11456NSW GET HEALTHY ADVICE LINE—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) When did the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line commence?
(2) What was the total number of calls received by the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?
(3) Was there any report prepared on the results of the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line and if so what is the name of the report, who is the author and when was the report published?
(4) What was the cost of the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
(c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

5 How many FTE staff were employed to operate the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

6 For the financial year ending 2010, how many of the following professionals were part of the staff engaged in the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line:
   (a) dieticians;
   (b) nurses;
   (c) exercise scientists?

7 How many people have undertaken the six-month coaching program for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

8 How many people from the Ryde electorate have undertaken the six-month coaching program for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

9 How many people from the Ryde electorate have called the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

Answer—
I am advised:

The Get Healthy Information and Coaching Service was launched by the Department of Health on 23 February 2009.

The Honourable Member is referred to media releases of 22 February 2009, 16 October 2009 and 13 September 2010.

Information about this service is available on NSW Health's website at www.health.nsw.gov.au

Data about clients is not routinely collected by electorate.

*11457PARENTING PROGRAM—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

1 When did the Parenting Program commence?

2 What was the total number of people who used the Parenting Program for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

3 What was the total number of people in the Ryde electorate who used the Parenting Program for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

4 Was there any report prepared on the results of the trial program conducted and if so what is the name of the report, who is the author and when was the report published?

5 What was the cost of the Parenting Program for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

6 How many FTE staff were employed to operate the Parenting Program for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
(b) financial year ending 2010;
(c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:
The $2 million Parenting Program commenced in February 2009. The Program is supported centrally by the Centre for Health Advancement and delivered by Area Health Services. The Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service received funding for 2010-11 and will direct resources to locations with the greatest need.

No reports have been published by the Department as the evaluation has not yet concluded.

*11458OBESITY PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTRE—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) When did the Obesity Prevention Research Centre commence?
(2) How many FTE staff were employed to operate the Obesity Prevention Research Centre for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?
(3) What was the cost of the Obesity Prevention Research Centre for each of the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010?
(4) What research has the Obesity Prevention Research Centre undertaken since its commencement?
(5) Was there any report prepared on the research conducted by the Obesity Prevention Research Centre and if so what is the name of the report, who is the author and when was the report published?

Answer—

I am advised:

(2) The number of staff employed to undertake the core work of the Research Group was:
   (a) financial year ending 2009: 6.2 FTE
   (b) financial year ending 2010: 7.1 FTE
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010: 8.8 FTE

Casual staff are also employed for short periods to undertake specific project work.

(3) The cost of the Research Group was:
   (a) financial year ending 2009: $800,000 (exc GST)
   (b) financial year ending 2010: $800,000 + NSW Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey ("SPANS" 2010) contract extension $553,000 (exc GST)
   (c) 1 July 2010 to 8 September 2010 = $151,112 (exc GST).

(4) The University of Sydney Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity Research Group has made a significant contribution to government efforts to promote physical activity, encourage healthy eating and prevent obesity. Examples of projects undertaken by the Group on behalf of the NSW government include: The NSW Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey, which is Australia's longest running series of measures of children's physical activity, nutrition and overweight and obesity; the Good for Kids Good for Life (GFK) Program, which is Australia's largest childhood obesity prevention study; and the Framework for Monitoring Overweight and Obesity in NSW.

(5) A full list of reports and journal articles produced by the Research Group can be found at http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/public-health/panorg/about/index.php

*11459BUS SERVICES BETWEEN CASINO AND TWEED HEADS—Mr Thomas George asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to bus services between Casino and Tweed Heads and given advice that 23,147 passengers used the service between 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 (Question 9474), how much did this bus service cost during the 2009 calendar year?
I am advised that the 8 daily CountryLink coach services between Tweed Heads and Casino cost approximately $1.4 million excluding GST for the 2009 calendar year.

*11460AERO-MEDICAL RESCUES—Mr Thomas George asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to aero-medical rescues in New South Wales:

(1) How many primary rescues have involved one patient?
(2) How many primary rescues have involved two patients?
(3) How many secondary transfers have involved one patient?
(4) How many secondary transfers have involved two or more patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Member has not specified a time period, a review of 2009 mission records has been undertaken.

**Fixed Wing**
Primary pre-hospital missions are not applicable by fixed wing aircraft.
Inter-hospital transfers: There were approximately 3,200 flights with over 90% involving two patient transfers.

**Helicopter**
Primary pre-hospital missions: there were approximately 1,900 total helicopter pre-hospital missions with approximately 70 missions involving a two patient transfer.
Inter-hospital transfers: there were approximately 1,460 inter-hospital transfer missions with approximately 15 missions involving two patient transfers.

*The above excludes neonatal and paediatric transfers.

*11461CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

Regarding categories of children in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC):

(1) How many children in OOHC are classified as not having additional needs?
(2) How many categories exist with regard to children's needs in OOHC?
(3) If a child is considered to have "high needs", what percentage of the children in OOHC does this represent?
(4) How does this percentage compare to the percentage of 10 years ago?

Answer—

(1) There were 11,426 (89.8 per cent) children and young people in out-of-home care placed with Community Services as at 30 June 2009 who received the Standard Care allowance.
(2) The needs of children and young people entering out of home care are assessed for the purpose of finding the most suitable placement. Level of need can be assessed as Standard, Care+1, Care+2 or as high needs.
(3) 2.3 per cent of children and young people in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2009 were reported as "high needs".
(4) Recording and analysis of data relating to "high needs" children and young people began in 2005. As at 30 June 2005, 2.1 per cent of children and young people in out-of-home care were reported as "high needs".

*11462MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) Is the Minister a Trustee of the Mick Young Scholarship Trust?
(2) Has the trust raised funds principally in New South Wales?
(3) Is the Minister aware that the trust is bringing litigation in the Supreme Court of Victoria because of divisions in the trust about whether trustees, including the Minister, should be replaced by a corporate trustee?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) Yes.
(3) Yes.
MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) Does the Minister regard her duties as Trustee of the Mick Young Scholarship as consistent with her ministerial responsibilities?
(2) Did the Mick Young Scholarship Trust return an operating surplus or operating loss in the first half of 2010?
(3) Does the Minister provide reports to the Premier and her ministerial colleagues about the financial position of the trust?

Answer—

(1) This role is performed in a voluntary capacity.
(2) This question should be directed to the Chairman of the Trust.
(3) No.

BOMADERRY AMBULANCE STATION—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Has the State Government commenced upgrades to the Bomaderry Ambulance Station?
(2) If so, when did the project commence?
(3) If so, has the project been completed?
(4) If so, when was the project completed?
(5) What upgrades did the Government undertake?
(6) How much was budgeted for the upgrades?
(7) What was the total cost of the upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (7) The general maintenance of Ambulance Stations is part of normal business practice. Approximately $30,000 has been committed over the past two years for the repair and maintenance of Bomaderry Ambulance Station, and improvements to staff amenities. This included the repair and cleaning of roof and gutters, interior and some exterior painting, repairs to the carpark area, and the installation of a new kitchen.

CENTRAL SHOALHAVEN POLICE RESOURCES—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) Has the Minister received written requests for a new police facility to be based within the Central Shoalhaven, Shoalhaven Local Area Command?
(2) If so, from whom has the Minister received the requests?
(3) Has the Minister received requests for additional police resources for the Shoalhaven Local Area Command from the NSW Police Association?
(4) If so, how many requests has the Minister received from the NSW Police Association and on what dates did the Minister receive the requests?
(5) Has the Minister received requests for additional police resources for the Shoalhaven Local Area Command from the Superintendent of the Shoalhaven Local Area Command?
(6) If so, how many requests has the Minister received from the Superintendent of the Shoalhaven Local Area Command and on what dates did the Minister receive the requests?

Answer—

I am aware of requests for a new police station for the Central Shoalhaven. However, any addition to policing facilities within the Shoalhaven would need to be considered in the context of competing priorities across the State.

GRAFFITI VANDALS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many graffiti vandals have been charged and found guilty in the Shoalhaven Local Area Command in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09?
(2) Of those found guilty, did any receive a custodial sentence?
(3) What penalties were imposed?

Answer—
The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics. I suggest the Honourable Member's question is more appropriately addressed to the Attorney General, within whose portfolio the Bureau resides. Court outcomes are also a matter for the Attorney General, not police.

*11467MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding the Meals on Wheels program:

(1) What was the total funding for the program for:
   (a) 2008-09;
   (b) 2009-10;
   (c) 2010-11?

(2) What was the total funding for the program for the South Coast electorate in:
   (a) 2008-09;
   (b) 2009-10;
   (c) 2010-11?

Answer—

(1) Total funding under the Home and Community Care Program for meals delivered to clients' homes across NSW between 2008-9 and 2010-2011 is $71,437,868.

(2) Ageing, Disability and Home Care funds all Home and Community Care services by Local Planning Areas. There are sixteen Local Planning Areas across NSW. The Illawarra Local Planning Area covers the South Coast electorate and the funding for this Local Planning Area between 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 is $3,882,535.

*11468SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) Will the Minister provide an update regarding the promised 12-15 bed Mental Health Unit at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital?

(2) How much will the mental health unit cost?

(3) Has the Government commenced planning for the unit?

(4) If so, when will construction commence?

(5) If not, when will the Government commence planning for the Mental Health unit?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) The Shoalhaven is identified in the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service Clinical Services Strategic Plan as a priority site for the development of an additional inpatient facility.

While health planning recognises the need for a facility in the Shoalhaven, further work and detailed planning are required to advance this project. This is currently underway.

*11469NOWRA FIRE STATION—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Concerning the vacant "Old" Nowra Fire Station on Bridge Road, Nowra:

(1) Does the Government have any plans to "reuse"/"revitalise" the site?

(2) If so, when?

(3) Has the Government received any requests to occupy the site?

(4) If so, how many and from whom?

(5) Why has the Government not sold the site or leased the site to a community group?

(6) What is the current cost per month for maintaining the site (i.e. electricity costs)?

Answer—

(1) to (5) The NSW Fire Brigades (NSWFB) has advised that service delivery requirements for Nowra and the surrounding area are currently subject to review, including an assessment of the re-occupation of the Bridge Street site.

The review will identify the current and emerging risk profile within the Nowra precinct.
Any options to consider the disposal of this property will depend on the service delivery review. The NSWFB has received enquiries regarding the site from Shoalhaven Arts Society, Shoalhaven Historic Vehicles Inc and an amateur music group.

(6) $310 (approx).

*11470\textbf{INTERAGENCY BROTHELS TASKFORCE}—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice the Interagency Brothels Taskforce last met on 2 December 2009 (Question 10133):

(1) Is the Interagency Brothels Taskforce still in existence?
(2) (a) Have there been any formal meetings of the last Interagency Brothels Taskforce since 2 December 2009?
   (b) If not, why not?
(3) When will the taskforce report to the Government?
(4) (a) Will the recommendations of the taskforce given to the Government be made public?
   (b) If no, why not?

Answer—
I am advised:

The Interagency Brothels Taskforce has finalised its report, which is under consideration by the Government.

*11471\textbf{ACCIDENTS ON THE F3}—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many accidents have taken place on the F3 in the periods:
   (a) 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;
   (b) 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to the present?
(2) How many of these accidents involved a truck(s) in the periods:
   (a) 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;
   (b) 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to the present?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) Crash data is incomplete for the period since 1 July 2010.
(2) Crash data is incomplete for the period since 1 July 2010.

Notes:
The crash statistics presented above refer only to road traffic crashes reported to the Police which resulted in at least one person killed or injured or at least one motor vehicle being towed away.
+ Data for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is preliminary and therefore subject to change.
# Data for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 is approximately 95% complete at this time and therefore subject to change.
^ Truck crashes are crashes in which there is at least one light truck or heavy truck involved. A heavy truck is defined as an articulated truck or a heavy rigid truck. A light truck is defined as a mobile vending vehicle or a light truck, panel van or utility not based on car design.

*11472\textbf{DRUNK AND DISORDERLY OFFENCE}—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

Given the advice that provisions of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2000 empower police to detain an intoxicated person found in a public place who is behaving in a disorderly manner likely to cause injury to themselves or another person or damage to property (Question 9546):

How many people have been detained under the provisions of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2000 in the last 12 months in:
   (a) Brisbane Water Local Area Command;
   (b) Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command?
The NSW Police Force has advised me police records indicate that in the 12 months to the end of August 2010, 137 people were detained in the Brisbane Water Local Area Command, and 83 people were detained in the Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command, under the section of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 relating to the detention of intoxicated persons.

*11473 REVIEW OF SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Given the Metropolitan Strategy is currently under review, when will all the subregional strategies be reviewed?
(2) When will they be finalised?

Answer—

(1) The review of the subregional strategies will commence shortly after the release of the Metropolitan Plan in late 2010.
(2) The subregional strategies will be finalised in 2011.

*11474 METROPOLITAN STRATEGY AND TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) When will the combined Metropolitan Strategy and Transport Plan be released publicly?
(2) Will the combined strategy be in a draft form to allow further discussion?

Answer—

(1) The integrated Metropolitan Plan will be released before the end of 2010.
(2) The Metropolitan Plan will be issued as a final document. Extensive consultation was undertaken on the Metropolitan Transport Plan and the Metropolitan Strategy Review Discussion Paper, which were released in February and March 2010. The consultation involved both the community and stakeholders as indicated below:

• Over 400 submissions and over 1000 online comments were received on both the Sydney Towards 2036 Discussion Paper and Metropolitan Transport Plan.
• A Stakeholder Forum was held on 9 April at ATP attended by several 100 people at which workshops were held with community, business and government representatives on housing, transport, environment and economic development and employment issues.
• A Sydney Leaders Forum was held on 24 June to receive feedback on the key directions of the review from business and community leaders.
• Combined Local Government consultation events took place in July and August covering all LGAs in Sydney.
• These submissions have informed the preparation of the Plan.

*11475 BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

What consultation took place with primary schools in Wakehurst to ensure the design of school halls provided under the Building the Education Revolution satisfied individual school needs?

Answer—

The BER Program Office has worked with school principals and school communities wherever possible to ensure that projects delivered under the BER program reflect the individual needs of schools in line with the Department of Education and Training's School Facilities Standards. The BER Program Office continues to consult with school principals and relevant school community members to achieve the best educational outcomes for schools.

*11476 OLD MAN CREEK WEIR—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

With reference to the "Water for Rivers" Joint Government Enterprise Company's project to build a weir on Old Man Creek to improve water efficiency gains for the environment in the Murray Darling Basin:

(1) As this project has identified that there are significant social issues associated with this action requiring investigation, why are landholders in Galore, Wagga Wagga, Sandigo and Narrandera generally unaware of this project?
(2) What are the social issues that have been identified with this project?
(3) Why has no public consultation been conducted about this project?
(4) What effect will the construction of this weir have on landholders in the above areas?
Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (4) The Old Man Creek project is a proposal. Accordingly no concept design or environmental impact study (EIS) have yet been undertaken. It is during the development of the concept design and EIS that consultation is undertaken.

Preliminary consultation has begun, with local government entities being advised mid-year of the Murrumbidgee Water for Rivers projects likely to be investigated. State Water's Murrumbidgee Customer Service Committee, representing local water users, has also been periodically briefed since April 2009.

I understand State Water is in the process of identifying a suitable firm to undertake the concept design phase.

*11477UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) When will the Minister reply to my letter 10D056-DW dated 15 March 2010 on behalf of Minister Brian Fisher of Taree, your reference ML10⁄02607?
(2) Given that my staff has contacted the Minister's office on numerous occasions seeking a response, why has the Minister not yet replied to my letter?
Answer—
(1) and (2) I am advised that a response has been sent.

*11478LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND PEST AUTHORITY PAYROLL TAX—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Prior to the amalgamation of the Rural Lands Protection Boards, how many of them were required to pay payroll tax?
(2) How many of the Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LH&PA) are now liable to pay payroll tax?
(3) What are the names of each of the LH&PAs that are liable for payroll tax and how much did each of these authorities pay during 2009-10?
Answer—
(1) Prior to the amalgamation of the Rural Lands Protection Boards 11 former of the 47 RLPB Boards at the end of 2008 were required to pay payroll tax.
(2) Of the 14 Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LH&PA) 13 are now liable to pay payroll tax.
(3) LH&PA's pay payroll tax in accordance to the Payroll Tax Act 2007, Schedule 2, Part 4, Clause 14 Figures on payroll tax are only available at this stage for the calendar year 2009. In this year the following LH&PAs paid payroll tax:

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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE—UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NURSES—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to clinical experience undergone by undergraduate student nurses (studying for a Bachelor of Nursing or Master of Nursing), how many hours at each of the universities where their education takes place do these nurse students undertake in:

(a) clinical work with actual patients;
(b) simulation experience?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health provides undergraduate students with placements in a range of NSW public health facilities, wherever possible, for the purpose of supervised practical experience for their education and training.

(a) NSW Health does not have information about the hours of clinical experience required by the eleven universities that run undergraduate Nursing and Midwifery programs in NSW. The time that students are required to spend gaining clinical experience differs across universities and for each year of study.

(b) NSW Health does not have the information requested on the simulation experience related to undergraduate education. As every university has a different curriculum, the hours to be spent in simulation and in clinical setting is a matter between the Registration Board and the educational institution.

UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Given the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Police and Community Club and its management of the previous Hornsby Bowling Club in Waitara has a proposed $48,000 lease cost about to be imposed and a letter was sent to the Minister to ask for a revision of this, when will a reply be provided in relation to this matter?

Answer—

I am advised that the Chief Executive Officer of the Land and Property Management Authority has responded to this matter.

HORNSBY HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE CENTRE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to the Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre (PECC) at Hornsby Hospital accident and emergency, for each month 2009 and 2010 to date:

(1) How often are children under 16 years admitted to this unit?
(2) How long do they stay on average?
(3) Where are they transferred?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) There was an average of 3.3 admissions per month for children under 16 years during the period January 2009 - August 2010 inclusive. The average length of stay was 1.9 days. Of these, 84.6% patients were discharged home, 7.7% were transferred to a mental health facility and 7.7% were transferred to another health care facility.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In relation to Aboriginal Affairs NSW:

(1) How many FOI's, GIPA requests, itemised separately, has the department received in 2008, 2009 and 2010?
(2) Of these, how many were declined, partially answered and answered in full?
(3) Is Mr Terry Chenery the only person looking after GIPA requests in the department?
(4) When did Mr Terry Chenery start looking after FOI's/GIPA requests for the department?
(5) Why was Mr Barry Oliver removed from answering FOI requests?
(6) How many of the NSW Opposition's FOI requests, itemised separately, were declined by Barry
Oliver in 2008, 2009, 2010 and how many were answered?
(7) How many of the NSW Opposition's FOI/GIPA requests, itemised separately, were declined by Terry Chenery in 2008, 2009, 2010 and how many were answered?
(8) As of 8 September 2010, what is the current status of the Safe Families program since the letter dated 16 June 2010 and received by NSW Treasury noted that the program was supposed to be fully operational and staffed by February 2010 but had fallen behind because of delays in recruitment, failure to secure and fit out suitable office locations, and red tape between Government agencies?
(9) How many months/years late is the Safe Families program running?
(10) What is the cause of the delay?
(11) What is the department doing to overcome the delay?
(12) How often does the department update the Minister on the delay of the Safe Families program?
(13) With regard to the departmental statement in marketing material that "An independent evaluation of the Safe Families Program has been developed by the Aboriginal Affairs NSW to:
- Assess the effectiveness of agencies implementation of the program
- Examine the outcomes arising from the Program
- Capture the key learnings and feed these back to communities and agencies involved."
What has the independent evaluation concluded so far?
(14) How many children have not been protected and gone without support because of the program delays?

Answer—
(1) In 2008, 2009 and 2010, Aboriginal Affairs NSW received 4, 9 and 10 requests respectively.
(2) In 2008 and 2009 all of the requests received were answered in full. In 2010, 2 of the 10 requests were declined and one application is pending determination.

All applications are determined if the application is made in the correct manner and accompanied by the appropriate fee. The release of some documents and not others is not a 'partial answer'; it is a determination that documents are either exempt for some reasons or not in the public interest. A determination not to release documents is not able to be accurately classified as declined.

Other matters are not proceeded with as the applicant does not wish to pay the advance deposit request from the agency - the application in this case is neither declined, partially answered, or answered in full.
(3) Terry Chenery has responsibility for managing GIPA requests.
(4) Mr Chenery commenced this responsibility shortly after commencing employment at the former Department of Aboriginal Affairs in April 2009.
(5) With the establishment of the Executive Director Legal Land and Culture it deemed that it was appropriate by the then Director General that FOI applications should be managed by that role.
(6) It is not possible to accurately determine in all instances when requests are made by or on behalf of the NSW Opposition.
(7) I refer to my answer to question six.
(8) to (14) Safe Families is not a substitute for the core business and responsibilities of Community Services (Department of Human Services), NSW Health and the NSW Police Force to protect children from sexual assault and abuse.

Communities in far western NSW now have additional access to these services through the establishment of a new JIRT based in Bourke (commenced in June 2009) that was funded through the Safe Families Program.

The interagency program is being rolled out progressively and community engagement has commenced across all sites. The Minister is regularly updated on progress of the roll out of the program.

The challenges presented by the remoteness of the Safe Families locations can be common in program delivery in this part of the State. To help alleviate some of these challenges a Safe Families Director Position has now been appointed. Bi-monthly meetings with Chief Executives from Safe Families funded agencies have also been instituted to oversee the Program. An evaluation is being conducted over two phases. Phase one and two will report in 2011.

*11483SECURITY FENCING AND SCHOOL ZONES FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—
(1) What schools in the Cronulla electorate are scheduled to receive security fencing in the 2010-11 NSW Budget?
(2) When are these projects due to commence?
(3) What school zones in the Cronulla electorate are scheduled to receive flashing lights in the 2010-2011 NSW Budget?
(4) When are these projects due to commence?
Answer—
(1) No schools in the Cronulla electorate are scheduled to receive a security fence in 2010-11.
(2) Not applicable.
(3) This matter falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Roads.
(4) This matter falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Roads.

*11484NEPHROLOGISTS—Mr Daryl Maguire asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
(1) What efforts have been made to attract nephrologists to the Greater Southern Area Health Service and the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital?
(2) How many times has this position been advertised?
(3) How many applications have been received?
(4) How are nephrology services provided to the Greater Southern Area Health Service now?
Answer—
I am advised that:
(1) to (4) The nephrologist position for Wagga Wagga has been advertised 6 times since 2009, using rolling monthly advertisements on NSW Health Jobs website. Four applications have been received. Current nephrology services for the Greater Southern Area Health Service are supported by the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, with nephrologists and registrars providing outpatient renal clinics and telephone/email contact for ongoing care of satellite dialysis patients, home therapies patients and pre-dialysis patients. In addition, local outreach support services are provided by a Clinical Nurse Consultant, outreach nurses, specialist dieticians and social workers.

*11485PESTICIDE USE IN CENTENNIAL PARK AND MOORE PARK—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
(1) What chemical pesticides are used in Centennial Park and Moore Park?
(2) How does the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust determine when to apply pesticides?
(3) (a) Is there a schedule that the public can access to find out when and where in the parklands pesticides will be used?
   (b) If so, how can the public access it?
(4) What measures are taken to prevent pesticide spray drifting away from where it is being applied?
(5) What physical controls are used to prevent weeds and the need to use pesticides, such as minimising bare spaces in garden beds?
Answer—
(1) Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (Trust) generally uses Round Up (Glyphosate) as a herbicide to treat unwanted plant species. It is non-toxic to mammals, birds, reptiles and fish, breaks down within 24 hours of use, and does not bind to soil or stay dissolved in water. There are no residual breakdown waste products. Other pesticides are only used when required to treat fungal, bacterial, weed and pest species with the predominant use at Moore Park Golf Course due to its highly specific needs. All chemical pesticides used at Centennial Parklands are certified for usage in public areas by the Australia Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
(2) The Trust complies with the Pesticides Regulation 2009. The Trust balances the need to protect the environment from exposure to chemicals with the equally important objective of preventing the spread and proliferation of undesirable or noxious weed species. While the Trust has a preventative maintenance schedule which ties into its service standards for park maintenance, trained staff determine the need to apply herbicides when and where necessary depending on the seasonal occurrences of outbreaks of pests and diseases.
Pests and diseases are treated in line with an Integrated Pest Management approach to ensure pesticides are used only when necessary in an effort to minimise any impacts on the environment and potential exposure of chemicals to park users. For example, certain pesticides are programmed to be applied seasonally and/or applied at night or early hours of the morning.
The Integrated Pest Management approach favours cultural or biological methods over the use of chemicals, where possible. When chemicals are used, it is at the lowest toxicity possible to deal with the problem, and are selected to breakdown without leaving any toxic by-products in the soil or water.

In some cases emergency pesticide applications in public places are also required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents.

(3) (a) and (b) Pest control is carried out in response to the emergence of pests as they arise, it is therefore not possible to prepare a set schedule of pesticide application in advance. The Trust does, however provide some information on pest management on its website at www.centennialparklands.com.au

In accordance with the NSW Government's Pesticides Regulation 2009, the Trust has developed a Pesticide Use Notification Plan to ensure the community is notified when pesticides are to be used in Centennial Parklands.

Temporary signage is used and is of a standardised design and size which will be easily identified by the public and is placed close to where the pesticides are being applied. Information on the sign includes:

- the full name of the pesticide to be used;
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated;
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use;
- the places where the pesticide is to be used;
- contact telephone number and email address of the Trust officer the public can contact to discuss the notice; and
- any warning regarding re-entry to, or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority permit.

(4) All preventative measures such as relevant equipment, techniques and methods of application are carried out in accordance to the requirements of the NSW Government's Pesticides Regulation 2009. This regulation requires all users to complete mandatory training. The Trust's horticultural staff and contractors are all accredited. Weather conditions are a key determining factor influencing possible pesticide drift. Staff and contractors are trained to assess changing conditions and to cease operations if unacceptable spray drift occurs.

(5) The Trust adopts an Integrated Pest Management approach which includes physical removal of pests and weeds, other cultural or biological practices such as mass planting, robust plant species selection, mulching or use of a pest predator are preferred over the use of chemicals where possible.

*11486WILD GOAT RACING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

With regard to reports of animal cruelty in wild goat racing in some NSW regional towns including kicking, tormenting, over riding, being dragged by the tips of their horns, and being terrified:

(1) What training do regional police commands get on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 to ensure that these events do not allow the acts of cruelty reported above?

(2) What training do regional police commands get on the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: The Goat, including on the ban on restraining a goat at the tip of their horn?

(3) Are regional police required to stop cruelty to wild goats in racing events?

(4) What training do regional police get on their right to prosecute for events of animal cruelty?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) and (2) Animal cruelty issues are included in police training in various ways. For example, the NSWPF Handbook includes a chapter on the prevention of cruelty to animals. Rural Crime Investigators receive lectures by RSPCA and Dept of Primary Industries representatives at their annual conferences and gain a specialised knowledge of animal cruelty issues through a close working relationship with the RSPCA, supported by a Memorandum of Understanding with that organisation. An Animal Cruelty and the Law workshop is also included in the Constable Development Program.

(3) Police will investigate all reported acts of cruelty to animals, including wild goats used in racing events, and prosecute offenders under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 or Crimes Act 1900 where appropriate.

I am advised that the last wild goat races in Coolabah were held in June 2009 and that organisers have decided not to pursue future events following animal cruelty allegations. Wild goat races are also a major
part of the annual Lightning Ridge Festival, the organisers of which have instituted a range of measures to address any animal welfare issues.

(4) See (1) and (2) above.

*11487WILD GOAT RACING—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What assessment has the Government made on cruelty associated with wild goat racing including animals being kicked, tormented, over ridden, over worked, dragged by the tips of their horns, terrified and worried?

(2) What assessment has the Government made on limits in preventing animal cruelty in wild goat racing events given events occur infrequently, in rural regions, and involve feral animals that haven't been trained for racing?

(3) What action will the Government take to prevent animal cruelty and breaches of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act associated with wild goat racing?

Answer—

(1) Complaints regarding cruelty to animals are investigated by the enforcement agencies under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979. The enforcement agencies are the RSPCA, the Animal Welfare League and the Police Service. I understand that the RSPCA is investigating the issue as a result of information received from NSW Police.

(2) The provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act apply regarding these activities. Cases will be evaluated by the enforcement agencies as and when they arise.

(3) Industry & Investment NSW will work with the enforcement agencies to determine the extent of the issue and whether further action is required, given that the existing powers under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act are sufficient to deal with such matters where cruelty to animals occurs.

*11488RESTRICTIONS ON SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Are there any restrictions in NSW in terms of speed cameras being allowed on downhill sections of roads, e.g. not at a location with greater than a certain road gradient?

(2) If so, what are they?

(3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no physical restrictions on where speed camera sites may be located, however, the site selection is undertaken by the Roads and Traffic Authority in accordance with specific assessment criteria and installation guidelines. There is no technical reason why enforcement cannot occur on downhill gradients and enforcement at these locations is considered on a case-by-case basis, for example, where there have been a significant number of speed related crashes.

*11489CAR REGISTRATION AND E-TOLL INFORMATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Do the car registration and the E-Toll sections of the RTA liaise with each other when notifications of vehicle sales are provided by relevant people?

(2) If not, has the Department for Roads previously considered linking the two together for such purposes to make it easier for the public to notify the RTA once for the purpose of changing records for both vehicle registration and E-Toll charges?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The RTA treats the privacy of licensed drivers as paramount. Privacy regulations stipulate that information provided to the RTA may only be used for the purpose for which it is collected. The RTA Tolling Group is a commercial operation and does not access private information for updating tolling records. To do so would give the RTA Tolling Group an unfair advantage against other tolling operators in the market place.

The RTA has recently included a statement on registration papers reminding owners to notify tag issuers of a vehicle sale and is also working to address the issues raised by customers, motorways and toll tag issuers through a technology based solution. This will provide toll tag issuers with the ability to check registration numbers of their customers and identify whether a vehicle's registration
number has changed ownership before billing the account. The RTA continues to work collaboratively with the tolling industry to address this issue.

*11490CBD METRO PROJECT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) Has the CBD Metro project been totally scrapped, or is it just “on hold”?  
(2) What is happening to those buildings acquired for the project, including 30 Clarence Street?  
(3) If not totally scrapped, are further building purchases proposed for the project to proceed in due course?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has no plans to build the CBD Metro and has reallocated funds to other transport projects.

The properties will be retained in government ownership and, where appropriate, leased to tenants. The site of 30 Clarence Street will be used for the construction of the Western Express City Relief Line and the Barangaroo Pedestrian Link.

*11491ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to the 4-month wait list for patients requiring elective surgery at the Tweed Hospital, what steps is the Government taking to improve the waiting time for elective surgery?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Tweed Hospital continues to proactively plan for and manage the elective surgery waiting times in line with Statewide targets. At the end of August 2010 The Tweed Hospital had no patients waiting longer than the nationally agreed benchmarks for elective surgery.

I have previously advised the Member of additional funding to support elective surgery.

NSW Health has spent $38.5 million of this funding to date and has budgeted for a further $150.7 million during 2010-11. Of these amounts, the Tweed Hospital has received $2.6 million.

The NSW Government has also recently provided to The Tweed Hospital in excess of $600,000 for equipment to improve the quality of surgery procedures to the local community.

*11492WAITING TIMES FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to the Federal Government's $184 million budget to help reduce waiting times for elective surgery:

(1) How much money has been spent to date of the Federal Government's 184 million dollar budget to help reduce waiting times for elective surgery in NSW?  
(2) How much of this funding has gone to the Tweed Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Federal Government's $184 million budget (as referred to in the question) reflects the estimated funding allocation for NSW in 2010-11 for payments to be made under two National Partnership Agreements relating to improving access to elective surgery, as contained in the 2010-11 Commonwealth Budget papers.

The $184 million comprises an estimated payment of $87.9 million in 2010-11 under Stage Three of the National Partnership Agreement on the Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan and an estimated $96.9 million in facilitation and reward funding for improving access to elective surgery under the National Health and Hospitals Network National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services that was implemented following the Council of Australian Governments meeting in April 2010.

NSW Health has spent $38.5 million of this funding to date and has budgeted for a further $150.7 million during 2010-11. Of these amounts, the Tweed Hospital has received $2.6 million.
**SOLAR BONUS SCHEME**—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many households in the Tweed electorate have taken advantage of the NSW Government Solar Bonus Scheme?

Answer—

Information regarding participation in the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme will be tabled in Parliament at the conclusion of the review which is currently underway.

**METROPOLITAN WATER PLAN**—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Under the Metropolitan Water Plan, does the desalination plant operate at full capacity when dam levels drop below 70% and switch off when levels exceed 80%?
(2) What is the average amount drawn and released from Sydney's dams each day?
(3) Without the desalination plant, how many years' supply does Sydney have when dams are at 70%?
(4) Without the desalination plant, how many years' supply does Sydney have when dams are at 80%?

Answer—

(1) Consistent with the design and construct contract, the desalination plant will run at or near full capacity during a two year proving period. During this period, the operation of the plant will be monitored for water quality, performance and impacts on the supply system.

After this period, the NSW Government's Metropolitan Water Plan identifies operating rules that will apply will see the plant operate at full production capacity and supply desalinated water to Sydney Water's area of operations when the total dam storage level is below 70 percent, and continue to do so until the total dam storage level reaches 80 percent.

(2) The weekly storage figures are publicly available on the SCA website.

(3) and (4) Sydney's available water supply at any given time is dependent upon a range of inter-related factors including predicted demand, inflows, the available mix of water supply and demand measures, environmental flows and the short- to medium-term weather conditions.

The 2010 Metropolitan Water Plan was developed to ensure a secure supply of water until at least 2025. The detailed modelling that underpins the plan demonstrated how the catchments and infrastructure perform under thousands of possible future scenarios.

**WATER USE AT ERARING POWER STATION**—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Does the increased use of recycled water at Eraring Power Station further undercut the need for Tillegra Dam to be built?

Answer—

Recycling initiatives such as the new 10-year agreement with Eraring and the Vintage recycling program, each of which will deliver 1 billion litres of recycled water per year, will contribute to the Hunter region's water supply. However, recycling alone will not secure the region's water supply into the future.

Hunter Water's long-term water resource plan to meet demand for the next 50 years will secure the future water supply of the region through recycling, water efficiency and increasing water storages with Tillegra Dam.

**WATER SAVING KITS**—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) What percentage of the 16,501 do-it-yourself water saving kits given away in 2008-09 were assumed not to be installed?
(2) What percentage were assumed to be only partly installed?
(3) What information are these assumptions based on?
(4) How much money does each kit costs?

Answer—

I refer to the answer to Written Question 11146 which concerns the same matter.

**THREATENED SPECIES CONSERVATION LISTING**—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
What is the confirmed extent of Ribbon Gum, Mountain Gum, Snow Gum Grassy Forest/Woodland of the New England Tableland Bioregion listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2005?

What is the confirmed extent of Semi-evergreen Vine Thicket in the Brigalow and Nandewar Bioregions listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 1999?

What is the confirmed extent of Upland Wetlands of the Drainage Divide of the New England Tableland Bioregion listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2003?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water has supplied the following estimates based on surveys currently underway by the Royal Botanic Gardens. These figures are unpublished and may change as further information becomes available.

1. The extent of Ribbon Gum, Mountain Gum, Snow Gum Grassy Forest/Woodland of the New England Tableland Bioregion is estimated to be 31,000 hectares.
2. The extent of Semi-evergreen Vine Thicket in the Brigalow and Nandewar Bioregions is estimated to be 8,840 hectares.
3. The extent of Upland Wetlands of the Drainage Divide of the New England Tableland Bioregion is estimated to be 2,000 hectares.

When will full Threatened Species Conservation listing for Mallee and Mallee-Broombush dominated woodland and shrubland in the South Western Slopes Bioregion be confirmed?

Why has it taken three years to move this critically endangered ecological community from nomination to preliminary determination?

When will full Threatened Species Conservation listing for Castlereagh Scribbly Gum Woodland in the Sydney Basin be confirmed?

Answer—

I am advised that:

1. The final determination for listing "Mallee and Mallee-Broombush dominated woodland & shrubland, lacking Triodia, in the NSW South-Western Slopes Bioregion" as a critically endangered ecological community was gazetted on 24 September 2010.
2. Adequate scientific information is required to enable a robust assessment of an endangered ecological community so that is defensible both scientifically and legally. Information is obtained from various sources such as scientific literature, data bases, scientists undertaking research relevant to the nomination and from appropriate experts. Work may also be undertaken or commissioned to obtain the necessary information. It is essential to ensure that the description of the community is adequate and appropriate, and does not inadvertently overlap already listed communities.

In this specific case, a lack of existing and readily available scientific information, along with the time taken to obtain expert advice, gather unpublished information from relevant scientists and organisations, and ensuring that the community nominated was adequately and appropriately defined (scientifically and legally), did prolong the anticipated timeframe for the determination process.

3. The nomination to list the "Castlereagh Scribbly Gum Woodland in the Sydney Basin" as a vulnerable endangered ecological community is in the final stages of the determination process set down by the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. It is anticipated that final determination will be gazetted before the end of 2010.

When will full Threatened Species Conservation listing for Marsh Club-rush sedgeland in the Darling Riverine Plans Bioregion be confirmed?

Why has it taken three years to move this critically endangered ecological community from nomination to preliminary determination?

When will full Threatened Species Conservation listing for Porcupine Grass-Red Mallee-Gum Coolabah hummock grassland in the Broken Hill Complex Bioregion be confirmed?

Answer—

I am advised that:
The final determination for listing Marsh Club-rush sedgeland in the Darling Riverine Plans Bioregion as a critically endangered ecological community was gazetted on 24 September 2010.

Adequate scientific information is required to enable a robust assessment of an endangered ecological community so that is defensible both scientifically and legally. Information is obtained from various sources such as scientific literature, data bases, scientists undertaking research relevant to the nomination and from appropriate experts. Work may also be undertaken or commissioned to obtain the necessary information. It is essential to ensure that the description of the community is adequate and appropriate, and does not inadvertently overlap already listed communities.

In this specific case, a lack of existing and readily available scientific information, along with the time taken to obtain expert advice, gather unpublished information from relevant scientists and organisations, complete a critical mapping project and ensure that the community nominated was adequately and appropriately defined (scientifically and legally), did prolong the anticipated timeframe for the determination process.

The final determination to list Porcupine Grass-Red Mallee-Gum Coolabah hummock grassland/low sparse woodland in the Broken Hill Complex Bioregion as a critically endangered ecological community was gazetted on 24 September 2010.

*11500BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to Building the Education Revolution (BER) work at schools in the Lane Cove electorate:

(1) Have there been any problems recorded on BER projects at schools in the Lane Cove electorate?
(2) If so, what are the projects and details of the issues?

Answer—

The Building the Education Revolution (BER) Integrated Program Office, together with the Managing Contractor, works with school Principals to address BER related issues in the electorate of Lane Cove as they arise.

*11501UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which schools in the Lane Cove electorate have unflued gas heaters?
(2) What is the total number of unflued gas heaters in schools in the Lane Cove electorate?

Answer—

(1) Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment used in most Department of Education and Training schools. Schools in the Lane Cove electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.

(2) A detailed report on the prevalence of unflued gas heaters in Department schools within an electorate would require significant time and resources to procure accurate data from school maintenance contractors.

*11502ELECTRICAL INTERRUPTIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

In relation to Energy Australia figures on electrical interruptions, how many power interruptions were recorded within the Lane Cove local government area during:

(a) financial year ending 2007;
(b) financial year ending 2008;
(c) financial year ending 2009;
(d) financial year ending 2010?

Answer—

I am advised by EnergyAustralia:

(a) 50
(b) 65
(c) 83
(d) 58

These results include all interruptions except those that:

• affected only one customer; and
• lasted for less than one minutes.

*11503 REGIONAL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT FUND—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

With regards to the Regional Business Employment Fund:

(1) What is the total expenditure/budget allocation for the Regional Business Employment Fund for the 2010-2011 financial year?

(2) How many jobs have been created under the Regional Business Employment Fund since its commencement:

(a) in total, across rural and regional NSW?
(b) broken down into the following regional areas:
   (i) Central West,
   (ii) Far West,
   (iii) Hunter (excluding Newcastle),
   (iv) Mid-North Coast,
   (v) Murray,
   (vi) Murrumbidgee,
   (vii) North Western,
   (viii) Northern NSW,
   (ix) Richmond-Tweed,
   (x) South Eastern NSW?

(3) How much money has been spent under the Regional Business Employment Fund since its commencement:

(a) in total, across rural and regional NSW?
(b) broken down into the following regional areas:
   (i) Central West,
   (ii) Far West,
   (iii) Hunter (excluding Newcastle),
   (iv) Mid-North Coast,
   (v) Murray,
   (vi) Murrumbidgee,
   (vii) North Western,
   (viii) Northern NSW,
   (ix) Richmond-Tweed,
   (x) South Eastern NSW?

Answer—

The budget allocation for the Regional Business Employment Fund is $7.6 million for the 2010-2011 financial year.

Since commencement of the Regional Business Employment Fund, the projects which have been offered financial assistance are expected to create or retain 676 jobs across rural and regional NSW. Business projects currently in the pipeline are expected to generate over 230 additional jobs in rural and regional NSW.

From commencement of the Fund to 31 August 2010, $573,500 has been expended to date on projects across rural and regional NSW. The financial assistance offered to companies is committed forward and payment of the assistance is linked to companies reaching agreed employment milestones.

*11504 WARRELL CREEK TO URUNGA UPGRADE—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the RTA’s Environmental Assessment Study for the Warrell Creek to Urunga upgrade of the
Pacific Highway:

(1) What were the findings of the flood study?

(2) Did the flood study consider the full range of flooding up to and including the probable maximum flood (PMF) as is required by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources?

(3) Did the flood study acknowledge the history of flooding of the areas in question, including as recently as 2009 when there were five floods?

(4) Why did the study choose the relatively minor 1977 flood of 2.65m to calibrate their flood modelling, when there have been many more major flooding events such as in 1974 (2.95m), 1962 (2.95m) and 1950 (3.4m)?

(5) (a) Did the study examine the combined impacts of a 2000 year flood in combination with a 2000 year storm?

(b) If so, what were the findings?

Answer—

I am advised:


(2) The flood study in the environmental assessment for the Warrell Creek to Urunga upgrade assessed the changes to the existing flood regimes and characteristics due to the proposed upgrade.

The NSW Floodplain Development Manual (NSW Government, 2005) details the process to be used in NSW for setting flood levels. In line with the Floodplain Development Manual, the probable maximum flood is used for assessing risk in a flood study under the NSW flood program.

(3) Yes.

(4) The Nambucca River flood model was calibrated to the streamflow gauge at Bowraville, which was established in 1971 after the 1962 and 1950 flood events. The May 1977 event was selected for the flood study as it was also a calibration event from the previous 1994 Lower Nambucca River Flood Study. The event was well recorded with data for flood flows available as well as a record of flood levels in the river and floodplain.

(5) (a) No. The study did not assess a combination of the 2000 year flood and 2000 year ocean level, as the purpose of the 2000 year flood modelling is to assess the impact of flood velocities on structures, whereas a 2000 year ocean level would result in reduced flood velocities over normal ocean levels.

(b) Not applicable.

*11505REVIEW OF ROADS ACT 1993—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting the Roads Act 1993 No 33, Section 268 provides that the Minister is to review the Act after the period of 5 years and within 12 months after the end of the period of 5 years:

(1) Has the Roads Act 1993 been reviewed?

(a) If yes, when?

(b) Have the outcomes of the reviews been tabled in Parliament?

(2) If the Roads Act has not been reviewed, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Roads Act 1993, underwent its statutory review in 1998 (five years after its assent) as required under the legislation.

A report on the outcome of the Review of the Roads Act was tabled in Parliament by the then Minister for Roads on 22 June 1999.

*11506BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION SIGNS—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Did the Minister, or her department, issue a requirement that Building the Education Revolution signs at school be covered at the time of the Federal election?

(2) If so, did the Department of Education, or any other contracted party, forward to schools items to cover such signs?

(3) If so, to how many schools?

(4) If so, what were the items?

(5) If so, what was the cost of the items including but not limited to the actual item sent and any packing of such items?
(6) How were the items sent to the schools?
(7) What was the cost of sending such items to the schools?
(8) Did the Minister consider an inter-departmental e-mail to schools issuing instructions to cover the sign from the school's own resources?
(9) If not, why not?
(10) If so, why was plastic sent to schools by the Department of Education or other such controlled authority?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) No. The Department of Education and Training did not forward items to cover the signs. The Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) forwarded materials to schools.
(3) Unknown - this information resides with DEEWR.
(4) It is understood that plastic and tape was forwarded to schools.
(5) Unknown - this information resides with DEEWR.
(6) It is understood that the items were sent via courier to schools.
(7) Unknown - this information resides with DEEWR.
(8) Not applicable – the materials were forwarded to the schools by DEEWR.
(9) Not applicable – the materials were forwarded to the schools by DEEWR as part of the Australian Government's preparations for election day.
(10) Plastic was sent to schools to cover the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan signs for election day to comply with Australian electoral legislation.

*11507SCIENCE LABORATORY UPGRADES—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Have the following NSW Government schools received science laboratory upgrades since 2003:
   (a) Riverstone High School;
   (b) Katoomba High School;
   (c) Elderslie High School;
   (d) Robert Townson High School;
   (e) Ambarvale High School;
   (f) Picton Primary School;
   (g) Parramatta High School;
   (h) Seven Hills High School?
(2) If so, on what dates were these science laboratory upgrades completed?
(3) How much did each project cost?

Answer—

(1) (a) Work at Riverstone High School started in August 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion date is October 2010.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (b) Work at Katoomba High School is due to start in December 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion date is January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (c) Work at Elderslie High School is due to start in October 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion date is January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (d) Work at Robert Townson High School is due to start October 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion date is December 2010.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (e) Work at Ambarvale High School is due to start November 2010.
(2) Anticipated completion date is January 2011.
(3) Still to be determined.
(1) (f) No, primary schools do not receive science laboratories.
(2) Not applicable.
(3) Not applicable.
(1) (g) Yes, Parramatta High School has had a science facility upgrade.
(2) Completed 1 February 2010.
(3) Cost $804,900.
(1) (h) Yes, Seven Hills High School High School has had a science facility upgrade.
(2) Completed 25 May 2010.
(3) Cost $707,700.

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*11508PAYROLL TAX RATES—Mr Richard Amery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—
(1) What are the payroll tax rates for the current financial year for businesses in New South Wales?
(2) How do these rates compare to the 1994-1995 financial year?
Answer—
In the 2010-11 Budget I announced a double cut to payroll tax.
A double tax cut which will contribute to saving NSW businesses $4 billion over the six years to 2013-2014.
The payroll tax cut that was due to come into effect on January 1 2011 has been fast-tracked and applied from July 1 this year.
On January 1, 2011 the payroll tax rate will be lowered even further to 5.45 per cent.
This Government has now cut payroll tax four times in two years.
These cuts are simple, straightforward, permanent and fully funded. This is in contrast to the temporary, complex cuts proposed by the Opposition.
This will be the lowest payroll tax rate in NSW in more than 20 years.
Our cuts mean that a NSW business with a $1 million payroll will pay around $18,600 in payroll tax for the year starting 1 January 2011.
That is around $14,600 less tax than they would have paid under the 7% rate, and lower threshold, that the last Coalition government left us with.
In Victoria, a business with a $1 million payroll will pay $22,050, which is around $3,400 more than in NSW.
These additional payroll tax cuts are a $110 million investment into the NSW economy in 2010-11.
This is on top of the payroll tax cuts that we announced previously, which provide compound savings to business each year.
Further, from 1 July this year our CPI indexed payroll tax threshold increased to $658,000.
NSW is the only State to index the threshold.

*11509ALBURY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
(1) What was the actual strength compared to authorised strength of the Albury LAC at:
(a) 1 July 2007;
(b) 1 July 2008;
(c) 1 July 2009;
(d) 1 July 2010?
(2) How many officers were assigned to Highway Patrol and at which locations at the above dates?
(3) What was the commencement date for the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) at the Albury LAC and for how long is the appointment effective?
Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1) Information about police numbers at Local Area Commands - both authorised and actual strength - is available on the NSW Police website: www.police.nsw.gov.au

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(3) An Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) position was established at the Albury Local Area Command in June 2009 with funding for two years. The current ACLO commenced duties in June 2010 with an appointment for 12 months.

*11510ROSS STREET/GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In regards to the traffic amendments at the Ross Street/Great Western Highway Intersection:

(1) Which body made this decision and when was the decision made?
(2) What was the justification for this decision?
(3) Was there any study undertaken into the impacts of this action upon traffic flows on other intersections, e.g. the Mount Street intersection?
(4) Was there any study undertaken into other options and possible improvements to the local road network such as implementing traffic lights?
   (a) If yes, what was the outcome of this study?
   (b) If not, why not?
(5) Will the restriction to traffic at Ross Street to left in/left out direct more traffic to the Wascoe Street/Mann Street/Hare Street/Great Western Highway intersection?
   (a) If yes, is this an issue?
   (b) If not, why not?
(6) Was there any prior consultation with affected stakeholders e.g. residents, motoring associations, other levels of government?
   (a) If yes, what are the details of consultation?
   (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) A decision has not yet been made. The Roads and Traffic Authority is currently seeking comments via the community consultation process.

(3) and (4) There is no Mount Street at this location. I presume Mr Ayres refers to Mann Street.

In line with the NSW Government's State Plan identifying road safety as one of its key priorities, the RTA regularly reviews safety performance of the State's road network.

As part of this review and analysis process, it was highlighted that a significant number of right-turn related crashes, including one fatality, were recorded at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Ross Street at Glenbrook.

To best address the predominant crash pattern in a cost effective manner, a proposal was developed to install a 'No Right-Turn' restriction at the intersection and adjust the existing median islands to prohibit the right-turn movement from Ross Street onto the Great Western Highway. The right turn from the Highway onto Ross Street will be retained.

The option to install traffic lights at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Ross Street was explored. However, in light of the existing traffic lights at the intersection of the Great Western Highway/ Hare and Mann Streets, it was not considered the most cost effective safety treatment.

(5) Yes.
(a) Wascoe Street and Mann Street are local roads for which Blue Mountains City Council is responsible. The prevailing traffic issues along these local roads are subject to the council conducting investigations and community consultation to determine the most appropriate treatment to allow motorists to access the existing traffic lights in a safe and efficient manner. The RTA supports the council in this undertaking and is open to discussions about the long term treatment of both Ross Street/Great Western Highway and Mann Street/Hare Street/Great Western Highway intersections.

Blue Mountains City Council has been advised that any intention by it to propose council funded traffic lights at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Ross Street, as part of an overall local traffic management access strategy for the Glenbrook Town Centre, would be considered by the RTA. Such a strategy would need to consider incorporating a rationalisation of existing access movements at the current traffic lights at the Great Western Highway/Hare Street/Wascoe Street intersection.

(6) This proposal is currently proceeding through the public consultation process, which includes a letterbox distribution to Glenbrook residents and businesses outlining the proposal and notifications in the local newspaper. Information is also available on the RTA's website.

*11511CHEQUES ISSUED—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many physical cheques has the NSW Government issued for each of the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Services, Technology and Administration does not hold the information sought.

*11512PREVENTION OF TRAFFIC DELAYS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

(1) Are investigations being done into how to prevent significant traffic delays as occurred recently in the Snowy Mountains where several lanes were closed due to breath testing resulting in a traffic jam many kilometers long?

(2) Do you agree with the Member for Monaro who told the ABC there needs to be better communication between police and tourism operators to avoid such an incident?

(3) What is the value of the tourism industry in the Snowy Mountains?

(4) What is the NSW Government doing to boost tourism in the Snowy Mountains?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Snowy Mountains is an important region for tourism in NSW. The area attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every winter for skiing and snow boarding and also attracts visitors in the warmer months for activities such as horse riding, fishing, canoeing and bushwalking.

There were more than 1 million visitors to the Snowy Mountains in the year ending June 2010 who injected more than $600 million into the local economy.

This year, the NSW government will allocate up to $578,100 to the Snowy Mountains Regional Tourism Organisation to promote the region with funding to be matched by local operators.

In addition, Tourism NSW contributed $345,000 to four campaigns to promote year round travel to the Snowy Mountains in the year ending June 2010.

I understand the Member for Monaro arranged for direct discussions regarding traffic delays between local police and the local business community, including the ski resorts.

The issue of Police activities in the Snowy Mountains area falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Police. Questions relating to Police activities should be referred to the Hon Michael Daley MP accordingly.

*11513DISPLACED OFFICERS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Over the past three years and in relation to staff within the NSW Parliament, what was the:
(a) number of displaced officers;
(b) cost of these displaced officers;
(c) number of displaced officers that then accepted a redundancy;
(d) average length of time an officer has been displaced for;
(e) average length of time an officer was displaced before accepting a redundancy?

Answer—

I am advised these questions should properly be directed to the Presiding Officers of the NSW Parliament.

*11514 WILDLIFE KILLED ON ROADS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What progress has been made to resolve community concerns about wildlife being killed on roads in the Northern Beaches?
(2) What was the RTA’s response to the Minister’s request to investigate the option to install a wallaby-proof fence on McCarrs Creek Road?
(3) What is the likelihood a fence will be installed soon?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The RTA has a strong history of initiatives to protect wildlife on NSW roads. In 2007, the RTA provided funding to install fauna exclusion fencing along sections of the Wakehurst Parkway. This fencing encourages animals to use existing drains to safely travel under the road. The RTA also uses wildlife warning signs throughout the Northern Beaches to assist in reducing the incidence of road kill on roads by alerting motorists to the likely presence of animals.

(2) The RTA has carried out a preliminary investigation of Mona Vale Road and McCarrs Creek Road as part of developing options for addressing road kill along these roads. The RTA has, in conjunction with Warringah and Pittwater councils, prepared a range of short term and long term options as part of the preliminary investigations.

In the short term, the RTA is considering using electronic message signs at key locations and times, including dusk and dawn, to warn motorists of wildlife.

The RTA will also consult with wildlife experts and the Northern Beaches Roadkill Prevention Committee to carry out a detailed study looking at the local fauna populations and to review the benefits and impacts of fencing and other mitigation options. It is expected this study would take around three months to complete.

From this study the RTA would work with local stakeholders and the general community to develop long term solutions. These long term solutions could include the design and installation of fauna exclusion fencing.

(3) It is important the RTA gets the design and location of fencing right, as poorly located fencing can create a barrier to wildlife, preventing movement that is essential for breeding and dispersal.

The RTA appreciates the concern of residents for local wildlife and will work as quickly as possible to carry out the study and implement the most appropriate solutions.

*11515 STAMP DUTY ON MOTORHOMES AND CAMPERVANS—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What consideration has been given to reducing stamp duty on motorhomes and campervans to achieve parity with Queensland and Victoria?
(2) What measures are in place to ensure this lack of competition does not disadvantage the industry in NSW and the economy as a whole?

Answer—

The Government announced an exemption from stamp duty for caravans and camper trailers in the 2009-10 Budget. This came into effect on 1 July 2009.

*11516 WI-FI SERVICE ON MANLY FERRIES—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Have there been problems with reliability of the wi-fi service on Manly ferries?
(2) How widespread were these problems?
(3) Have they been rectified?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised that Sydney Ferries introduced a free WiFi service on its Manly Freshwater Class ferries in June 2010. In the first 3 months, over 60,000 user sessions were logged.

Additional capacity has been added to the Wi-Fi service to ensure reliability of this service for commuters.

*11517TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Given the Minister for the Hunter's recent claims in both the media and a letter to you regarding Tourle Street Bridge, that "current and future growth in industrial, employment and residential areas will continue to produce significant constraints on existing road infrastructure, which is showing serious signs of difficulty in coping with traffic volumes":

(a) What action is your department taking to address the problem of traffic volumes?
(b) When will planning begin for an expansion of the current bridge system?

(2) What advice did the Government receive that a two-lane bridge was a preferred option over a four-lane bridge?

(3) What, if any, advice did the Government receive that a two-lane bridge would not cope with traffic volumes in the area?

(4) Given the cost of building a four-lane bridge was an additional $15 million, why did the Government choose to build a two-lane bridge with the view of expanding the bridge system at a far greater cost in the near future?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (b) On 17 September 2010, I announced that the NSW Government will begin investigations into short and longer term measures to improve traffic flow across Kooragang Island in Newcastle. The RTA will begin work on these investigations immediately.

Funding of $100,000 has been made available to develop short term options, which include:

- The extension of the southbound merging lane for traffic near the railway level crossing to the west of the Cormorant Road roundabout.
- A possible lane extension for Tourle Street's southbound approach to the intersection with Industrial Drive to improve traffic flow.

The RTA will also start planning for the provision of a second two lane bridge and the duplication of Cormorant Road and Tourle Street. The duplication of Cormorant Road will need to take into consideration the wetland area, therefore, it is important to start planning the new road and bridge now.

The RTA's planning activities will include consultation with stakeholders, survey, traffic assessments, environmental and geotechnical investigations and preliminary road design.

The $44 million bridge at Tourle Street over the Hunter River which opened to traffic in May last year is the initial stage of an ultimate four lane river crossing.

(2) The RTA advised that the old Tourle Street bridge needed to be replaced because the bridge was showing advanced signs of fatigue in all of the main bridge elements including the concrete deck, the steel structure and the concrete piers in the river.

The preferred RTA option was to construct a replacement two lane bridge immediately downstream of the existing bridge, with a second two lane bridge to be constructed in the longer term. This enabled the old bridge to remain in service while the new bridge was constructed, maintaining access across the Hunter River.

A new bridge has now been constructed about five metres downstream from the old bridge. The new $44 million Tourle Street bridge was opened to traffic in May 2009, three months ahead of schedule. The completion of the new bridge ensures long term access to both sea and air ports and tourist and residential areas to the north and will form part of an ultimate four lane road across the river and across Kooragang Island.

The site of the old bridge will be used as the alignment for a second bridge and road in the future, enabling the RTA to connect a second bridge along the existing road alignment on the southern side of...
the bridge without encroaching on the industrial sites on either side of the road. The RTA considered the old bridge site provided the best site for a second bridge in the future.

(3) The RTA identified that, in order to provide a four lane road across the Hunter River and Kooragang Island, a four lane bridge and about 3.5 kilometres of new road would need to be built. A two lane bridge has been built as the first stage of an ultimate four lane crossing.

The RTA has not provided advice that a two lane bridge would not cope with traffic volumes in the area. However, the RTA has advised that a second bridge and road would be required as further developments were realised and traffic volumes increased. The RTA has previously undertaken to monitor traffic along Tourle Street and Kooragang Island.

Traffic volume across Tourle Street Bridge and Cormorant Road has grown significantly since 2004. The same level of growth is not reflected in counts at the nearby Stockton Bridge. This indicates that the growth on the island is related to employment growth and a significant amount of construction traffic.

While higher volumes of traffic are expected to continue while building activity related to the expansion of coal loading and other facilities on Kooragang Island is carried out, it is timely that the Government, as promised, begins planning road and bridge improvements both for the short and longer term.

(4) The RTA advises that $15 million is not the additional cost of building a four lane bridge and the necessary road approaches (about 3.5 kilometres) to create a four lane road across the Hunter River and along Kooragang Island. The cost of building a four lane bridge and the three and a half kilometres of road approaches was estimated be $105 million in 2007.

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*11518ASPECTS SCHOOL—SHORTLAND—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—

Given that a recent parliamentary inquiry in the NSW Legislative Council in May 2010 into the education of students with a disability or special needs reported "That the Department of Education and Training facilitate the provision of satellite autism classes in country areas to ensure children with autism in these areas have appropriate access to these classes":

(1) Why is the Government closing down the Aspects School at Shortland?

(2) What is the Minister doing to provide these services to students who live east of Shortland, including in the Port Stephens electorate, who will find it extremely difficult if not impossible to travel the additional distance to the new school at Gateshead?

(3) Is the Minister aware of the impact drastic changes can have to the development of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder?

(4) (a) Is the Government going to adhere to this recommendation in a way that will specifically benefit such students in the Port Stephens electorate?

(b) If so, when?

Answer—

The NSW Government is not closing down the ASPECT school at Shortland. ASPECT is a private educational provider. Where available, this organisation utilises vacant space on Department of Education and Training (DET) sites.

DET provides an extensive range of services to support students with autism across the state, including in Port Stephens. This includes specialist classes and teacher positions, as well as targeted support for students enrolled in regular classes.

DET is currently considering the Committee's report and its recommendations.

*11519SALE OF THE DOWLING STREET SITE AT NELSON BAY—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans’ Affairs—

Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the sale of the Dowling Street site at Nelson Bay?

Answer—

The site has been made ready for sale. All buildings and paths have been demolished and removed.

*11520GRAHAMSTOWN DAM—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Why has there been a drop in water levels at Grahamstown Dam in the past 12 months?

Answer—
Water supplied from Grahamstown Dam to the Hunter Water network, in addition to water lost to evaporation has exceeded rainfall in its catchment and any water pumped into the dam from the Williams River.

Grahamstown Dam is particularly susceptible to evaporation given its shallow depth. Further, as reported by Bureau of Meteorology, rainfall in the catchment over the last 12 months has been below average. However, it should be noted that the dam levels have been at or near capacity over the last few years.

*11521HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Given your advice that Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School in Raymond Terrace are able to accommodate current and projected enrolments from the Port Stephens area (Question 10941):
   (a) Does this mean the Government recognises there is a need for a high school or middle school in Medowie?
   (b) Has the Minister taken into account the proposed housing development in Medowie which will increase the population in Medowie twofold to 16,000?
   (c) Has the Minister taken into account the proposed housing development in Kings Hill which will increase the population in Raymond Terrace by 12,000?

(2) Given your advice that a working party report into the expansion of high schooling in west Port Stephens has been received and is under consideration (Question 11088):
   (a) When will the Minister make a decision on the working party report into the expansion of high schooling in west Port Stephens?
   (b) When will the report be made public?

Answer—

(1) (a) No.
   (b) There is potential for population growth in the longer term that may one day generate sufficient demand for a local high school in Medowie and this situation is continually monitored. The Department of Education and Training owns a high school site adjacent to Wirreanda Public School for such purpose, should future demographic demand justify construction.
   (c) Continued stable enrolment trends at Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School, the two government secondary schools serving the Raymond Terrace and Telligerry Peninsula areas of Port Stephens, indicate that the two schools are able to cater for the current and anticipated future levels of student demand.

(2) The report has been received and is under consideration.

*11522BULL STREET DEVELOPMENT AT MAYFIELD—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Bull Street development at Mayfield?
(2) When will construction begin?
(3) When will construction be completed?
(4) When will tenants begin moving in?
(5) Who will manage the complex?
(6) What is the current estimated cost of the project?

Answer—

(1) Development Consent for the project has been provided by Newcastle City Council. The tender for the construction works closed on 21 September 2010.
(2) Subject to satisfactory tender assessment, construction is expected to begin in late October 2010.
(3) Construction is expected to be completed in early September 2011
(4) Tenants are expected to move in shortly after completion of the works.
(5) Housing NSW is currently working with a community housing provider to finalise management of the accommodation.
(6) There are probity issues around announcing estimated projects costs whilst the tender assessment is being finalised.

*11523MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many motorists from the Port Stephens electorate have received warnings following the
introduction of mobile speed cameras?
(2) How many motorists from the Port Stephens electorate have received speeding fines following the introduction of mobile speed cameras?
(3) (a) Have mobile speed cameras been used in the Port Stephens electorate since their introduction?
   (b) If so, when and where were they operated?
(4) (a) Have mobile speed cameras been used in the Hunter region since their introduction?
   (b) If so, when and where were they operated?
(5) How many fines in total have been issued following the introduction of mobile speed cameras?
(6) How much revenue in total has been generated from fines issued following the introduction of mobile speed cameras?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) 14.
(2) This is a matter for the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO).
(3) (a) Yes.
   (b) Mobile Speed Cameras were used between 19 July 2010 and 20 September 2010 at North Arm Cove and Tea Gardens.
(4) (a) Yes.
   (b) Mobile Speed Cameras were used between 19 July 2010 and 20 September 2010 at Awaba, Bennett's Green, Darawank, Maitland, North Arm Cove and Tea Gardens.
(5) This is a matter for the SDRO.
(6) This is a matter for the SDRO.

*11524 WIDENING OF NELSON BAY ROAD—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given your advice that the detailed design for Stage 3 of the widening of Nelson Bay Road between Anna Bay and Bob's Farm is currently underway and is expected to be completed by July 2010 (Question 9954):

(1) Has the detailed design been completed?
(2) If so, when will construction begin?
(3) If not:
   (a) why not;
   (b) when will the detailed design stage be completed?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) Detailed design work has been completed to widen Nelson Bay Road from north of Cromarty Road to Port Stephens Drive at Anna Bay.
(2) A construction timetable has not been identified at this time. Funding for construction will be considered in future State budgets along with other Statewide priorities.
(3) Not applicable.

*11525GP SUPERCLINIC—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Has the Minister had discussions with her Federal counterpart regarding the Federal Labor Government's election commitment for a GP Superclinic in Raymond Terrace?
(2) Is the project still to go ahead?
(3) Would this project threaten the viability of the HealthOne clinic promised for Raymond Terrace?
(4) Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the HealthOne clinic promised for Raymond Terrace?

Answer—
I am advised:
Land for the HealthOne NSW service at Raymond Terrace has been purchased and planning for the facility is underway. Consultation is also underway to coordinate and maximise the health benefits of Commonwealth and State investment in health facilities at Raymond Terrace.
LEGAL FEES ON CLAIM FOR DUTY—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What is the total amount the NSW Government has spent on legal fees to date on the claim for duty over the sale of Sydney Airport in 2006?
(2) If this claim is still unresolved, does this mean that NSW in fact has no chance of recouping this money even though the Government factored it into its budget three years ago?

Answer—
I am advised:
The hearing date has been set down from 18 October 2010.
While the matter is before the court I cannot provide further comment, apart from reconfirming that it is the Office of State Revenue's responsibility to protect the integrity of our tax system through the courts, and it is entirely appropriate it does so.

SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

Given your advice that 46,308 rebates for solar hot water systems were paid between 15 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 and the rebate has been reduced to $300 from up to $1200 as of 15 January, in order that available funds could be better used to support a wider range of sustainability initiatives (Question 11094):

(1) How many claims for solar hot water systems have been lodged since 15 January 2010?
(2) (a) What total funds will be used to support a wider range of sustainability initiatives in the current financial year?
   (b) What do those sustainability initiatives include?

Answer—
I am advised that:
(1) 28,280 applications have been received to 17 September 2010.
(2) (a) $1.2 million will support a wider range of rebates this financial year.
   (b) A $200 rebate for the replacement of a single flush toilet suite with a four star dual flush toilet suite; and a $150 rebate for installation of a hot water circulator with a new or existing instantaneous gas hot water heater.

SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given the Solar Bonus Scheme has reached a capacity of 50 megawatts, and a review of the Scheme will now be undertaken to identify how it has performed against its original objectives:

(1) Will the Minister consider extending the seven-year period of the scheme beyond 2017 to encourage industry investment in renewable energy technology?
(2) Will the scheme be expanded to include commercial customers?

Answer—
(1) and (2) A report on the outcomes of the Review will be tabled in the NSW Parliament.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given your advice 29,015 people left the NSW public sector during 2008-2009 (Question 10881), how many people left the NSW public sector during:

(a) 2005-2006;
(b) 2006-2007;
(c) 2007-2008;
(d) 2009-2010?

Answer—
I am advised that the following people left the NSW public sector:
2005-2006: 34,217
2006-2007: 32,555
2007-2008: 33,132
2008-2009: 29,015
2009-2010: Data not yet available

*11530UNFLUED GAS HEATERS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Education and Training—
(1) As at 1 August 2010, how many unflued gas heaters (UGH) did each school within the Ryde electorate have?
(2) What is the age of each of the UGH?
(3) What is the estimated cost of replacing each of the UGH in all Ryde schools?
(4) How many of the schools in Ryde have had their UGH independently tested for their impact on the health of children through indoor air pollution?
(5) What was the total cost of maintenance of UGH used in Ryde Schools for:
   (a) financial year ending 2006;
   (b) financial year ending 2007;
   (c) financial year ending 2008;
   (d) financial year ending 2009;
   (e) financial year ending 2010?
(6) Who conducted the most recent UGH maintenance work?
(7) When will each of the UGH in Ryde be replaced?

Answer—
(1) Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment in most NSW government schools. Schools in the Ryde electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters. Specific data relating to the number of unflued gas heaters in the Ryde electorate is not readily available.
(2) 394 standard flame unflued gas heaters in schools in the Ryde electorate were replaced with Low NOx unflued gas heaters in 2007-08. However, a number of heaters may have been replaced in earlier years.
(3) This depends on the replacement alternative heating source.
(4) Maintenance of unflued gas heaters in all schools has been regularly undertaken as part of the Department's Asset Maintenance Contract to ensure that the heaters function properly.
(5) The maintenance of unflued gas heaters is included as part of the Department's Asset Maintenance Contract and is undertaken as part of the Preventative Maintenance Program within the Contract at no additional cost. Specific data for the Ryde electorate is not available as contract packages assigned under the Asset Maintenance Contract are not aligned according to electorates.
(6) The most recent maintenance work on unflued gas heaters in the Ryde electorate was undertaken by Spotless.
(7) The Department is investigating the environmental and health impacts of alternative heating sources. An announcement about the details of the replacement program will be made once this work is complete and has been considered by the Government.

*11531MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
(1) Did the Minister advise in answer to question 10339 than an inquiry report of the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing dated 30 October 2009 identified that no individual trustee of the Mick Young Scholarship Trust was solely in charge of undertaking fundraising activities?
(2) Can the Minister advise the reference in the report to this statement or finding?
(3) If there is no reference in the report to the Minister's statement in (1) above, why did the Minister make that statement?

Answer—
(1) Yes.
(2) Paragraphs 5.11 and 5.12 of the Investigation Report make reference to decisions by the Trustees made under the terms of the Mick Young Scholarship Trust deed. Specifically, operational decisions can only be made by a majority of trustees.
(3) It is also a well established principle of trust law that where there is more than one trustee, that all trustees are expected to act jointly.
MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—
(1) Did the Minister in answering question 10339 consult with his colleague the Minister for the State Plan and Minister for Community Services?
(2) If yes, what was the purpose of that consultation?
Answer—
(1) No.
(2) N/A

SOUTH COAST/ILLAWARRA RAIL LINES—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—
Regarding the South Coast/Illawarra rail lines:
(1) What was the average on time running for the South Coast rail line for:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?
(2) What was the average on time running for the Illawarra rail line for:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?
(3) What was the average on time running for the CityRail network for:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?
Answer—
I am advised on time running information for the CityRail network and specific rail lines is available on CityRail's website at: http://www.cityrail.info/about/our_performance/otr_summary.jsp

SOUTHERN REGION POLICE—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
Regarding the NSW Police service:
(1) How many police personnel stationed within the Shoalhaven Local Area Command were on leave as at 6 September 2010?
(2) Has any police operation within the Southern Region been abandoned due to the inability to fill the
police roster?
(3) If so, what operation?
(4) To date, are there any senior positions vacant within the Southern Region?
(5) If so, in what positions and what Local Area Command are they based?
(6) If so, has recruitment begun for the abovementioned positions and on what dates were they advertised?

Answer—
The Government has delivered record numbers of police in this State and the NSW Police Force has advised me that current authorised strength allocations are sufficient for Local Area Commanders to accommodate officers on leave. Commanders monitor and manage their staffing situation and routinely explore a range of options to maximise the number of officers available for duty. Recruitment action is underway for several senior positions within the Southern Region.

*11536 FUNDING FOR NSW YOUTH WORKERS—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

(1) What was the per annum funding for youth working in NSW for:
   (a) 2006-07;
   (b) 2007-08;
   (c) 2008-09;
   (d) 2009-10;
   (e) 2010-11?

(2) Does the Government have any plans to increase funding for NSW youth workers?
(3) How much of the youth budget is allocated to the Shoalhaven Local Government area?

Answer—
(1) and (2) This question is more appropriately dealt with by the Minister for Community Services.
(3) There are two components to the Minister for Youth's Youth Budget: the Better Futures Program and Youth Week. In 2009-10 $1,845 was allocated to Shoalhaven Council for Youth Week events and activities.

*11537 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON THE F3 FREEWAY—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many accidents were recorded on the F3 freeway in:
   (a) 2008;
   (b) 2009;
   (c) year to date?

(2) How many accidents were recorded on the F3 freeway that involved:
   (a) trucks;
   (b) cars;
   (c) motorcycles?

(3) On the occasions that the F3 freeway was closed, what was the average time the F3 freeway was closed due to road accidents?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) (a) In 2008 there were 466 recorded crashes on the F3 freeway.
    (b) In 2009* there were 438 recorded crashes on the F3 freeway.
    (c) Crash data for 2010 is incomplete.
(2) #
    (a) In 2008 there were 55 crashes on the F3 freeway that involved a heavy truck. In 2009 there were 62 crashes on the F3 freeway that involved a heavy truck.
    (b) In 2008 there were 407 crashes on the F3 freeway that involved a car. In 2009 there were 389 crashes on the F3 freeway that involved a car.
    (c) In 2008 there were 11 crashes on the F3 freeway that involved a motorcycle. In 2009 there were 14 crashes on the F3 freeway that involved a motorcycle.
The compilation of this information would require an unacceptable allocation of resources away from Transport Management Centre core business. The RTA considers that the average closure time of the F3 would not give a clear indication of general road closures due to the variables such as type of vehicles involved, loads carried, severity of incident (fatalities, injuries), weather conditions, time of day, location and access for emergency vehicles, all of which impact on the closure times. For example, during a major incident such as on 12 April 2010 the F3 was only fully closed for approximately an hour to allow removal of the critically injured driver by helicopter. At other times, there are only lane closures. Road closures can also occur on the F3 due to natural emergencies such as bushfires.

Notes:
The crash statistics presented above refer only to road traffic crashes reported to the Police which resulted in at least one person killed or injured or at least one motor vehicle being towed away.

* Data for 2009 is approximately 99% complete, but remains preliminary and subject to change.
# Please note that crash type categories are not mutually exclusive and must not be added together. For example, a crash involving both a car and a motorcycle will be included in both "car crash" and "motorcycle crash" categories.

*11538FLASHING SCHOOL LIGHTS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to flashing lights in school zones, how many school zones in the following electorates have been installed for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date:

(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

Answer—
I am advised:
(a) The following school zones had flashing lights installed in the Terrigal electorate between 2008 and 2010:
  • Kincumber Public School on Avoca Drive.
  • Empire Bay Public School on Empire Bay Drive.
  Prior to 2008 the following school zones had flashing lights installed:
  • Woodport Public School/Erina High School on the Central Coast Highway.
  • Green Point Christian College on Avoca Drive.

(b) In The Entrance electorate, Niagara Park Public School on Narara Valley Drive & Washington Avenue had flashing lights installed between 2008 and 2010.
  Prior to 2008 the following school zones had flashing lights installed:
  • Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School on Henry Parry Drive.
  • Ourimbah Public School on Pacific Highway.
  • Killarney Vale Public School on Wyong Road.
  • Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - The Entrance Campus on Central Coast Highway.

(c) Between 2008 and 2010 no school zone flashing lights were installed in Wyong electorate.
  Prior to 2008 the following school zones had flashing lights installed in the Wyong electorate:
  • St Mary's Primary School on Main Road.
  • Tuggerah Public School on Pacific Highway.
  • Toukley Public School on Evans Road.
  • Toukley Public School on Main Road.

(d) The following school zones had flashing lights installed in the Gosford electorate between 2008 and 2010 to date:
  • Gosford High School on Racecourse Road.
  • Gosford High School on Showground Road.
  • Brisbane Water Secondary College - Woy Woy Campus on Rawson Road.
Prior to 2008 the following school zones had flashing lights installed:

- Gosford East Public School/St Patrick's Primary School East Gosford on York Street.
- Woy Woy Public School on Blackwall Road.
- Woy Woy South Public School on Ocean Beach Road.

*11539INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Education and Training—

For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date, how many interactive whiteboards have been provided to public schools in the following electorates:

(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

Answer—

For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date, interactive whiteboards have been provided under central programs to public schools in the above electorates as follows:

(a) Terrigal - 10 under the Connected Classrooms Program and 46 under the Building the Education Revolution;
(b) The Entrance - 15 under the Connected Classrooms Program and 54 under the Building the Education Revolution;
(c) Wyong - 13 under the Connected Classrooms Program and 58 under the Building the Education Revolution; and
(d) Gosford - 15 under the Connected Classrooms Program and 45 under the Building the Education Revolution.

It should be noted that schools receive an annual discretionary operational grant, and schools may have chosen to use some of this funding to purchase further interactive whiteboards in addition to those provided centrally.

*11540PROGRAM OF APPLIANCES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What funds have been expended on Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP) in Wakehurst in each of the last 5 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service provides Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP) services to all eligible clients within the Area Health Service across 13 Local Government Areas. As with funding for other health services, funds under the PADP are neither allocated nor recorded by electorate.

*11541AGRICULTURAL LANDS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What studies have been done into identifying which agricultural lands should be retained in the Sydney Basin to the exclusion of residential development?

(2) What recommendations were made?

Answer—

(1) The Draft Metropolitan Strategy acknowledges that viable agricultural lands are facing continual pressures from alternative land uses and have a role in contributing to a sustainable future for Sydney. The strategy aims to maintain rural activities and resource lands and protect resource lands from incompatible and inappropriate uses. The Department of Industry and Investment NSW is working closely with the Department of Planning and relevant Councils on Sydney's fringe to ensure agricultural activities continue in the face of urban development pressure.

(2) Not applicable.

*11542CARERS/TEACHERS' AIDS—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) How many children with autism or an autism-related disability in Wakehurst are attending:

(a) Government primary schools;
(b) Government high schools?

(2) How many of these children have carers/teachers' aids?

(3) What is the average daily pay for each carer/teachers' aid?

Answer—

(1) (a) There are 24 students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in NSW Government primary schools in the Wakehurst electorate.

(b) There are 19 students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in NSW Government high schools in the Wakehurst electorate.

(2) These students are supported through the Department of Education and Training's Integration Funding Support Program which allows the principal of the school the flexibility to determine the type of support provided. This may be a teacher or a school learning support officer (formerly teachers' aide).

(3) The average daily pay rate for a casual school learning support officer (formerly teachers' aide) is $164.20.

*11543MENINDEE LAKES AGREEMENT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Given recent reports that a significant proportion of the funding from the Federal and NSW government's Menindee Lakes Agreement will be put towards the upgrade of the Chaffey Dam:

(1) Is this report correct and, if so, how much of this funding will be allocated to the Chaffey Dam upgrade?

(2) Did the NSW Office of Water and/or State Water recommend this expenditure to the Minister?

(3) Was the Minister aware of the Menindee Lakes agreement before it was made public and, if so, did he recommend this agreement to the Premier?

(4) Why were neither the Victorian nor South Australian Governments consulted before the Menindee announcement was made even though the agreement significantly impacts their water entitlements?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Commonwealth has undertaken to provide an additional $10.4 million, on top of its existing $6.5 million commitment, towards the augmentation of Chaffey Dam. The additional Commonwealth funding for Chaffey Dam augmentation is subject to a final feasibility assessment on the Menindee Lakes agreement, and NSW submitting a fully costed proposal.

(3) The Premier and I, and our officers, held talks about the proposed Menindee Lakes Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

(4) The MoU is between the Commonwealth and NSW Governments. Subject to meeting a number of other conditions, the MoU requires both parties to jointly negotiate with the other members of the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council on any requisite changes to the operational rules under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.

*11544GRABINE LAKESIDE TRUST—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

With reference to the Minister's statement of 15 July 2010 in which he said that the concerns of customers who still have to pay rates for their on-site vans at the currently closed Grabine Lakeside Park is a matter for the trust to decide:

(1) As the trust does not have the authority, in its own right, to waive fees where such action would result in requirements for the Government to meet its consequent operating cash shortfall, will the Minister consider a subsidy to the trust to allow the waving of the fees for permanent on-site vans while the park is closed?

(2) Has the trust written to the Minister or to the Department of Lands seeking this type of assistance?

(3) If so, has the Minister replied to the trust and what was the content of this reply?

Answer—

(1) Any decision to waive fees is a matter for the Trust. Should that decision result in an operating shortfall, I will consider providing supplementary assistance to the Trust.

(2) No.

(3) Not Applicable.
RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Education and Training—

With reference to the proposed closure of the Rugby Public School at the start of Term 1 next year, due to the small number of enrolled students and given that a survey of local residents has revealed that there are up to ten children in the local area who will be available for enrolment at this school by 2013, will the Minister consider keeping the school open for the next two years to allow it time to seek new enrolments?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education and Training monitors student enrolments on a regular basis to ensure viable educational settings are maintained to support the learning of all public school students. I am advised that Rugby Public School has experienced declining enrolments over the last five years and will only have two students enrolled in 2011 and 2012.

Consideration is now being given to placing the school into recess from the beginning of 2011. This process involves closing the school while a two-year review is held into its ongoing viability. All decisions are made in close consultation with the Parents and Citizens Association, the school community, other schools in the area, staff, local government, and local MPs. School grounds and infrastructure remain under maintenance during this process.

Future enrolment potential would be monitored while the school remains in recess in accordance with Department of Education and Training policy and procedures to ascertain whether the school could become operational again in future years.

HORNSBY HOSPITAL MEDICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Will a Medical Assessment Unit (MAU) be created in Hornsby Hospital?
(2) If so, when will this occur and what funding will be attached to it?

Answer—

I am advised:
(1) and (2) Planning for opening of the Medical Assessment Unit, including the recruitment of staff is currently underway. The Medical Assessment Unit is scheduled to open in early 2011. The recurrent funding allocated for the Medical Assessment Unit for 2010/11 is $2.4 million.

LAND-LOCKED OR DEGRADED LAND—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Is there any precedent or example of land, including that which could be land-locked or degraded, that has been transferred to private ownership, e.g. to a sporting club, free of future encumbrance or for a peppercorn rent?

Answer—

I am advised it is most unlikely that land has been transferred to private ownership on the terms you have described. However, if you are aware of a specific circumstance, I will arrange for the matter to be investigated.

BEROWRA RAILWAY STATION—CAR PARK—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the Berowra Railway Station under construction:
(1) What is the total cost of this car park?
(2) When is it expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:
(1) The total cost of Berowra Commuter Car Park is $4.7 million.
(2) The Berowra Commuter Car Park is expected to be completed in December 2010.

"YOUR HEALTH SERVICE" WEBSITE—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
In relation to the "Your Health Service" website:

(1) Who was responsible for developing the site?
(2) Who or what prompted the information for "out of town" visitors on the website?
(3) Has anyone in the Health Department ever been contacted by Kelly Foran from Friendly Faces-Helping Hands regarding an interactive information website for country people outlining major hospital services and relevant resources within the vicinity?
   (a) If so, when?
   (b) If so, what was discussed?
(4) Is the department aware of the Friendly Faces-Helping Hands website?
(5) If so, who is aware of the site and what influence has it had on developing the "Your Health Service" website?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) and (2) The "Your Health Service" website was commissioned by the Director-General of NSW Health to provide state wide consumer-focused information about the public hospital system in NSW.
(3) to (5) The NSW Department of Health is aware of correspondence about a proposed website "Friendly Faces Helping Hands". It had no influence in the development of the "Your Health Service" website.

*11550MENTAL HEALTH ASSERTIVE OUTREACH TEAM—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

What is the number, location and make up of each Mental Health Assertive Outreach Team across the State of NSW including:

(a) the case load for each team;
(b) the case load for each member of the team;
(c) geographic area serviced;
(d) general make up of duties;
(e) level of engagement with other service providers, including GPs, police, mental health team, mental health professionals and carers?

Answer—
I am advised:

(a) and (b) Centralised data collected by NSW Health for each Area Health Service does not align to the term Mental Health Assertive Outreach Team in a way that allows an accurate response to the questions raised.

The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) function is an important element in the spectrum of service responses that public mental health services provide to support patients with varying levels of need. However, the function may be delivered by teams under various names or through integrated or merged service models.

(c) Community mental health teams providing assertive outreach align to the geographical boundaries of Area Health Services.

(d) Community mental health service configuration is complex and variously titled. The structure of service delivery models, workloads and day to day functioning are managed primarily by individual Area Health Services and vary across the State in order to respond more appropriately to local need and context.

ACT is a service model to deliver assertive clinical community treatment and care coordination on an extended-hours basis, for individuals with a diagnosed or emerging severe and persistent mental illness.

This service function particularly focuses on people with significant social and functional impairment that requires intensive and multileveled supports to allow them to remain out of hospital care for extended periods.

Area Health Services delivery of community mental health care includes a number of components and options in terms of team structure to provide assertive outreach. Functions such as community acute and emergency mental health care, ongoing case management (also known as care coordination) and
the mental health component of supported housing (HASI) all potentially contribute to the activity of assertive community care.

(e) All mental health community outreach and support services are required to respond to various needs and presentations of their clients. This includes engagement with other services in the community that can assist in maintaining community tenure for mental health consumers.

All public mental health consumers are encouraged to have a General Practitioner (GP) and there are a number of shared initiatives between Mental Health and GP Divisions to support shared management of the health needs of people with mental illness, both in providing physical health care and ongoing mental health treatment.

A number of partnerships with other agencies such as Housing, Police and other services are supported through formal agreements such as the Memorandum Of Understanding with NSW Police, and the partnership program with Housing and Non-Government Organisation (NGO) service providers through the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI).

Family and carer involvement in all mental health responses is enshrined in the NSW Mental Health Act (2007) and supported by programs to improve staff competency in working with carers and through funding to NGOs, providing direct support to carers in facing the unique and complex issues that mental illness can raise.

*11551* "PUT AND TAKE" POLICY FOR INLAND DAMS—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Is NSW Fisheries considering a "put and take" policy for inland dams in relation to fishing for cod fish?

(2) Given that Queensland Fisheries has a "put and take" policy for their inland dams, securing visitors for 12 months of the year, would a similar policy in NSW enhance our inland tourism and fishing industry?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Industry & Investment NSW will be undertaking a review of bag, size and gear limits in 2011. As part of that review, proposals may be considered to allow increased angler access to those inland impoundments in which fish recruitment is limited to stocking.

Such a proposal could have significant positive impacts for regional tourism industries associated with these inland dams.

*11552* TRAIN DISRUPTIONS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How many train disruptions occurred on the Illawarra line between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2010?

Answer—

I am advised there were 167 delayed peak hour services on the Illawarra Line between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2010. To put this into context, CityRail operated 6271 services during this period on the Illawarra line.

*11553* BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) What is the current status of all Building the Education Revolution projects in the Cronulla electorate?

(2) Which projects are reported to be behind schedule?

(3) Which projects are reported to be over budget?

Answer—

(1) The current status of all Building the Education Revolution (BER) projects in NSW government schools is detailed on the NSW BER website at: www.ber.nsw.gov.au

(2) BER projects in NSW government schools will be delivered within the Commonwealth Government's timeframe for the BER program.

(3) Final costs for all Primary School's for the 21st Century projects are yet to be determined. Once determined, the final cost of the P21 projects will be published on the NSW BER website.
**11554 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED**—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

How many infringement notices have been issued to people with boat licences in the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area by NSW Maritime?

Answer—
I am advised:

The production of an accurate figure would require considerable time and an unjustifiable diversion of resources away from the core responsibilities of the Office of State Revenue.

**11555 INNER CITY POLICE STAFFING**—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

With respect to the allocation of police officers to inner city Police Commands, which have to address large scale and serious impacts of late trading precincts, including 1,800 liquor outlets in the City of Sydney alone:

(1) How does the Government ensure that Police Commands with large numbers and concentrations of late night licensed premises have sufficient staffing to provide officers to cover late nights and weekends in addition to normal policing operations, including:
   (a) Kings Cross;
   (b) Surry Hills, in particular Oxford Street/Taylor Square;
   (c) The Rocks;
   (d) City Central, particularly George Street south?

(2) What criteria does the Government use to ensure that there are sufficient police officers for licensing work and responding to large numbers of visitors and intoxicated patrons late at night?

(3) What additional regional or statewide resources does the Government provide to help the demand on these Commands?

(4) What additional regional or statewide resources does the Government provide to police major events?

(5) What additional licensing resources does the Government provide in recognition of this high-level responsibility in these Commands?

(6) What further action will the Government take to ensure adequate police numbers in inner city Commands?

Answer—
I refer the Member to my response to her identical Written Question No. 11212 on this subject.

**11556 STAGE 2 CONSULTATION—BAYS PRECINCT**—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Following release of the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group Strategic Planning Principles for the Sydney Harbour Bays Precinct:

(1) When will stage 2 of the community consultation process for finalising planning principles for the Bays Precinct begin?

(2) How will the Government consult with the community and ensure that a broad range of people participate in the process?

(3) When does the Government expect to finalise the planning principles?

Answer—
The first stage of the consultation process for the Bays Precinct involved gathering ideas and information from the community and industry to assist in preparing draft planning principles for the area, in particular Glebe Island, White Bay and White Bay Power Station. The document "Towards an Integrated Strategic Plan" was developed by the community as part of this process.

The NSW Government Bays Precinct Taskforce will now consider the feedback from the consultation process and advise Government on potential planning principles for the area. These principles are expected to be exhibited later this year for community feedback before being finalised next year to guide future planning processes, such as master planning for the precinct.
PARTY BOATS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

With respect to the Government's Hassle Free Nights plans to regulate party boats in order to prevent alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour:

(1) What regulations have been developed and implemented to ensure responsible management of party boats, including:
   (a) what Code of Conduct will apply;
   (b) what safety audits will be carried out;
   (c) what noise controls will apply to party boats;
   (d) what measures will be used to prevent noise and other impacts where party goers disembark;
   (e) what increased enforcement of licensing conditions will occur;
   (f) what training will be required for staff?

(2) What enforcement system will the Government use to ensure responsible management of these operators?

(3) How will the Government report on progress with this regulation?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Maritime regulates party boats under the Commercial Vessels Act 1979.

A Code of Conduct "Charter Vessels - Managing Passengers and Alcohol" is being developed in consultation with industry which outlines requirements for vessel operators to promote responsible passenger behaviour. NSW Maritime conducts annual survey inspections of all passenger vessels and also audits vessel safety management systems.

All vessels are required to comply with NSW noise legislation. NSW Maritime also has a Code of Conduct for Charter Vessels Operating with Amplified Music Systems which was developed in consultation with industry in 1998.

A variety of measures will be used including increasing operator and passenger awareness of the impact on residents and other members of the public as passengers disembark. Operators will be required to advise passengers to minimise noise as they disembark and provide directions to nearby public transport. This will be supplemented by increased compliance and enforcement activity in locations where passengers will be disembarking.

NSW Maritime will participate with other agencies in joint enforcement campaigns to ensure operators comply with maritime, licensing and noise legislation.

NSW Maritime provides input to monthly progress reports to Communities NSW.

JOINT TERMINAL FACILITY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) What consideration has been given to establishing a joint terminal facility at Gordon, including for routes servicing the St Ives community, as suggested in a submission by the Action for Public Transport Association, to the 2008 Ministry of Transport review into the Sydney bus network?

(2) What consideration has been given to a central bus stop at St Ives?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Government has no plans to change current interchange arrangements at Gordon and St Ives.

Route 582, operated by Shorelink, services the suburbs of Gordon and St Ives, while Routes 195, 196 and 197 operated by Forest Coach Lines travel express to St Ives before continuing to St Ives Chase and Mona Vale.

There is insufficient kerb space on the northern side of Gordon Station for both Shorelink and Forest Coach Lines services to depart. Also, moving Route 582 services to the southern side of the station would result in 1.4 kilometre diversion per return trip and increased travel time for passengers.

BOB ELLIS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

(1) On what date did Bob Ellis commence performing work for you or your department?

(2) Is he paid through the Department of Premier or Cabinet?
(3) If not, who pays him?

Answer—

(1) MaPS' records indicate that Bob Ellis (via Boban Services) was first paid for work performed for the Office of the Minister for Fair Trading/Minister for the Arts, on 2 February 2010.

(2) Yes.

(3) Does not arise.

*11560MAINTENANCE OF FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Who is contracted to maintain the flashing lights in school zones?

(2) Is ongoing maintenance of each school's flashing lights:
   (a) included in the installation contract;
   (b) awarded to a separate supplier;
   (c) carried out by RTA traffic light maintenance crews?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Sigtec Pty Ltd was awarded a contract to install and maintain the current rollout of school zone flashing lights.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No.

*11561STATE WATER OFFICES IN LEETON—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Given that the new State Water Office in Kurrajong Avenue, Leeton opened on Friday 5 March, 2010:
   (a) How many staff are located at this office?
   (b) What is the total budget for this office?
   (c) From (b), how much of the budget is allocated towards salaries?
   (d) Is the office leased?
   (e) If yes to (d) what are the terms of the lease, including length of lease and total annual rent?
   (f) If no to (d), how much was the location purchased for?

(2) With respect to the former State Water Office building in Leeton (in Chelmsford Place):
   (a) How many staff remain located at this office?
   (b) What is the total budget for this office?
   (c) From (b), how much of the budget is allocated towards salaries?
   (d) Is the office leased?
   (e) If yes to (d) what are the terms of the lease, including length of lease and total annual rent?
   (f) If no to (d), how much was the location originally purchased for?
   (g) Why is this office still open?
   (h) What is the purpose of this office if there is a new State Water location in Kurrajong Avenue?

(3) How many staff are employed by State Water in Leeton in total?

(4) Why have the operations of State Water in Leeton been split into two offices?

Answer—

(1) (a) 15.

   (b) Budgeting is undertaken for the relevant business unit statewide, not the office itself.

   (c) See (b) above.

   (d) Yes.

   (e) 10-year lease agreement with annual rent of $40,000.

   (f) N/a

(2) (a) Nil.

   (b) State Water pays approximately $6,000 pa to retain a communications tower on site under the terms of a MoU with the State Property Authority (SPA).

   (c) Nil.
(d) No. See (b) above.
(e) N/a
(f) and (g) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands.
(h) See (b) above.
(3) 17 (includes two staff at the Leeton depot).
(4) See (2) (b) above.

*11562 HUNTHAWANG STATION—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) (a) Did the NSW Government purchase "Hunthawang Station" near Hillston?

   (b) If yes, for how much?

(2) (a) If no to (1), did the National Parks and Wildlife Service purchase "Hunthawang Station" near Hillston?

   (b) If yes, for how much?

(3) (a) If no to (1) and (2), did the Federal Government purchase "Hunthawang Station" near Hillston?

   (b) If yes, for how much?

(4) What are the irrigation entitlements for "Hunthawang Station" (general and high security)?

(5) What are the latest LH&PA rates for this property?

(6) What is to happen with "Hunthawang Station" near Hillston?

(7) What has happened with the staff of "Hunthawang Station" near Hillston?

Answer—

(1) to (3) According to the records of the Land and Property Management Authority, "Hunthawang Station" is still owned by T.A. Field Estates Pty Ltd.

(4) This information is available from searching the public records of the Land and Property Management Authority.

(5) This question should be directed to the Minister for Primary Industries.

(6) and (7) Not known.

*11563 TEACHERS—GROSS PROFESSIONAL INCOMPETENCE—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to teachers and gross professional incompetence:

(1) How many NSW teachers have been dismissed in each calendar year since 2000?

(2) What is the number in (1) broken down by Department of Education and Training (DET) region and the general reason for their dismissal?

(3) How many NSW teachers have been given warnings in each calendar year since 2000?

(4) (a) Does the NSW DET have competence reviews (or similar) for teachers?

   (b) If so, how many teachers have undergone such a review in each calendar year since 2000?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The following table details the number of teachers who have been dismissed, including casual teachers placed on the not to be employed list by the Department of Education and Training since 2005 under teacher efficiency procedures. It is not possible to provide numbers from 2000 to 2004 due to changes to the method for collecting and recording this information. This table breaks down dismissals by Department of Education and Training regions.

All dismissals are due to teachers not satisfying the requirements for the position.

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(3) No teachers have been issued with a warning as a result of them being identified as experiencing difficulty with their performance. A warning may be remedial action taken in relation to conduct matters and is not used in relation to teacher efficiency procedures.

(4) (a) The Department of Education and Training has in place a structured process of performance assessment and development of all public school teachers, executive staff and principals.

(b) Since 2000 all teachers in New South Wales public schools have been required to undergo an annual review of their efficiency.

*11564CARERS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

How many carers of people with disabilities are there in the Tweed electorate?

Answer—

The 2006 Census indicates that there were 7,185 people providing unpaid assistance to people with a disability in the Tweed Local Government Area, this figure represents 11% of the population.

The Census defines this group of people as those who spent time providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others because of a disability, a long term illness or conditions related to old age.

*11565CRISIS ACCOMMODATION BEDS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

What is the total number of crisis accommodation beds available in the Tweed electorate?

Answer—

Community Services provides renewable funding under the Supported Assistance Accommodation Program (SAAAP) to the following agencies in the Tweed.

The Tweed Shire Women's Service Inc will receive $505,544 in renewable funding for the 2010-2011 financial year to provide crisis accommodation and case management support for women and children escaping domestic violence. The service manages a crisis facility for a maximum of 6 women and their accompanying children at any one time.

On Track Community Programs Inc will receive $108,152 in renewable funding for the 2010-2011 financial year to provide early intervention and post crisis case management support to families, single men and single women to assist them in acquiring and maintaining long term accommodation in both the public and private sector.

The organisation will also receive fixed term funding under the NSW Homelessness Action Plan of $600,650 for the 2010-2011 financial year to provide a Tenancy Support project in the Far North Coast that assists families with children to maintain their tenancy through brokerage support as part of a case management plan. The aim is to prevent families losing their tenancy and having to seek crisis accommodation.

St Josephs Youth Service will receive $401,273 in renewable funding for the 2010-2011 financial year to provide early intervention and post crisis case management support to young people to assist them in acquiring and maintaining medium to long term accommodation in both the public and private sector.

Access to crisis accommodation for families, single men, single women and young people over 18 in the Tweed electorate is provided through the Temporary Accommodation Assistance service managed by Housing NSW. The service broker's crisis accommodation through accommodation providers such as Motels and Caravan Parks for up to three days and refers clients to the above agencies for case management and longer term accommodation options.

*11566WAITING LIST FOR HOUSING—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

What is the total number of people on the waiting list for housing in the Tweed electorate?
Answer—
The number of people on the Housing Register is detailed each year in the Housing NSW Annual Report.

*11567INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—
(1) Which schools in the Castle Hill electorate are listed for the installation of flashing lights?
(2) What is the timetable for the installation of those flashing lights?
Answer—
I am advised:
The following schools in the Castle Hill electorate will have flashing lights installed before the start of
the first school term in 2011:
• Samuel Gilbert Public School on Gilbert Road.
• Cherrybrook Public School on New Line Road.

*11568RESEARCHER NUMBERS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
(1) How many researchers are currently employed at Cumberland State Forest, West Pennant Hills?
(2) How many researchers were employed at Cumberland State Forest, West Pennant Hills in September 1999?
(3) How many researchers were employed at Cumberland State Forest, West Pennant Hills in September 1994?
(4) Why has the number of researchers fallen?
(5) Does this mean that, in conjunction with the closure of the State Forest library, the Government is
preparing to sell Cumberland State Forest either wholly or partially off for housing?
Answer—
(1) 30.
(2) Approximately 45.
(3) Approximately 50.
(4) The reasons relate to changes in research staff requirements and their locations. Some research
projects are outsourced to Cooperative Research Centres, universities and industry associations. In
addition, research funding and staffing will reflect the community's changing priorities for research.
(5) No.

*11569RESEARCH COLLECTION—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
(1) What has happened to the research collection formerly housed in the library at Cumberland State
Forest, West Pennant Hills?
(2) How much is it costing to store the collection?
(3) What does the Government plan to do with the collection now that Southern Cross University has
elected not to accept it?
Answer—
(1) The documents considered to be unique in the research publication collection have been duplicated
in digital electronic format. Copies of each publication remain in suitable storage facilities at
Cumberland State Forest.
(2) Storage of the research publications is currently at no extra cost.
(3) The unique research publications will be stored at Cumberland State Forest within Forests NSW
record system.

*11570SCHOOL SECURITY FENCES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—
(1) Which schools in the Lane Cove electorate do not presently have completed security fences around
their perimeter?
(2) What schools are scheduled to receive security fencing in the 2010-11 NSW Budget?
(3) When are the project(s) due to commence?
(4) When are the project(s) due to be completed?
Answer—
(1) The Department of Education and Training undertakes to build security fences around schools where
a need has been identified based on a risk assessment.


Since 1995, the NSW Labor Government has installed security fences in more than 711 schools at a cost of more than $78 million.

(2) In the Lane Cove electorate, Hunters Hill High School is scheduled to receive a security fence funded in the 2010/11 NSW Budget.

(3) Commencement of the project to install a security fence at Hunters Hill High School has been delayed due to a foreshore and school site conservation order. An Environmental Impact Statement is currently being prepared.

(4) It is anticipated that the installation of a security fence at Hunters Hill will be completed by March 2011.

*11571TOILET BLOCK UPGRADES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) When were toilet block upgrades last completed in the following schools:
(a) Riverside Girls High School;
(b) Ryde Secondary College;
(c) Artarmon Primary School;
(d) Boronia Park Public School;
(e) Gladesville Public School;
(f) Greenwich Primary School;
(g) Hunters Hill Public School;
(h) Lane Cove Public School;
(i) Lane Cove West Public School;
(j) Mowbray Public School;
(k) Putney Primary School;
(l) Ryde East Public School;
(m) Greenwich Infants?

(2) What schools are receiving toilet block upgrades as part of the 2010/11 NSW Budget?
(3) When are the project(s) due to commence?
(4) When are the project(s) due to be completed?

Answer—

(1) There has been no recent upgrade of the toilet blocks at Riverside Girls High School, Ryde Secondary College, Boronia Park Public School, Greenwich Primary School, Hunters Hill Public School, Lane Cove Public School, Lane Cove West Public School, Mowbray Public School, Putney Primary School, and Ryde East Public School.

An upgrade of the toilet blocks at Artarmon Primary School was undertaken as part of the 2009-10 Minor Capital Works Program. This project was completed on 21 January 2010.

An upgrade of the toilet blocks at Gladesville Public School was undertaken as part of the 2008-09 Minor Capital Works Program. This project was completed on 30 June 2009.

There is no school identified as Greenwich Infants.

(2) As part of the 2010-11 NSW Budget 19 schools will receive toilet upgrades under the Building Better Schools Program. They are:

Fassifern Public School
Singleton High School
Crookwell Public School
Culburra Public School
Dungowan Public School
Yetman Public School
Wilson Park School
Tweed River High School
Balgowlah Heights Public School
Cromerhurst School
West Wyalong High School
Tharbolong Public School
East Hills Girls High School
Kingsgrove High School
A further 91 schools will receive toilet upgrades under the Principals Priority Building Program. The full list of the projects and progress updates for the Principals Priority Building Program is available on the Department's website.

(3) Projects on toilet block upgrades for 2010-11 have commenced.

(4) It is anticipated that the toilet block upgrades will be completed by 15 March 2011.

*11572FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POLICE—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

How many full-time equivalent police were stationed at the Gladesville Police Station in:

(a) 2006-07;
(b) 2007-08;
(c) 2008-09;
(d) 2009-10;
(e) financial year to date?

Answer—

Police positions are allocated to Local Area Commands, not individual police stations. Staffing allocations within a Command are matters for the Local Area Commander and vary according to operational requirements. Details of police numbers at Local Area Commands are posted on the NSW Police Force internet site, www.police.nsw.gov.au

*11573INMATES INCORRECTLY RELEASED—Mr Greg Smith asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

In relation to inmates who have been incorrectly released from correctional centres since 1 January 2009:

(1) How many have been incorrectly released and from what correctional facility?
(2) How many who were incorrectly released have been recaptured?
(3) How long were inmates, who were incorrectly released, out of correctional centres?
(4) Of the inmates incorrectly released, what were the offences that placed them in a correctional centre?
(5) (a) Did any of the inmates that were incorrectly released commit any crimes whilst released?
    (b) If yes, what crimes were committed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Ten offenders have been incorrectly released in the period in question across eight different correctional centres and court cells.
(2) to (5) All ten offenders were returned to custody or appeared in court and were dealt with without returning to Corrective Services custody. The offenders were in the custody of Corrective Services for various offences and there is no information to suggest further crimes were committed by the erroneously released inmates.

*11574POLICE PROPERTY SALES—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In relation to police property sales on the Mid North Coast:

(1) Is Gladstone Police Station still listed for sale or on divestment?
(2) If Gladstone Police Station has been removed from sale or divestment, is this a permanent arrangement?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that, as previously advised, it has no current plans to sell Gladstone police station.

The NSW Police Force constantly reviews its property assets to ensure our police have the best available equipment, facilities, station resources and office space to service the local community. The sale of old,
unused or outdated sites allows the Police Force to dedicate funds towards building better police stations and providing better resources and facilities to fight crime.

Prior to making any final decisions in relation to the sale of any property, the NSW Police Force carries out a rigorous consultation process within the local community to ensure all operational, crime and community issues are considered.

*11575MACKSVILLE HOSPITAL—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In relation to Macksville Hospital:

(1) How many TVs are there in patient areas?
(2) How many of those TVs are currently fully operational?
(3) Have there been problems with TV reception and the availability of TV channels in patient areas in the past three years?
(4) If so, what were these problems and what was done to rectify them?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) A user pays computerised bedside Television System was installed at Macksville Hospital in 1990. The bedside screens are monitors connected to a centralised system. Macksville Hospital did experience problems with TV reception after 2007 as a result of electronic components associated with subscription (pay) channels. Therefore, it was decided to disconnect the payment component of the system. Patients now receive a free television service that can access free-to-air channels with improved reception.

There are approximately 51 televisions in patient areas at Macksville Hospital. The number of fully operational televisions varies from time to time, however maintenance staff attempt to fix faulty sets as quickly as possible.

*11576PACIFIC HIGHWAY/VALLA INTERSECTION—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Pacific Highway/Valla intersection:

(1) Is the Minister aware that another fatality has occurred at this location with the latest one occurring in the first week of September 2010?
(2) Is the Minister aware that a local Nambucca Heads man was killed in a vehicle collision whilst travelling home from work at Bellingen?
(3) Will a dual carriageway eliminate this dangerous intersection?
(4) Will the RTA consider reducing the current 100 kph speed limit for highway traffic at this intersection?
(5) When will work commence on the upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) A fatal crash occurred approximately 700 metres south of Valla Road on 1 September this year. Any death on our roads is one too many.

(3) The proposed dual carriageway upgrade of the highway will replace the existing ground level intersections with the highway, including the existing Valla Road intersection, with grade-separated interchanges west of Nambucca Heads and south of Urunga. The existing highway will be retained as a local access road which will connect to these grade-separated interchanges. Traffic would be reduced significantly on the current road at Valla.

(4) The RTA is undertaking a speed zone review of the Pacific Highway from north of Valla Beach to Nambucca Heads. The speed zone review will be assessed using a number of factors including the crash history, road geometry, surrounding conditions, road usage, adjacent development, vehicle types and volumes and the number of access points along this section of the highway.

(5) The timing of substantial construction on the upgrade will be dependent on future funding arrangements beyond 2014. However, the current $3.6 billion in funding being provided by the NSW and federal governments to continue the upgrading of the Pacific Highway to mid 2014 will allow for the start of key preconstruction activities including:

- Land acquisitions.
- Preliminary environmental condition works (e.g. flooding and biodiversity investigations).
• Preliminary earthworks in the Nambucca River floodplains to stabilise the underlying soft soils.

*11577 LICENCE INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Ray Williams asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many people have had their licences suspended in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?

(2) How many people have had their licences cancelled in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?

(3) How many people have had their licences disqualified in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11?

(4) How many people lost their licence (suspended, cancelled or disqualified) due to one offence in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The number of people who have had their licences suspended in the requested periods is as follows:
   (a) 155,473, on all grounds.
   (b) On all grounds.
   (c) On all grounds.
   (d) Data for 2010-11 is incomplete.

(2) The number of people who have had their licences cancelled, including administrative and medical licence cancellations, in the requested periods is as follows:
   (a) 24,504, 26,238, 24,674
   (b) Figures are incomplete.

(3) The number of people who have had their licences disqualified, for law enforcement only, in the requested periods is as follows:
   (a) 21,211, 22,859, 21,158
   (b) Figures are incomplete.

(4) The number of people who lost their licence in the requested periods (suspended, cancelled or disqualified) due to one offence is as follows:
   (a) 80,910, 63,962, 54,913.

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*11578 NEPEAN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In regards to the resourcing of Nepean High School:

(1) What was the cost of recently installing two modern metalwork rooms at this school?
(2) How much money is allocated in the budget to further their role as a Creative and Performing Arts high school?
(3) What projections are there for year seven enrolments at the high school?

Answer—

(1) $590,600.
(2) $250,966 has been allocated for planning works towards the construction of new facilities for the
Creative and Performing Arts High School.

It is projected that there will be approximately 170 Year 7 students enrolled in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

*SCHOOL SECURITY FENCING—Mr Stuart Ayres asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In regards to the need for security fencing at public schools across the Penrith electorate:

1. How many public schools within the Penrith electorate do not have high security fences around them and what are these schools?
2. How much money is allocated in the 2009-10 security fencing program to erect high security fences around schools in the Penrith electorate?
3. How much money is allocated in the 2010-11 security fencing program to erect high security fences around schools in the Penrith electorate?
4. Which schools in the Penrith electorate will have high security fences erected around them?

Answer—

1. Ten schools within the Penrith electorate currently do not have security fences around them. These schools are:
   - Blaxland High School
   - Emu Heights Public School
   - Emu Plains Public School
   - Glenbrook Public School
   - Kingswood High School
   - Kingswood Public School
   - Lapstone Public School
   - Leonay Public School
   - Nepean High School
   - Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre

2. $450,000.

3. The Department cannot provide final costings for these projects at the moment because they have not been completed.

4. Schools in the Penrith electorate scheduled to receive security fencing in the 2010-11 program are:
   - Blaxland High School
   - Kingswood High School.

*SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

1. In view of the concerns over dealings by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority with leased premises in The Rocks that resulted in issues being referred to ICAC:
2. In each of the last 4 financial years, how many commercial properties administered as Crown land were leased or licensed?
3. For each year, how many of these were:
   a. leased or licensed to existing tenants for a further term?
   b. subject to an open disposal process (eg. tender or auction)?
4. What written policies and procedures does the CLO follow in the disposal (including by lease and licence) of the properties it is responsible for managing?
5. How many lease or licence instances have not followed these guidelines over the last 4 years?

Answer—

There were no Crown land leases or licenses administered by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

*POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB—Mr Jonathan O'Dea asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

When will the Minister be replying to my representations on behalf of a Davidson constituent about the need for a Police Citizens Youth Club in the Northern Beaches area, made initially by letter dated 25 August 2009 and followed by reminder letters dated 16 November 2009 and 12 April 2010?

Answer—

I understand my staff have contacted the Member's office and a response will be provided shortly.
In view of the concerns over dealings by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) with leased premises in The Rocks that resulted in issues being referred to ICAC:

(1) Are the statistics published by the SMH on 2 September 2010 quoting from a draft audit report by Deloitte's on property lease management correct?

(2) In each of the last 4 financial years, how many SHFA commercial properties were leased or licensed?

(3) For each year, how many of these were:
   (a) leased or licensed to existing tenants for a further term:
      (i) at Circular Quay?
      (ii) elsewhere?
   (b) subject to an open disposal process (eg. tender or auction):
      (i) at Circular Quay?
      (ii) elsewhere?

(4) What written policies and procedures does SHFA follow in the disposal (including by lease and licence) of the properties it is responsible for managing?

(5) How many lease or licence instances have not followed these guidelines over the last 4 years?

Answer—

(1) Like any draft report it did not necessarily reflect the auditors' final findings. In fact, DeLoitte's made it explicitly clear that the draft had not been subject to partner and professional standards review and could not be relied on or disclosed or referred to in any document.

(2)
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       2008-09 - 2  
       2009-10 - 2
   (ii) 2006-07 - 11  
        2007-08 - 54  
        2008-09 - 24  
        2009-10 - 25

(3) (b)
   (i) 2006-07 - 0  
       2007-08 - 1  
       2008-09 - 1  
       2009-10 - 3
   (ii) 2006-07 - 18  
        2007-08 - 41  
        2008-09 - 41  
        2009-10 - 33

(4) There are two policies, being the Lease Expiry Policy and The Rocks Lease Renegotiation Policy; and one procedure, being the Property Management and Leasing Guide Procedure. No renegotiated leases have occurred under The Rocks Lease Renegotiation Policy to date.

(5) Audits conducted by Deloitte and IAB over the past four years have periodically tested and concluded
that:

(a) leases and licenses have been negotiated, approved, prepared and executed in accordance with legislation and the Authority's policies, procedures and delegations;
(b) lease and tenant details had been correctly recorded in the Authority's finance system; and
(c) appropriate documents were filed on the Lease Negotiation and Property files.

Property management review is a standing quarterly item at the Foreshore Authority Audit and Risk Management Committee.

*11583BUS ROUTE E68—Mr Mike Baird asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What measures are being taken to address the significant delays in buses departing Wynyard during peak hour for the Northern Beaches, particularly the E68 to North Balgowlah?

Answer—

The NSW Government recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Sydney for key actions to be implemented in the Sydney CBD, including changes in the Wynyard precinct to improve bus flows in the peak. The Memorandum of Understanding is a publicly available document.

*11584SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) How many children of school age are currently listed as Special Needs in Port Stephens?
(2) How many places for Special Needs students are available in Port Stephens schools?
(3) How many, if any, are on a waiting list for a Special Needs place in Port Stephens schools?

Answer—

(1) to (3) In the Port Stephens Electorate, 235 students with special needs are currently supported in regular classes through the Department's Integration, Funding Support Program.

A further 123 students with special needs are currently enrolled in support classes. These classes have the capacity to support up to 180 students.

*11585FUNDING FOR TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Given your advice that individual hospital budget allocations are currently being finalised (Question 10435):

(1) Have individual hospital budgets now been finalised?
   (a) If not, why not?
   (b) If so, how much funding has been allocated to Tomaree Community Hospital?
(2) What is the breakdown of how this budget will be spent e.g. on staff, on resources, on the employment of locum doctors, on the hospital transport vehicle?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The breakdown of the budget is at the discretion of the Hospital management and the Area Health Service Chief Executive. A final reconciliation of the breakdown is not available until the end of the financial year.

*11586IMAGING SERVICES AT TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Has the preliminary analysis into the cost of establishing imaging services at Tomaree Community Hospital been completed?
(2) If not:
   (a) why not;
   (b) when will it be completed?
(3) If so:
   (a) what is the outcome of the analysis;
   (b) who carried out the analysis;
   (c) how will the Government act on this analysis?
(4) Generally, what is the cost of establishing imaging services i.e. cost of the equipment, staff etc?
Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) A preliminary analysis into the potential to establish imaging services at Tomaree Community Hospital has been completed. This analysis found that a separate room to house a General Imaging service would be required. A comprehensive costing is required to better estimate the capital investment required to build the imaging room and associated services. This would then need to be considered by the Area Health Service as part of the normal process for requests for enhancement funding and in light of other priorities within the Area Health Service.

*11587LOCAL HEALTH NETWORKS—Mr Andrew Constance asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What will be the wage structure for the CEOs of the new local health networks?
(2) Will it be the same as the current arrangements in the area health services?
(3) How many of the area health service CEOs become heads of the local health networks?

Answer—

A transparent and rigorous selection process will take place for new Chief Executives.

The new structure will be in place on 1 January 2011.

*11588FUNDING FOR RESPITE BEDS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

In relation to Disability Services and given your advice the Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Human Services NSW, provides and funds respite services for families residing in the Local Planning Area of South East Sydney, which includes the electorates of Vaucluse, Coogee, Heffron, Maroubra and Sydney (Question 7981):

(1) As of 9 September 2010, how many respite beds are currently funded in the electorates of:
   (a) Vaucluse;
   (b) Coogee;
   (c) Heffron;
   (d) Maroubra;
   (e) Sydney?
(2) Since 1 January 2010, how many people have accessed respite services in the electorates of:
   (a) Vaucluse;
   (b) Coogee;
   (c) Heffron;
   (d) Maroubra;
   (e) Sydney?

Answer—

As of 9 September 2010 respite services operated by ADHC in the South East Sydney LPA included 21 respite beds. Respite services operated by non-government providers in the South East Sydney LPA include a total of 29 respite beds.

176 people accessed ADHC-operated respite in the South East Sydney LPA during the period 1 January to 1 September 2010. 319 people accessed respite services in the South East LPA operated by non-government providers.

*11589IN-HOME DISPLAYS OF ELECTRICITY SMART METERS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

Given your advice smart meters can help consumers to save money by reducing electricity consumption or shifting consumption to lower cost times and to manage their electricity usage patterns, and that the NSW Government encourages NSW electricity retailers to offer a range of tariff/service options to consumers (Question 10612):

Has the Government received advice indicating the fundamental importance of smart meter in-home displays to promoting energy efficiency across NSW?

Answer—
The NSW Government participates in the national Smart Meter Working Group (SMWG), which advises the Ministerial Council on Energy on smart meter issues. The group has oversight of the National Stakeholder Steering Committee (NSSC), through which electricity industry and other stakeholders are developing frameworks for smart meters in Australia.

A component of the NSSC smart meter program is a series of trials and pilot projects, expected to provide real-world data on the likely outcomes of a smart meter roll-out, including in relation to consumer behaviour and energy efficiency.

The response of consumers to the provision of enhanced energy information through in-home displays, and how this may assist in reducing energy usage, is a key aspect of the smart meter pilots and trials programs.

*11590DRUG USE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
Given Dr Don Weatherburn of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has said that "overdoses on cocaine and overdoses on narcotics are going up":
(1) What is the Government's policy on resourcing drug law enforcement?
(2) Has the Government received requests from the Police Commissioner for more resources to combat the culture of drug abuse in NSW?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force comprehensive response to drug crime involves all the resources at its disposal, from the use of specialist State Crime Command Squads including the Drug Squad, through Region Enforcement Squads, to the officers of every Local Area Command. The allocation of resources to various police departments or crime types within the parameters of the NSW Police Force Budget is a matter for the Commissioner.

*11591OBESITY SOCIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
(1) When did the "Go for 2 and 5 fruit and vegetable" (fruit & veg) campaign commence?
(2) When did the fruit & veg campaign conclude?
(3) What was the cost of the fruit & veg campaign for the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2008;
   (b) financial year ending 2009;
   (c) financial year ending 2010;
   (d) 1 July 2010 to date of this question?
(4) Was there any report tabled on the outcome of the fruit & veg campaign and if so what is the name of the report, who is the author and when was the report published?
(5) When did the "When it comes to thirst, drink water first" (drink water) campaign commence?
(6) When did the drink water campaign conclude?
(7) What was the cost of the drink water campaign for the following periods:
   (a) financial year ending 2009;
   (b) financial year ending 2010;
   (c) 1 July 2010 to date of this question?
(8) Was there any report tabled on the outcome of the drink water campaign and if so what is the name of the report, who is the author and when was the report published?
(9) What are the names of any other campaigns that have been conducted by NSW Health since August 2008 that attempt to address the issue of obesity?
(10) In relation to any other obesity focussed campaigns:
   (a) when did they commence;
   (b) when did they conclude;
   (c) What was the cost of each of the campaigns?

Answer—
I am advised:
The Fruit & Veg campaign commenced on 25 February, 2007 and is a continuing strategy.
Two reports have been published about the Fruit & Veg campaign as follows:
   • NSW Go for 2&5 2007 campaign evaluation, published in 2008
   http://www.gofor2and5.hstprdweb01.perthix.net/DataStore/files/pdfNSW/100322_2and5_NSW_

*11592PROPOSED FERRY TIMETABLE CHANGES—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) On average, how many commuters used the 3:14 pm weekday service from Milsons Point to Meadowbank during:
   (a) 2008;
   (b) 2009;
   (c) 2010?

(2) On average, how many commuters used the 3:14 pm weekday service from Milsons Point to Rydalmere during:
   (a) 2008;
   (b) 2009;
   (c) 2010?

(3) In deciding to cancel the 3:14 pm weekday service, did the department consider the number of St Aloysius and Loreto College students affected?

(4) If so, how many students will be affected by this change?

(5) Were the school principals and/or Parents and Friends Associations consulted or offered the opportunity to comment prior to the "Have your say" community comment process?

(6) Is the 3:54 pm Milsons Point to Meadowbank service the only alternative?

(7) Is the department aware that under this timetable, students will be forced to wait 42 minutes after school ends, arriving at Meadowbank at 4:33 pm (over half an hour later than under the current timetable)?

(8) When the changes take affect on 10 October 2010, what alternative services will be available to those students affected?

Answer—

(1) to (8) I am advised that the former 3.14pm RiverCat service from Milsons Point terminated at Sydney Olympic Park, therefore no commuters disembarked upriver at Rydalmere wharf. Passenger survey data is available on the Sydney Ferries website.

I am further advised that some students currently wishing to catch the 3.14pm River service from Milsons Point are required to be excused early from class to allow them time to reach the ferry wharf.

Due to earlier feedback, the originally proposed timetables allowed time for students to complete classes as scheduled, and then travel to the wharf in time to meet the ferry service.

I understand that North Sydney schools, including St Aloysius and Loreto College Kirribilli, were invited to comment on the proposed timetable changes during the community consultation process. In response to concerns raised by schools and parents, Sydney Ferries has retained the 3.14pm stop at Milsons Point, despite it requiring students to leave class early.

Under the new timetable, this service will be enhanced by extending it to Rydalmere.

*11593PROPOSED FERRY TIMETABLE CHANGES—Mr Victor Dominello asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) On average, how many commuters used the 7:10 am weekday service from Meadowbank to Milsons Point during:
   (a) 2008;
   (b) 2009;
   (c) 2010?
(2) On average, how many commuters used the 7:30 am weekday service from Meadowbank to Milsons Point during:
   (a) 2008;
   (b) 2009;
   (c) 2010?

(3) In deciding to change these service times to 7:05 and 7:35 am, did the department consider the affect on the students of St Aloysius and Loreto College reliant on these services to arrive at school before 8:30 am?

(4) Is the department aware that this change will effectively cut the number of ferry services from Meadowbank and Rydalmere to school to one?

(5) If so, how many students will be affected by these changes?

(6) Were the school principals and/or Parents and Friends Associations consulted or offered the opportunity to comment prior to the "Have your say" community comment process?

(7) When the changes take affect on 10 October 2010, what alternative services will be available to those students affected?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (7) Passenger load data is available on the Sydney Ferries website.

   Students currently taking the 7.10 am and 7.30 am RiverCat service from Meadowbank have the option under the new timetable to catch either 7.05am or 7.35am services - a 5 minute change to the current schedule.

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(1) On average, how many commuters used the 11:30 pm ferry service from Circular Quay to Woolwich during:
   (a) 2008;
   (b) 2009;
   (c) 2010?

(2) Why is this service being cancelled?

(3) How will this change affect commuters requiring late night ferries to Woolwich after attending functions and events in the city?

(4) When will the last ferry service depart Circular Quay under the new timetable?

(5) When the changes take affect on 10 October 2010, what alternative services will be available to those commuters affected?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Passenger survey data including patronage is available online.

(2) to (5) I am advised that following the community consultation process, the ferry service departing Circular Quay at 11.30 pm to Woolwich has been retained.

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(1) Are Helpline caseworkers responsible for writing their own personal performance reviews?

(2) If so, how are these independently evaluated?

(3) If not, who writes them?

Answer—

(1) All Community Services staff prepare and draft their PPR Agreement and Review for the meeting with their manager. Together they work through the draft copy, discuss issues and areas for change within the documents. The staff member finalises the Agreement and the manager finalises the Review document. Once finalised, both sign the documents and each keep a copy.

(2) PPR Agreements and Reviews are confidential and as such, they are not independently evaluated. The only time another party may view a staff member's Agreement and/or Review without their consent would be where a new manager is appointed either on a temporary basis for longer than 3 months or on a permanent basis. In these circumstances, the new manager would have access to the
staff member's Agreement and or Review documents that were completed with the previous manager. This would be done for the purposes of follow up at the required times and also to view the content within the Agreement to familiarise themselves with what has been identified as the staff member's learning needs as well as their identified key result areas.

(3) N/A.

*SUPPORT TO CHILDREN IN COURTS—Ms Pru Goward asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) When a domestic violence incident goes to court, is any support offered to children who might accompany the victim?
(2) If yes, is such support offered at all courts across NSW?
(3) If no, do the children sit in the court with the victim?

Answer—
I am advised:
I refer the Member to the websites of the Attorney General and Legal Aid which provides relevant details.

*DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICER—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) Why, when a Leading Senior Constable takes on the duties of Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO), does the rank of that officer change to Senior Constable?
(2) Is this not a demotion?
(3) Why are the duties of a DVLO considered to be less senior than the duties of a Leading Senior Constable?
(4) Is there a reduction in salary?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me that a Leading Senior Constable (LSC) role is an opportunity afforded to Senior Constables wishing to perform situational leadership and mentoring roles within specified duty types at particular commands. It is not a separate rank and its designation and salary are dependent on the officer performing specific duties. The LSC role also requires certain selection and performance criteria be met.

Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) position duties do not fall within LSC specified duty types. Therefore, if a Senior Constable performing LSC duties ceases to perform those duties and takes a permanent position as a DVLO, they revert to their substantive salary.

*PARKING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date, what is the total number of parking offences in school zones within the following electorates:

(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

Answer—
I am advised:

The total number of fines issued for parking offences in school zones within the Terrigal, The Entrance, Wyong and Gosford electorates in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date is as follows:

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THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FOR MOTORBIKES—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In relation to the rise in the cost of third-party insurance for motorbike owners from July 1 2010:

(1) How many 250cc vehicles are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(2) How many 600cc vehicles are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(3) How many 1150cc vehicles are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(4) How many "p-platers" on learner approved motorcycles are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(5) How many motor scooters are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

Answer—
This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

BOATS IN THE CENTRAL COAST REGION—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many registered boats are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(2) How many moorings are provided in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(3) How much storage is available for these boats in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(4) What strategies has the Government considered to deal with the lack of on-road parking of (trailered) boats in the electorates of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

Answer—
I am advised NSW Maritime does not collate this information according to electorates.

*11601 DÉE WHY POLICE STATION—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

When will the windows at Dee Why Police Station be cleaned?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that a request for the cleaning of external windows at Dee Why police station has been logged with United Group Services for attention.

*11602 TEACHERS' AIDES—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) How many children in Wakehurst School have the assistance of teachers' aides?
(2) How many of those children have teachers' aides that are:
   (a) trained;
   (b) untrained?

Answer—

(1) The title of Teachers' Aide was changed to School Learning Support Officer in August 2008. There are four students at Wakehurst Public School who have the assistance of School Learning Support Officers.
(2) Applicants for school learning support officer positions do not need specific prerequisite qualifications. An applicant for a school learning support officer position must be able to demonstrate the relevant skills, expertise, or experience in addressing the selection criteria for the position.

*11603 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING SEPP—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

What is the justification for the June 2011 date in the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP which indicates certain intense development can occur up to that date?

Answer—

The floorspace incentive under Affordable Housing SEPP was introduced to stimulate the provision of low-rise affordable rental housing. These provisions were introduced during the economic downturn and, were intended to last for two years to encourage the construction of new affordable rental housing with the flow on benefits of jobs and accommodation for key workers.

*11604 FORESTS NSW DAMAGE TO HABITATS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) On how many occasions has the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), or its predecessors, investigated Forests NSW for breaching licence conditions, logging old-growth forests, inaccurate surveys or damaging endangered species habitat during:
   (a) 2005;
   (b) 2006;
   (c) 2007;
   (d) 2008;
   (e) 2009;
   (f) to date in 2010?
(2) By year, how many of the above occasions were reported by third party groups and how many were reported by officers of DECCW or its predecessors?
(3) By year, how many of these investigations were proved?
(4) By year, how many of these proved offences resulted in financial penalties for Forests NSW?
(5) By year, what is the total of the financial penalties that has been paid by Forests NSW?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to my colleague the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment.

*11605 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which government schools in the Burinjuck electorate are currently fitted with unflued gas heaters?
(2) What is the target date on which each of these schools will have their heaters removed?
Answer—

(1) Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment used in most Department of Education and Training schools. Schools in the Burrinjuck electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.

(2) The Government has allocated $15 million to replace unflued gas heaters in around 100 schools in the coldest areas of the state in 2010/11. The following schools in the Burrinjuck electorate are included in this initial replacement program: Laggan Public School, Crookwell High School, Crookwell Public School, Binda Public School, Collector Public School, Breadalbane Public School and Rye Park Public School.

For the wider replacement program, the Department is looking at alternatives to unflued gas heaters and will determine the most appropriate replacement for individual schools. A program for the replacement of unflued gas heaters will be developed following completion of the Department's research into heating alternatives.

*B11606Burrinjuck Dam—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

Given the real time water data from the NSW Office of Water shows that for the 24 hour period starting midnight 8 September 2010 there was a net inflow of about 6,000 megalitres of water into Burrinjuck Dam while at the same time storage release was 7,000 megalitres:

(1) Why is such a significant amount of water being released?
(2) Is the NSW Office of Water intending to keep the level of water in the Burrinjuck Dam at about 80%?
(3) If so, why is in the NSW Office of Water not taking advantage of the current weather conditions to increase the storage to as close to 100% as possible?

Answer—

(1) A release of environmental water was undertaken to maintain river flows at higher levels following the natural inflows to the Murrumbridgee River from tributaries downstream of Burrinjuck Dam. The water was released from environmental water accounts established under the Murrumbridgee Regulated Water Sharing Plan, and was not related to the magnitude of inflows to Burrinjuck Dam.

These types of environmental releases require significant volumes of water to be released to maintain flows at or near bankfull to provide water to wetlands along the Murrumbridgee River.

(2) No.

(3) N/a

*B11607Hornsby Hospital Nurses—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) How many nurse practitioners does Hornsby Hospital currently have and in what speciality area?

(2) How many and in what speciality did Hornsby Hospital have in:

(a) 2005;
(b) 2006;
(c) 2007;
(d) 2008;
(e) 2009?

Answer—

I am advised:
(1) There is currently one Nurse Practitioner at Hornsby Hospital in the Diabetes Service and one vacant Nurse Practitioner position in the Emergency Department.

(2) The number of Nurse Practitioners and the speciality from 2005 to 2009 were:

(a) One Nurse Practitioner - Emergency Department
(b) One Nurse Practitioner - Emergency Department
   One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Emergency Department (not a full year)
(c) One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Diabetes Service
   One Nurse Practitioner – Emergency Department (not a full year)
One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Diabetes Service
One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Aged Care
(d) One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Emergency Department
One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Diabetes Service
(e) One Nurse Practitioner - Diabetes Service
One Transitional Nurse Practitioner - Emergency Department until October 2009

*11608FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding flashing lights in school zones, when will more flashing lights be installed (to add to the only set in Galston outside Galston High School) in the Hornsby electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 26 August 2010 the next 75 school zones to receive the school zone speed alert systems by the start of the first school term in 2011 were announced.

The following five school zones in the Hornsby electorate will receive the school zone speed alert systems as part of the recent announcement.

- Pacific Highway for Asquith Boys High School.
- Jersey Street North for Asquith Boys High School.
- Sherbrook Road & Royston Parade for Asquith Girls High School/St Patrick's Primary School/Asquith Public School.
- Old Northern Road for Redfield College/Dural Public School.
- Galston Road for Hornsby North Public School.

The RTA is currently finalising the remaining school zone sites for installation between February 2011 and 30 June 2011. A list of these future sites is not yet available.

The selection of new school zone sites for flashing lights is based on stringent criteria including crash history and risk, traffic and pedestrian volumes, speed limits, road environment and visibility. This is to ensure that flashing lights are installed at those schools that need them most. All schools in NSW, including the schools in Hornsby electorate, will be considered against these criteria.

*11609PUBLIC HOUSING—HORNSBY ELECTORATE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) How many people applied for public housing in the Hornsby electorate in 2008-2009 and in 2009-10?
(2) How many of these applicants were accommodated in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?
(3) How many households in the Hornsby electorate applied for rental assistance in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?
(4) What was the expenditure on rental assistance in the Hornsby electorate in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?
(5) What was the expenditure on temporary accommodation in the Hornsby electorate in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010?

Answer—

(1) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW and approximately 60,000 were received in 2009-10.
(2) The number of new tenancies is contained in Housing NSW’s Annual Report.
(3) In 2008-09, approximately 33,000 households were assisted with rental assistance across NSW and approximately 35,000 were assisted in 2009-10.
(4) In 2008-09, approximately $20 million was spent on rental assistance across NSW and $24 million was spent in 2009-10.
(5) In 2008-09, approximately $12 million was spent on temporary accommodation across NSW and $17 million spent in 2009-10.

*11610INCIDENT AT BELMONT CARAVAN PARK—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
Noting that in October 2008 Michael Capel, a schizophrenic, was shot dead by police at a Belmont caravan park:

(1) (a) Was Michael being case managed by a Community Mental Health team?
   (b) If so, which team and under what circumstances and time frame was he being managed?
(2) (a) Had Michael been referred to a Mental Health Mobile Assertive Treatment Team (MAT)?
   (b) If so, which team and under what circumstances and time frame?
(3) (a) What provision, if any was made by health authorities to monitor and follow up on Michael's anti-psychotic drug injections?
   (b) Was Michael under a Community Treatment Order?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (3) Mr Capel was last in contact with the public Mental Health Service in April 2005 where he was referred back to his General Practitioner for ongoing treatment. The Health Service was available to review Mr Capel on referral from the General Practitioner overseeing the administration of medication to Mr Capel.

*11611*GET HEALTHY ADVICE LINE—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Regarding the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line, can the Minister advise per electorate in NSW:

(1) How many people have contacted the Advice Line in the past year?
(2) How many people have undertaken the 6-month coaching program?
(3) (a) Has the Health department undertaken a review of the Advice Line?
   (b) If so, has the department produced a report?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (3) A similar question on the NSW Get Health Advice Line was asked previously. I refer the Member to my response to Question LA 11456 and advise that it is not possible to provide accurate information about the amount of people who called the Service who live in a particular electorate as information about their postcode is not routinely requested.

*11612*INTOXICATED PERSONS DETAINED—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

Given the advice that provisions of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2000 empower police to detain an intoxicated person found in a public place who is behaving in a disorderly manner likely to cause injury to themselves or another person or damage to property:

How many people have been detained under the provisions of Law Enforcement (Power and Responsibilities) Act 2000 in the last 12 months in the Miranda Local Area Command?

Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me police records indicate that in the 12 months to the end of August 2010, 56 people were detained in the Miranda Local Area Command under the section of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 relating to the detention of intoxicated persons.

*11613*PARENTING PROGRAM—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the total number of people in the Cronulla electorate who used the Parenting Program for each of the following periods:

(a) financial year ending 2009;
(b) financial year ending 2010;
(c) 1 July 2010 to 10 September 2010?

Answer—
I am advised:
The Member seeks advice on the provision of services at an electorate level. It should be noted that NSW Health does not allocate resources or provide services on the basis of electorates.
**NSW GET HEALTHY ADVICE LINE**—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many people from the Cronulla electorate have called the NSW Get Healthy Advice Line for each of the following periods:

(a) financial year ending 2009;
(b) financial year ending 2010;
(c) 1 July 2010 to 10 September 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) to (c) A similar question on the NSW Get Health Advice Line was asked previously. I refer the Member to my response to Question LA 11456 and advise that it is not possible to provide accurate information about the amount of people who called the Service who live in a particular electorate as information about their postcode is not routinely requested.

**DAM STORAGE LEVELS**—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) When was the last time Sydney's total dam storage levels were above 70 percent?
(2) When was the last time Sydney's total dam storage levels were above 80 percent?

Answer—

(1) 22 October 2002.
(2) 4 June 2002.

**DAM STORAGE LEVELS**—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

At what percentage of Sydney's total dam storage levels would the Government make the decision to build the second stage of the desalination plant?

Answer—

The 2010 Metropolitan Water Plan sets out when the desalination plant will be upscaled.

**WAY2HOME**—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

With respect to the homelessness outreach and support service:

(1) What programs does this service operate to target people who have been homeless for a long period?
(2) Since the Way2Home service has been operating:

(a) what contacts have been made with rough sleepers;
(b) how many people have been housed;
(c) how many people have been helped to apply for social housing;
(d) how many people have been helped into short term accommodation as an immediate measure;
(e) how many of those helped have been sleeping rough in Woolloomooloo;
(f) what outcomes have been achieved from the Woolloomooloo Interagency Service Hub (WISH)?

(3) What barriers has the Way2Home project identified to providing help to rough sleepers?
(4) What other measures will the Government take to address long-term homelessness in Woolloomooloo?

Answer—

(1) Way2Home is a multidisciplinary model which combines two teams: an Outreach and Support Team; and a Health Outreach Team.

(2) (a) to (e) Approximately 150 rough sleepers have been engaged. A number of these have been housed whilst a number are on the housing register. A significant proportion of clients engaged by the Way2Home were located in Woolloomooloo.

(f) This is a question for the City of Sydney.

(3) Barriers will be identified and addressed as part of ongoing work to improve service delivery, oversighted by the established governance structures.

(4) The NSW Government has recently released the Coastal Sydney Regional Action Plan under the NSW Homelessness Action Plan 2009 to 2014. Further details are available on the Housing NSW website.
**ASSAULTS IN LICENSED PREMISES**—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

Noting that:

- Data about assaults and serious offences linked with licensed premises is used to regulate venues with high levels of violent incidents under Schedule 4 of the Liquor Act;
- There is a strong incentive for licensees not to report offences in order not to have conditions imposed as Level 1 or Level 2 venues;
- There are reports that some licensees are not reporting violence assaults and other serious crime; and
- There are reports that some licensees “pay out” crime victims so that they will not report incidents to police:

(1) What is the legal position for licensees and staff who do not report assaults and other serious crime, and what penalties apply?

(2) What assessment has the Government made whether some licensees and staff are not reporting crime, and what evidence does the Government have about this behaviour?

(3) What monitoring and checking of incident reports against police records is carried out?

(4) What liaison does NSW Police carry out with the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing to ensure that all violent incidents are reported?

(5) What plans does the Government have to ensure that all violence incidents are reported to police and ensure the integrity of these measures to reduce violence in licensed premises?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me since 1 July 2008, section 56 of the Liquor Act 2007 and clause 27 of the Liquor Regulation 2008 require a licensee regularly selling alcohol after midnight to maintain an incident register recording details of violent or anti-social behaviour on the premises. Licensing police perform oversight functions, sampling the incident registers and comparing recorded incidents with police records, with a focus on serious incidents and venues considered at risk for violence.

Police work closely with the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing to develop strategies to improve oversight of liquor licensing in NSW, to identify trends in relation to violence (such as glassing incidents) and implement appropriate responses.

**CASINO REGULATION**—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

With respect to regulation of the Star City Casino, currently being expanded, and noting police reports that show this major licensed facility is a significant hot spot for crime and anti-social behaviour:

(1) What current does the Government use to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour linked with this facility?

(2) What new measures will be used to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour when the current construction is complete and the facility expands?

(3) Noting that the casino operators act on crime and anti-social behaviour onsite and that this may result in intoxicated people engaging in criminal and anti-social behaviour in the adjacent precinct, what regulation and enforcement will be used to protect this precinct from crime and anti-social behaviour?

(4) What additional enforcement resources will be applied to this precinct?

(5) What plans does the Government have to ensure the safety and amenity of adjacent residents?

Answer—

(1) NSW Police has the primary responsibility for law enforcement around the casino precinct. Officers of Communities NSW that support the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority chair a monthly meeting involving Star City and City Central Police to review issues relating to local area crime, compliance with liquor licensing requirements and security of the casino site.

Regular meetings are conducted between casino inspectors within Communities NSW, the casino operator's investigators and the NSW Police Casino and Racing Investigations Unit representatives to ensure effective communication of criminal intelligence.

Inspectors are present at the casino on a 24/7 basis. City Central police are available to attend any significant incident at the casino.

(2) Regular meetings will continue as noted in (1). Star City will increase security and surveillance, including cameras, as the facility expands.
See (1).

Resource adjusted regularly to achieve this outcome.

The Authority will continue to monitor Star City's adherence to its statutory obligations and Star City's responsibility as a responsible member of the Pyrmont community.

Owner Builder Training Course—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

In relation to the new owner builder training course that will come into effect from 1 October 2010:

(1) Why has the Office of Fair Trading determined that training requirements should be increased so dramatically from what is currently a 5-hour online course to one that is estimated to take in excess of four days in a face-to-face classroom environment?

(2) Is the Minister aware that, despite the new course coming into effect in three weeks time, there are currently only three registered training providers for the new owner builders' course?

(3) What assistance has the Office of Fair Trading given to training providers to be ready to deliver the course from 1 October 2010?

(4) Is the Minister aware of the significant cost increases that will occur in the provision of this course due to the significant increase in content and duration of the course?

(5) Is the Minister concerned about the lack of access to the new owner builders course for regional consumers?

Answer—

(1) Building and construction are high-risk activities.

In the past a variety of owner builder courses were available. These courses were not standardised in delivery method, content or duration.

Since 2006 there have been five deaths on owner builder sites. Investigations by NSW Fair Trading and WorkCover NSW have identified that a number of owner builders are failing to comply with the relevant legislation.

In response to these concerns, the new standardised Course in Owner Builder Compliance has been developed. The course will help prepare owner builders, who are generally not trade trained, to discharge a range of important responsibilities. These responsibilities include workplace safety and construction in accordance with approved Council plans.

Similar requirements apply in Queensland where an accredited course is required to be completed by prospective owner builders.

I am advised the new, nationally accredited NSW course has sixteen hours for face-to-face and distance learning, and providers may deliver the training using a variety of methods. Registered Training Organizations delivering the course are regulated by the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board.

(2) From 1 October 2010 six registered training organisations will deliver the Course in Owner Builder Compliance. It is understood that additional providers will enter the market in the following weeks. As new providers commence, their details will be added to the list of trainers published on the Fair Trading website to assist owner builders in accessing the required training.

(3) The training providers for the Course in Owner Builder Compliance are Registered Training Organizations which are regulated by the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board.

Fair Trading monitors the National Training Information System and contacts providers when they have the Course on their scope of registration. Fair Trading asks permission of the providers to include their contact details on the Fair Trading website in order to assist owner builders in accessing the required training. Providers of the superseded training course were notified in December 2008 of the proposed changes to training requirements.

(4) A priority in creating the single standard owner builder course was to improve safety standards for owner builders, particularly in the context of the five deaths that have occurred on owner builder sites since 2006.

The new Course in Owner Builder Compliance is more rigorous and comprehensive than some of the previous courses that were available. It is reasonable to expect a course with increased content and duration to have a corresponding increase in cost.

Prospective owner builders should discuss price and delivery with training providers to find the option that is most suitable to individual circumstances.
Fair Trading is aware of the difficulties regional consumers can face in accessing services. Registered training organisations determine the modes of delivery in which they make courses available, and are often able to accommodate regional consumers through course delivery options.

In relation to the Course in Owner Builder Compliance, distance learning options will be available from 1 October 2010 through the Open Training Education Network (OTEN) TAFE NSW and other providers.

*11621OWNER BUILDER TRAINING COURSE—Mr Donald Page asked the Minister for Education and Training—

In relation to the new owner builder training course that will come into effect from 1 October 2010:

(1) Will TAFE NSW be providing the new owner builders course from 1 October 2010?
(2) (a) Will the new course be available throughout NSW?
   (b) If so, what will the cost of the course be to each student and what will the duration of the course be?
(3) If TAFE NSW will not be providing the course, is the Minister aware that this will severely disadvantage regional consumers wishing to build their own home, given that under the current arrangement, the course is provided online and is therefore accessible throughout NSW?

Answer—

(1) Nine TAFE NSW Institutes are proposing to deliver the 91509NSW Course in Owner Builder Compliance and are currently adding it to their Scope of Registration. TAFE NSW – Western Institute proposes to make the course available online.

(2) (a) Yes.
   (b) It is anticipated that the cost will be $600 and will require a minimum of 16 hours to complete.

(3) Not applicable.

*11622MENINDEE LAKES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Was the Minister personally consulted about the Menindee Lakes Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NSW Government and the Commonwealth?
(2) Is this MOU in the best interest of the people of NSW?
(3) Is this MOU in the best interest of Broken Hill?
(4) Is this MOU in the best interest of NSW Murray Darling irrigators?
(5) (a) Has the Minister’s department conducted any analysis of the economic impacts on NSW if this MOU is implemented?
   (b) If so, what are the results of that analysis?

Answer—

(1) Yes.
(2) to (5) Further investigations for the delivery of water saving measures at Menindee Lakes are being undertaken in accordance with the MOU, which includes provisions for securing Broken Hill’s water supply and protecting water users downstream of the Lakes.

A Joint Steering Committee has been established to oversee the implementation of the MOU which includes representatives from NSW agencies.

*11623NO STAMP DUTY OFFER—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

Since its introduction by the NSW Government, how many senior citizens living in the Tweed electorate have taken advantage of the no stamp duty offer in the financial year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 1 July 2010, there have been two Seniors Principal Place of Residence Duty Exemptions provided in the Tweed electorate under the Home Builders Bonus scheme.

*11624UNFLUED GAS HEATERS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which schools in the Tweed electorate have unflued gas heaters?
What is the total number of unflued gas heaters in schools in the Tweed electorate?

Does the Department of Education and Training plan to replace any of the unflued gas heaters in Tweed schools with the newer low NOx type?

Answer—

Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment used in most Department of Education and Training schools. Schools in the Tweed electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.

Specific data relating to the number of unflued gas heaters in the Tweed electorate is not readily available.

No.

What is the number of residential approvals in the Tweed Shire under the following postcodes:

(a) 2486
(b) 2487
(c) 2488
(d) 2489
(e) 2490
(f) 2491?

Answer—

Since 2002 the Minister/Department has issued the following residential approvals by postcodes requested:

(a) 5
(b) 7*
(c) 1**
(d) 1
(e) 0
(f) 2491 is not a registered postcode

* includes one approval for mixed use residential/retail development

** approval for mixed use residential/retail/supermarket/hotel development

Which agencies have not submitted their latest Waste Reduction and Purchasing Policy (WRAPP) on time?

Why has the reuse of toner cartridges within the NSW public sector declined from 79% to 47%?

How much more paper is the NSW public sector using now compared to when WRAPP started?

(a) Why are there still no targets for purchasing material with recycled content?

(b) When will these targets be set?

Answer—

I am advised that:

WRAPP has a two-year reporting period. All agencies who are required to report under WRAPP have now submitted a report for the 2007–09 reporting period.

The reported decline from 79 per cent to 47 per cent for reuse of toner cartridges within the NSW public sector is primarily due to reporting issues within the Department of Education and Training. The Department of Education and Training toner cartridge purchases represent 24 per cent of total whole of government toner cartridge purchases and, although reuse does occur in the Department of Education and Training, it has not reported any reuse for the last two reporting periods as the data set was incomplete and so would misrepresent reuse. This substantially impacted upon overall Government reuse rates.

From 2001 to 2007 there was a three per cent increase in reams of A3/A4 Printing Paper (3,948,390 to 4,079,465 reams). This compares to a NSW population increase of 6.6 per cent in the same period.

(a) There are targets in the NSW Government Sustainability Policy as follows:
(i) A minimum of 85 per cent of all copy paper purchased by NSW Government in 2014 must contain recycled content.
(ii) From the commencement of the 2008/09 financial year, agencies are to specify the inclusion of at least one recycled content option as part of each publication quote sought.

(b) These targets were set in 2008.

*11627SOURCE OF PAPER—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) Does the DECCW check if the paper it buys comes from sustainably grown forests?
(2) Has the DECCW asked the Department of Commerce to check if the paper it buys comes from sustainably grown forests?
(3) What were the individual disposal rates and recycling rates for the Sydney Catchment Authority, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water and the Sydney Water Corporation?
(4) Why does DECCW staffer Dr Timothy Rogers say Landcom has a "highly advanced sustainability programme", when it was in the top 15 per cent of agencies reporting high disposal rates and/or significant purchasing requirements but low recycling rates in 2007?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Yes.
(2) No. Each government agency is responsible for purchasing its own paper.
(3) 2007 Waste Reduction and Purchasing Policy (WRAPP) report data indicates:
   (a) Sydney Catchment Authority – Paper: disposed 16.71 tonnes; recycled 15.34 tonnes (92%).
   (b) DECCW - Paper: disposed 587.92 tonnes; recycled 486.65 tonnes (83%).
   (c) Sydney Water - Paper: disposed 237.0 tonnes; recycled 222.0 tonnes (94%)

*11628THREATENED SPECIES CONSERVATION ACT—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What is the confirmed extent of Brogo Wet Vine Forest in the southeast corner bioregion listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2000?
(2) What is the confirmed extent of Milton Ulladulla Subtropical Rainforest in the Sydney Basin bioregion listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2002?
(3) What is the confirmed extent of Montane Peatlands and Swamps listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2004?
(4) What is the confirmed extent of Myall Woodland listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2005?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water has supplied the following estimates:

(1) The current extent of Brogo Wet Vine Forest in the South East Corner Bioregion is estimated to be 5,200 hectares.
(2) The ecological community Milton Ulladulla Subtropical Rainforest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion is part of two vegetation communities described as Subtropical Dry Rainforest and Subtropical Complex Rainforest. The current extent of these two vegetation communities is 2,400 hectares and 4,100 hectares respectively.
(3) There is no published estimate of the current extent of Montane Peatlands and Swamps of the New England Tableland, NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin, South East Corner, South Eastern Highlands and Australian Alps bioregions.
(4) Two Myall Woodland ecological communities were listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2005. The current extent of Hunter Valley Weeping Myall Woodland of the Sydney Basin Bioregion is estimated to be 10 hectares. The current extent of Myall Woodland in the Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Cobar Penepplain, Murray-Darling Depression, Riverina and NSW South Western Slopes bioregions is estimated to be 230,000 hectares.
PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

How many people applied for public housing in the Lane Cove electorate in:

(a) 2006-07;
(b) 2007-08;
(c) 2008-09;
(d) 2009-10;
(e) financial year to date?

Answer—

(1) In 2006-07, approximately 55,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW.
(2) In 2007-08, approximately 55,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW.
(3) In 2008-09, approximately 57,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW.
(4) In 2009-10, approximately 60,000 applications for public housing were received across NSW.

IRON COVE BRIDGE EXPANSION—TRAVELLING TIMES—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the effects of the Iron Cove Bridge expansion:

(1) What will be the average time saved for commuters travelling along Victoria Road (city bound) between Devlin Street and Gladesville Bridge in morning peak hours upon completion of the project?
(2) What will be the average time saved for commuters travelling along Victoria Road (north bound) between Gladesville Bridge and Devlin Street in afternoon peak hours upon completion of the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) City bound morning peak

The Inner West Busway seeks to provide faster and more reliable bus travel times through Drummoyne and Rozelle in peak periods while maintaining travel times for general traffic.

Modelling shows that city bound bus travel times will be reduced by up to 18 minutes in the busiest part of the morning peak when patronage is at its highest. Travel times for general traffic will essentially be the same.

The Inner West Busway is not expected to impact on travel times from Devlin Street to Gladesville Bridge.

(2) The Inner West Busway will have no impact on North bound bus or general traffic travel times in the afternoon peak either through Rozelle and Drummoyne or from Gladesville Bridge to Devlin Street.

It will, however, improve city bound bus travel times hence enabling buses to return more efficiently to the city to commence new services.

GLADESVILLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Anthony Roberts asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In reference to the Gladesville Local Area Command:

What percentage of urgent (Priority 1 and 2) calls were attending by police within ten minutes in:

(a) 2007-08;
(b) 2008-09;
(c) 2009-10;
(d) year to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(a) 86.4%;
(b) 88.7%;
(c) 86.9%; and
(d) 84% (1 July 2010 to 30 September 2010).
PROPOSED BERRYS BAY MARINA REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) What meetings did former Minister for Ports and Waterways Mr Joe Tripodi or his staff have with Meridien Marinas, an applicant to undertake the proposed Berrys Bay Marina Redevelopment?

(2) Why was compliance with the Masterplan principles, LEP requirements and constraints and Government policies for the Berrys Bay Marina Redevelopment only given a 5 per cent weighting in the assessment criteria?
   (a) Why was such a small weighting given, who approved or recommended it, on what date and was this weighting advised to any proponent?
   (b) Is the Minister aware that repeated assurances were given by NSW Maritime to North Sydney Council and the local community that any proposed redevelopment at Berrys Bay would be in accordance with the stated Masterplan?
   (c) Why have these assurances not been honoured in the tender process conducted by NSW Maritime?
   (d) Will the Minister ensure, as a matter of urgency, that there is compliance with the stated Masterplan and it is not treated as a "secondary or optional criteria"?

(3) Was Meridien Marinas the first choice of tenderers recommended by the assessment panel?

(4) Is Meridien Marinas the Government's preferred proponent in relation to the proposed Berrys Bay Marina Redevelopment?

(5) If so:
   (a) has any agreement been signed with the company;
   (b) what is the precise nature of the agreement;
   (c) how can the Minister justify signing any agreement given the proposed development fails to comply with the North Sydney LEP, The North Sydney DCP and the Waverton Peninsula Masterplan and has not been the subject of community consultation?

(6) If no agreement has been signed with any preferred tenderer, will the Minister undertake not to do so until meeting and consulting with North Sydney Council, the Member for North Shore and the community in a transparent public process?

(7) Why has the Minister refused to meet with the community to discuss the proposal?

(8) Why has the local community been told that they won't be consulted until after a development agreement is signed?

(9) Will the Minister require compliance with planning controls when consideration is given to this redevelopment?

(10) Is the Minister aware of the "Sydney Harbour Foreshore Statement" made on 19 August 1997 by then Premier Bob Carr, in which he declared "the Harbour is too precious to be sold off for the exclusive use of Sydney's silvertails"?

(11) If the Meridien Marinas proposal is the best proposal to emerge from the ROI process, will the portion of the BP site set aside solely for the continuation of "waterfront industrial" be dedicated as "public open space"?

Answer—

I am advised the proposed development at Berrys Bay combines the principles of North Sydney Council's Waverton Peninsula Strategic Masterplan, the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2001 and the North Sydney Council Development Control Plan with contemporary maritime industry and boating community needs. 'Public space' and 'public amenity' use is part of the overall proposal.

I am further advised assessment criteria which included details of concept development; maintenance, remnant contamination removal and management plans; background and experience of proponent; financial and managerial soundness of proponent; and financial offer, rental and capital investment, were considered to be of high importance in the selection process.

Weighting recommendations were prepared by the Request for Proposals assessment panel and were approved by NSW Maritime's Chief Executive in June 2009. Proponents were not advised of weightings, only assessment criteria.

I am advised the Development Agreements are signed by the Chief Executive of NSW Maritime. I am further advised the proposal will go through the Development Application process which requires it to be placed on public exhibition for comment.

PROPOSED ABOLISHMENT OF AREA HEALTH SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
As a result of the NSW Government’s plans to abolish Area Health Services and create Local Health Networks, how many employees of the NSW Department of Health and Area Health Services will be:

(a) displaced from their current roles;
(b) redeployed into new roles;
(c) no longer required;
(d) additionally recruited?

Answer—

I am advised:

If any employees are displaced from their current positions, redeployment into new roles in Local Health Networks or elsewhere within the public Health system will be the priority, with that process occurring in accordance with the NSW Health Services policy on Managing Displaced Staff.

*11634COST OF ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the total cost of the following advertising campaigns for the years ending 30 June 2008, 30 June 2009 and 30 June 2010:

(a) "Don’t Let Drugs Use You”;
(b) "Sexually Transmissible Infections”;
(c) “No Smoking In Cars With Children”?

Answer—

I am advised:

(a) Don’t Let Drugs Use You (or Club Drugs)
   • 2007-08 - $634,974
   • 2008-09 - nil
   • 2009-10 - $646,759

(b) Get Tested, Stay Safe
   • 2007-08 - nil
   • 2008-09 - $215,005
   • 2009-10 - $1,372,995

(c) Smoke-free Cars
   • 2007-08 - nil
   • 2008-09 - $420,000
   • 2009-10 - $218,000

*11635ADVERTISING BUDGETS—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the advertising budget for the years ending 30 June 2008, 30 June 2009, 30 June 2010 and estimates for 30 June 2011 for the following illnesses:

(a) cancer;
(b) cardio-vascular disease;
(c) diabetes;
(d) chronic kidney disease;
(e) mental health;
(f) respiratory diseases;
(g) injury;
(h) infectious diseases?

Answer—

I am advised that:

While NSW Health does not allocate a specific budget for advertising, actual expenditure on advertising is routinely reported in the NSW Health Annual Report.

*11636FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
Will the NSW Government secure any of the $2 billion being brought forward by the Federal Government for new and upgraded hospitals around Australia, which included $340 million for Tasmania?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Federal Government has announced that it will provide $20 million for a teaching and training facility at Tamworth Base Hospital and up to $1.8 billion under the Health and Hospitals Fund for rural and regional health infrastructure across Australia. Of this, $75 million is earmarked for the further development of Port Macquarie Base Hospital. NSW will also apply for HHF grants for other rural and regional health capital works projects.

Repossession Orders—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

How many properties in the following suburbs did the Sheriff's Office enforce repossession orders on in 2009-10:

(a) Akuna Bay;
(b) Avalon;
(c) Bayview;
(d) Bilgola;
(e) Bungan Beach;
(f) Careel Bay;
(g) Church Point;
(h) Clareville;
(i) Collaroy;
(j) Cottage Point;
(k) Duffy's Forest;
(l) Elanora Heights;
(m) Elvina Bay;
(n) Great Mackerel Beach;
(o) Ingleside;
(p) Lovett Bay;
(q) Mona Vale;
(r) Narrabeen;
(s) Newport;
(t) North Narrabeen;
(u) Palm Beach;
(v) Scotland Island;
(w) Terrey Hills;
(x) Towlers Bay;
(y) Warringah;
(z) Whale Beach?

Answer—

I am advised:

Writs of Possession are orders issued by the Supreme Court at its Sydney Registry, however these figures are not broken down by property type or regions.

The statistics for Writs of Possession enforced by the Sheriff's office between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are as follows:

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*11638MATERNITY STAFF—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Given your advice that 23.61 (full time equivalent) maternity staff temporarily transferred from Mona Vale Hospital to Manly Hospital whilst renovations to Mona Vale Hospital's maternity ward are finalised (Question 7202), how many have since resigned?

Answer—

Since renovations commenced on Ward Level 4 at Mona Vale Hospital, there have been 4.36 full time equivalent resignations as at 15 September, 2010. Three of these staff members resigned their full time positions to join the casual pool.

*11639UPGRADED SECURITY FENCING—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) Which public schools in the Pittwater electorate are yet to be provided with upgraded security fencing?

(2) When is upgraded security fencing expected to be provided to each of these schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Training undertakes to build security fences around schools where a need has been identified based on a risk assessment.

To date the following schools in the Pittwater Electorate have received security fencing:

- Avalon Public - completed 30/09/2009
- Bilgola Plateau Public School - completed 5/2/2009
- Mona Vale Public School - completed 17/6/2009
- Narrabeen North Public School - completed 28/03/2009
- Narrabeen Sports High School - completed 19/06/2005

*11640ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL CLAIM—WARATAH PARK—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

What is the latest information regarding the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council’s claim to Waratah Park in Duffy's Forest?

Answer—

The Land and Property Management Authority is currently investigating the claim.

*11641UNIVERSITY MEDICAL STUDENTS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What was the total number of university medical students that undertook training at Mona Vale Hospital in;
(2) What was the total number of university medical students that undertook training at Manly Hospital in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11 year to date?

(3) What was the total number of university nursing students that undertook training at Mona Vale Hospital in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11 year to date?

(4) What was the total number of university nursing students that undertook training at Manly Hospital in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09;
   (c) 2009-10;
   (d) 2010-11 year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The answers are provided on a calendar year basis given that university medical students are enrolled on that basis.

There are no Year 1 or Year 2 medical student placements at Mona Vale Hospital which explains the variation in university medical student numbers between Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals.

(1) (a) 2007 - 55  
     (b) 2008 - 55  
     (c) 2009 - 46  
     (d) 2010 - 44

(2) (a) 2007 - 66  
     (b) 2008 - 66  
     (c) 2009 - 73  
     (d) 2010 - 101

(3) (a) 2007-08 - 104  
     (b) 2008-09 - 99  
     (c) 2009-10 - 131  
     (d) 2010-11 (up to 31 August 2010) - 11

(4) (a) 2007-08 - 90  
     (b) 2008-09 - 99  
     (c) 2009-10 - 174  
     (d) 2010-11 (up to 31 August 2010) - 10

*11642NORTHERN BEACHES EXTENDED HOURS TEAM—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Given your advice the Northern Beaches Extended Hours Team has received enhancement funding to recruit a further 4.2 full time staff and that these positions are currently being advertised (Question 7963):

(1) Has the Northern Beaches Extended Hours Team been provided with an additional 4.2 full time staff?
(2) If so:  
     (a) when were these positions filled;
(b) what benefits will these additional staff provide to residents on the northern beaches?

(3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) to (3) Three full-time mental health clinical nurse specialists and a half-time psychiatrist have been employed. These positions were recruited between November 2009 and July 2010.

Recruitment to these positions has enabled the team to provide a 24-hour, seven day a week response capability to the residents of the Northern Beaches, to have access to a psychiatrist dedicated to the team and to provide enhanced specialist mental health services to Manly Hospital Emergency Department.

*11643PROPOSED RECONFIGURATION OF MATERNITY SERVICES—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In reference to the proposed reconfiguration of maternity services on the northern beaches:

(1) Will additional ambulances and paramedics be allocated to the northern beaches to assist in transferring delivering mothers in emergency situations between Mona Vale and Manly Hospital?

(2) Will an ambulance be placed on standby every time an expectant mother goes into labour at Mona Vale Hospital?

(3) What is the estimated journey time for an ambulance dispatched from the Narrabeen Ambulance Station to travel to Mona Vale Hospital, collect a delivering mother and then travel back to Manly Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) There are no plans to change the provision of ambulance and paramedic services for the Northern Beaches. However, service demand will continue to be monitored.

(3) An ambulance journey from Mona Vale to Manly Hospital is approximately 15-20 minutes.

*11644AIR-CONDITIONING—MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What improvements have been made to the air-conditioning system at Mona Vale Hospital since last summer?

(2) Which wards at Mona Vale Hospital does the NSW Government envisage will be without adequate air-conditioning this summer?

(3) Will northern beaches residents and business owners again be required to help provide patients at Mona Vale Hospital with air-conditioning this summer?

(4) What arrangements is the NSW Government making to help ensure temperatures inside Mona Vale Hospital are kept at a comfortable level this summer?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Mona Vale Hospital has a combination of fully air conditioned wards (eg. Intensive Care Unit, Renal Dialysis Unit, Operating Theatres, Emergency Department) and wards with partial air conditioning. Upgrades to the air conditioning are continuing. Mona Vale Hospital has replaced a number of the existing air conditioning units following a site assessment by an independent contractor. Three industrial air conditioning units have also been purchased for placement in Wards Level 2 and Level 5. A further fixed split air conditioning system has also been installed in Ward Level 3. Additional air conditioning installations in the last 12 months include such departments as Occupational Therapy, Ward Level 3 and Sydney Home Nursing Service. Ward Level 4 has also received funding to upgrade the air conditioning system (ward currently closed for refurbishment).

During the summer months, temperatures are regularly monitored and staff are able to take additional rest breaks on those occasional extremely hot days. Fixed and mobile fans are also available, in addition to the air conditioners.

Mona Vale Hospital regularly receives generous donations from the local community either in the form of monetary donations or new equipment. A donation of six domestic air conditioning units last year was accepted in good faith by local hospital management and allocated to various wards.
SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many infringement notices were issued for speeding offences as a result of the information collected from the fixed speed cameras located on Pittwater Road outside Narrabeen Sports High School in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11 year to date?
(2) What was the total value of the infringement notices issued by these cameras in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11 year to date?
(3) How many infringement notices were issued for speeding offences as a result of the information collected from the fixed speed cameras located on Pittwater Road outside Narrabeen Lakes Primary School in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11 year to date?
(4) What was the total value of the infringement notices issued by these cameras in:
   (a) 2009-10;
   (b) 2010-11 year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:
The following table provides the total number and face value of infringements issued in relation to the fixed speed cameras on Pittwater Road outside Narrabeen Sports High and Narrabeen Lakes Primary schools for 2009-10 and 2010-11 to date.

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BURNT BRIDGE CREEK DEVIATION—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given your advice that work on the transit lane enforcement bay will start in 2011 (Question 10485):

(1) Are there any plans to convert the transit lane operating along the Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation in Balgowlah into a 24 hr bus only lane?
(2) If so, what purpose will the proposed transit lane enforcement bay serve?
(3) Is the Minister aware of the community’s opposition to the transit lane being converted into a 24 hr bus only lane?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The RTA is seeking feedback on a proposal to convert the existing morning T3/afternoon bus lane to a 24 hr bus lane. A decision whether to proceed with the proposal will be made following consideration of the comments received during the public consultation period, which runs from 13 September to 1 October 2010.
(2) The Spit/Military Road corridor working group report of August 2008, proposed an enforcement bay on Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation. Following assessment of the community response to the bus lane proposal, the RTA will decide whether to proceed with the conversion to a 24 hour bus lane or revert to the original proposal for an enforcement bay. Any enforcement bay would be subject to the agreement of the NSW Police Force in relation to operational requirements, the completion of an environmental impact assessment and community consultation.
(3) The RTA is aware that there is opposition from sections of the community to the 24 hour bus lane proposal and as a result is undertaking community consultation before deciding whether to proceed.
(1) What action is the NSW Government taking to educate road users about the risks to and from native fauna on NSW roads?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) The RTA has a strong history of initiatives to protect wildlife on NSW roads. These initiatives include constructing fauna crossings and fauna exclusion fencing on new roads which impact on areas of wildlife activity. The RTA also constructs and maintains wildlife warning signs across the network.

The RTA has produced a brochure available at regional offices and motor registries aimed at educating drivers about the dangers of wildlife on roads, particularly at dawn and dusk. It has also undertaken radio campaigns on the dangers of wildlife on roads in rural areas.

(2) The RTA has carried out a preliminary investigation of Mona Vale Road and McCarrs Creek Road and is working with the Northern Beaches Roadkill Prevention Committee, Warringah and Pittwater Councils and wildlife experts to develop short and long term options to reduce road kill of wildlife. This will include a review of the benefits and impacts of fencing and other mitigation measures for McCarrs Creek Road.

In the short term, the RTA is considering using electronic message signs at key locations to warn motorists of wildlife. These signs are most effective when used as part of a short term campaign at key times such as dusk and dawn and key seasons.

*11648GAS MAIN INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In reference to the works being undertaken to gas main infrastructure near the Wakehurst Parkway by Jemena Asset Management:

(1) Will any of the proposed works occur on land within the Garigal National Park?
(2) Will any of the proposed works occur on land within the Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve?
(3) What conditions have been imposed to reduce the impact on native bushland and ensure full remediation of works?
(4) What conditions have been imposed to ensure the works will not interfere with morning and evening traffic peaks?
(5) What consultation has been undertaken with representatives of Sydney Buses and Forest Coach Lines regarding the potential impacts of the works on local bus services?
(6) What impacts does the NSW Government expect the works to have on traffic congestion, vehicle speeds and journey times along the Wakehurst Parkway?
(7) What measures has the NSW Government taken to ensure these impacts are minimised?

Answer—
I am advised:

(1) to (3) Representatives from Jemena Asset Management met with Mr Stokes on 2 August 2010 and briefed him on these matters.

(4) The RTA will restrict lane closures to out of peak periods to minimise traffic impacts, however it has agreed to shoulder closures and a lateral shift with a 40 km/h speed restriction to occur Monday to Friday 7am - 7pm, and Saturday 7am - 1pm.

This arrangement will maintain a single lane in each direction, which is generally the existing arrangement, by moving the travel path of vehicles through the use of traffic control and a 40 km/h speed restriction.

(5) Jemena Asset Management is managing the community and stakeholder consultation with regard to the works and the potential impact. Discussions are already underway with the State Transit Authority (Sydney Buses) and Jemena will be meeting Forest Coach Lines in the near future. Consultation with all affected stakeholders will be undertaken prior to impacting on traffic flow, ensuring arrangements are put in place to manage and minimise potential impacts.

(6) To date there has been no impact to traffic on Wakehurst Parkway as work has been confined to off road areas.

As outlined in (4) above, there should be little impact to traffic flows during the peak periods.
Traffic lane closures will be allowed to be undertaken Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm, and Sunday to Saturday (every night) 8pm - 5am. These closures are consistent with previous approvals issued for work on Wakehurst Parkway and are not expected to result in significant delays.

(7) In addition to the restrictions and arrangements placed on the works as detailed above, Jemena has placed two advertisements in the Manly Daily to keep the local community updated with information relating to the work, and they will continue to provide updates in the Manly Daily on the project and any anticipated traffic impacts.

Portable Variable Message Signs will be placed in strategic locations to forewarn motorists of any anticipated traffic impacts to allow them to plan their trips.

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*11649COLLAPSE OF WILLMOTT FORESTS LTD—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many plantations in the Albury electorate were under the control of Willmott Forests Ltd at the time the company went into receivership?

(2) Who will be responsible for fire control and fuel reduction programs for these plantations while the company is in receivership?

Answer—

(1) Willmott Forests has about 10,000 ha of plantations in the Murray Valley around Tumut and Tumbarumba, including in the Albury electorate.

(2) The Receiver.

11650 HUME HIGHWAY HOLBROOK BYPASS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11651 DRUNK AND DISORDERLY OFFENCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11652 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*11653KINGS CROSS INJECTING CENTRE—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given the Premier's announcement the Kings Cross Injecting Centre will be made permanent, in what month of the second half of 2010 will the KPMG review of the injecting centre be made available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The report to which the Member refers was released in September 2010, and is available on the NSW Health website: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/mhdao/msic_kpmg_pdf.asp

11654 REAL ESTATE AGENTS AUDIT REPORTS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11655 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL BONDS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11656 REAL ESTATE AGENT TRUST ACCOUNTS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11657 SUPPORTED FAMILY GROUP HOMES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

11658 PUBLIC HOUSING—TERRIGAL ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—
PUBLIC HOUSING—THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

MULTIPLE VOTING IN 2007 NSW STATE ELECTION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Is the Minister aware that residents of Frenchs Forest are concerned about a proposed development of 26 town houses at 24 Gladys Avenue through to Epping Drive?

(2) Will the Minister:
   (a) withdraw the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP that facilitates such development;
   (b) amend the SEPP to ensure development must be in keeping with the local area?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) (a) and (b) The Affordable Rental Housing SEPP is currently being reviewed to assess its effectiveness as was always the intention after it had been in operation for a year. The Department of Planning is preparing a Discussion Paper that will seek stakeholder comments to help inform the review and this will include references to issues raised by the Frenchs Forest proposal.

The Affordable Rental Housing SEPP requires certain minimum development standards to be taken into account when Warringah Council assesses the Frenchs Forest proposal. It also requires the assessment to consider urban design guidance applicable to low-rise residential development as well as all other relevant guidance including council policies. One of the aims of this approach is to ensure that matters like the effect on local character are taken into consideration during the assessment of proposals.

TRANSITION TO RETIREMENT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

MONA VALE HOSPITAL MATERNITY SERVICES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

SYDNEY WATER MAINS BREACHES—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

HARDEN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) Why has the Minister not yet replied to my letter 10K013-rw dated 11 June 2010 (your reference EA1582535)?

(2) Given that, on behalf of my constituent, my staff have made numerous requests to your office for a response and that on 19 August your office stated that I should expect a reply within five days, what is the reason for the delay in responding to my representation?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

I responded to your representations on 16 September 2010.

HORNSBY RAILWAY STATION CAR PARK—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

SAFE ASSESSMENT ROOM—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
11669 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11670 WATER FROM KURRNEILL DESALINATION PLANT—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11671 WALSH BAY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11672 PARTY BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

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11674 BOUNDARY STREET WIDENING—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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11676 BIO-BANKING APPLICATION—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11677 WILCANNIA CENTRAL SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11678 CLASSES AT GRIFFITH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11679 NIRIMBA TAFE—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11680 NEW DENTURES—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11681 TWEED HOSPITAL DENTISTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11682 TWEED HOSPITAL DENTAL BUDGET—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11683 SYDNEY BUSES EXPRESS SERVICE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11684 ZERO WASTE SUMMIT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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11686 COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE REFERRALS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

11687 ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11688 ARTS NSW—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11689 PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

11690 INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARDS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Education and Training—
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11691 VENDING MACHINE—MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11692 RESPITE BEDS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11693 RESIDENTIAL PARKS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11694 RESIDENTIAL PARKS INSPECTIONS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11695 FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR VICTORIA BRIDGE—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11696 KINGSWOOD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

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11698 BERMAGUI-NAROOMA BUS SERVICE—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11699 CULTURAL CAMP—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11700 VETERANS LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11701 INTERPRETER SERVICES—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11702 EMERGENCY RESPONSE COSTS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11703 COST DIFFERENTIALS—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11704 SUNDAY WORKING HOURS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

11705 EXTENDED WORKING HOURS—NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

11706 SOUTHERN CROSS CONSTRUCTIONS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

*11707 MICK YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP TRUST—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

With reference to the Mick Young Scholarship Trust, why is the litigation by the Minister and her fellow trustees being brought in Victoria instead of in New South Wales?

Answer—
This question should be directed to the Chairman of the Trust.

11708 PRINCES HIGHWAY/ILLAROO ROAD INTERSECTION—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11709 BLACK SPOT FUNDING—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11710 OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11711 ULLADULLA DENTAL FACILITY—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11712 POLICE LEAVE—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11713 POLICE OFFICERS INJURED WHILST ON DUTY—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11714 PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11715 BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11716 EXTENSION OF GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11717 SEWAGE OVERFLOWS—GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11718 NATIONAL PARKS STAFF—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11719 WATER TRUSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11720 MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER POLLUTION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11721 BETHUNGRA DAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11722 HORNSEY HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

11723 CARDIAC MONITORS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11724 SYDNEY WATER SEWER MAIN—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11725 MOORINGS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11726 REGISTERED BOATS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11727 TIMBER RESEARCH—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

11728 LICENCES TO SHOOT KANGAROOS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
11729 COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAMS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11730 ALLEGED INCIDENT INVOLVING MR PETER BOEHM—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11731 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—GREEN SQUARE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

11732 FORMER NSW MARITIME GENERAL COUNSEL—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11733 AQUIFER BETWEEN CONDOBOLIN AND COWRA—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11734 ASBESTOS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11735 DUBBO COLLEGE REPORT—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11736 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

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11742 MEASLES REPORTED AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11743 NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED AT TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11744 TRAFFIC OFFENCES COMMITTED BY QUEENSLANDERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11745 PROTECTION OF GENOWLAN POINT SHRUB—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11746 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11747 WIDENING OF SHOWGROUND ROAD—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11748 ROAD FUNDING—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11749 MEDICAL SUPPLY WAREHOUSES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11750 "YOUR HEALTH SERVICE" WEBSITE—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11751 INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR INFORMED CONSENT—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
11752 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11753 REVIEW OF ROADS NEAR TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11754 TRAFFIC NOISE—NARELLAN ROAD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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11755 RATING AGENCY ASSESSMENTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11756 TEACHERS' AIDES—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11757 RESPITE SERVICES—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11758 PARKING SPACES AT NEPEAN HOSPITAL—Mr Stuart Ayres to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11759 NSW SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION LITERACY UNIT—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11760 MAITLAND STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11761 ECONOMIC MODELLING—ACCESS ECONOMICS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11762 CANCELLATION OF THE CBD METRO—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11763 BETTER SERVICES AND VALUE TASKFORCE—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11764 UNFAIR DISMISSAL CASE—Ms Gladys Berejiklian to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11765 PACIFIC HIGHWAY ROAD SURFACE—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11766 NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE JOB CUTS—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11767 STEPS PROGRAM—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11768 PLAZA CAR PARK REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11769 GRAFTON BASE HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
11770 CLIENT COST OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11771 TATHRA WHARF—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11772 CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT 1997—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11773 CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEYS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11774 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11775 RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11776 BETTER SERVICES AND VALUE TASKFORCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

*11777MR BOB ELLIS—Mr Peter Debnam asked the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Given the advice Mr Bob Ellis (through Boban Services) undertakes various writing projects two days per week (Question 7917), does Mr Ellis continue to undertake various writing projects two days per week or as required?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mr Bob Ellis, through Boban Services, invoiced my office on 17 December 2009 for writing projects commissioned by the former Premier. My office has not incurred any further costs for Mr Ellis’ services.

11778 REAL ESTATE AGENT TRUST ACCOUNTS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

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11781 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11782 POLICE DOG UNIT—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11783 GRAFFITI VANDALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

11784 ASBESTOS IN MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11785 SPECIALIST MEDICAL PRACTITIONER RESIGNATIONS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11786 BUS RAPID TRANSIT—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11787 NERINGAH HOSPICE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11788 ENGLISH TESTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training—
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11789 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

11790 RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

11791 DREDGING OF PORT HACKING—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11792 TRANSFER OF CROWN LAND—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11793 STATUTORY DECLARATIONS—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

11794 DRAFT RODEO CODE OF PRACTICE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

11795 TAXI DRIVER EDUCATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11796 LATE NIGHT BUSES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11797 GAMING MACHINE AND LIQUOR LICENCES—WHITE BAY HOTEL—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11798 RAILWAY UNDERBRIDGE UPGRADE—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11799 HEADLAND PARK AT BARANGAROO—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

11800 UNLAWFUL REPRISAL ACTIONS AGAINST WHISTLEBLOWERS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11801 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11802 WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11803 HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11804 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE CABS—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11805 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11806 TILLEGRA DAM WATER FOR THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

11807 DROWNING CASES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—
11808 PROMOTION OF NORTH COAST AREA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

11809 REAL ESTATE AGENT AUDIT REPORTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

11810 DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11811 NORTH RICHMOND FILTRATION PLANT—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11812 WATER WELLS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11813 LICENSED DRIVERS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11814 LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES) ACT 2000—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11815 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING OFFENCES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11816 LEVEL 1 REPORTS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

11817 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11818 HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11819 "ACTING" OR "TEMPORARY" POSITIONS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11820 NORTHERN BEACHES MATERNITY SERVICES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11821 PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

11822 PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENCE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11823 MYZONE TICKETS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11824 MONA VALE HOSPITAL MATERNITY WARD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

11825 LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWER AND RESPONSIBILITIES) ACT 2000—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11826 STATE OF THE BEACHES REPORT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11827 MEALS ON WHEELS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

11828 MATERNITY SERVICES AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
11829  UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

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11830  ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY TRAFFIC COUNTS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11831  MOUNT DRUITT PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

11832  TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*11833 APPLICATION AT FAME COVE, PORT STEPHENS—Mr Craig Baumann asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Will the Minister provide an update on the application at Fame Cove, Port Stephens?
(2) When is a decision expected?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Director-General's Environmental Assessment requirements for the project were issued on the 23 April 2010. An Environmental Assessment has not yet been received from the applicant. Should an Environmental Assessment be received for the proposal it will be publicly exhibited and assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

11834  COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON GAS DRILLING PROJECT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

11835  SEASONAL MOSQUITO PLAGUES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

11836  FORMER RTA OFFICE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11837  DEMOLITION OF OLD TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11838  CASEWORKER NUMBERS—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

11839  NEWCASTLE TO SYDNEY TRAIN SERVICE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

11840  INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CLASSES—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11841  TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

11842  WILLIAMTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

11843  PROPOSED BIOMASS GENERATOR—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
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With regard to information from the Minister for Transport in recent correspondence that State Transit buses are subject to random checks for noise controls by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water:

(1) How many State Transit buses were checked for breaches of noise controls in the:
   - (a) 2009-2010 financial year;
   - (b) 2008-2009 financial year;
   - (c) 2007-2008 financial year?

(2) Were any noise control breaches detected?

(3) If so, how many State Transit buses were found to breach controls?

(4) If so, what action was taken to ensure that these buses are not returned to operations until noise emissions ceased to breach controls?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The Department did not receive any reports of noisy State Transit buses in the 2009-2010, 2008-2009 or 2007-2008 financial years. Therefore, no noise control checks were conducted on State Transit buses during these periods.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.
11882 OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11883 CALLS FOR AMBULANCES—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

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11889 UNDERAGE DRINKING—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

11890 LEAKING OR BURST WATER MAINS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11891 NORTHERN BEACHES AND MANLY LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

11892 APPLICATION FOR A BORE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

11893 ST GREGORY’S ARMENIAN SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

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11894 REMOVAL OF WILLOWS—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) What risk assessment was conducted along the Mannus Creek and other riparian areas in Tumbarumba Shire in relation to willow debris resulting from the willow removal program?
(2) What methods were employed by the CMA and other agencies to kill the willows along these watercourses?
(3) What measures were taken to reduce the quantity of willow debris alongside the waterways?
(4) Are you aware that landholders in the Tooma area consider that the destruction of primary road bridges, fencing and native trees along the river beds was attributable in part to the enormous load of dead willow trees and debris propelled by the flooding rivers?
(5) Will an assessment be conducted of potential high flow creeks and rivers to minimise the quantity of willow debris caused by the eradication programs?

11895 NSW AGSTART PROGRAM—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Given that the initial funding of $3 million for the AgStart program was exhausted between 2006 and 2009 and that an independent study of the scheme was commissioned in 2009:

(1) When were the report and recommendations on the future directions of the scheme delivered to your
office?
(2) What discussions and consultations have taken place on the future direction of the scheme?
(3) What is the timeline for a decision on the future of AgStart?

11896 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—
(1) What supported accommodation facilities funded by ADHC are currently operating in the Albury electorate?
(2) How many places are provided by each facility?
(3) When were the facilities opened and have any been enlarged since opening?
(4) What facilities are planned for the existing demand for supported accommodation for adults with disabilities?

11897 LAND AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
(1) Does the Government intend to phase out the Land and Property Management Authority in Grafton?
(2) Since the remaining staff will not be transferred to Coffs Harbour, will they be phased out with attrition?
(3) Why has the Land and Property Management Authority staff been transferred from the State office block in Fitzroy Street Grafton to the Lands Department in Victoria Street Grafton?

11898 STOCKINGS AND SOCKS ALLOWANCE—Mr Steve Cansdell to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
(1) Why has the North Coast Area Health Service CEO Chris Crawford told nurses in a memo that they will no longer be paid a stockings and socks allowance which is a part of their uniform allowance?
(2) Has this been endorsed by the Minister's office and if so what reasons have been given for this reduction?
(3) As this will add an extra $106 annually per staff member, how will the department compensate the nurses for this loss of allowance?

11899 ELECTRIC CARS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
In relation to electric cars and given your advice the NSW Electric Vehicles Taskforce will have input to developing Government policy related to electric vehicles (Question 10880):
(a) Who comprises the Electric Vehicles Taskforce and how was their appointment determined?
(b) When will related policies be released?

11900 RENEWABLE ENERGY—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
Given your advice six regionally-based Renewable Energy Coordinators have been appointed by the Government (Question 10611) to work side-by-side with renewable energy investors to assist the development of projects from concept stage to commissioning and generation (Question 8702):
(1) How many projects are currently in development as a result of Renewable Energy Coordinator assistance?
(2) Aside from building networks with key stakeholders in their respective communities, in what ways are the coordinators facilitating investment in renewable energy?
(3) How often do the coordinators report back to the Government?

11901 AERIAL BEACH PATROLS—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
Given the advice the NSW Government will seek Expressions of Interest from companies interested in conducting a trial of helicopter aerial surveillance for sharks (Question 8162), has the Minister engaged a permanent service to operate frequent aerial patrols during spring, summer and autumn 2010-2011?

11902 SUICIDE PREVENTION AT THE GAP—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
(1) Has the Government held discussions with Woollahra Council at any time in 2009 or 2010 concerning suicide prevention measures at Gap Park?
(2) If so, on which dates did the Government meet with representatives from Woollahra Council and what topics were discussed?

11903 MACQUARIE PARK COMMUTER JOURNEYS—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys to the Macquarie Park precinct during:
   (a) 2010;
   (b) 2012;
   (c) 2015;
   (d) 2020?

(2) What is forecast to be the total number of daily journeys from the Macquarie Park precinct to the city during:
   (a) 2010;
   (b) 2012;
   (c) 2015;
   (d) 2020?

(3) Based on RTA figures, what percentage of daily commuter journeys from Macquarie Park to the city are made by:
   (a) car;
   (b) bus;
   (c) train?

(4) Based on RTA figures, what percentage of daily commuter journeys to Macquarie Park are made by:
   (a) car;
   (b) bus;
   (c) train?

11904 GOULBURN LOCAL AREA COMMAND GRAFFITI—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many graffiti vandals have been charged and found guilty in the Goulburn Local Area Command in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09?

(2) Of those found guilty, did any receive a custodial sentence?

(3) What penalties were imposed?

11905 GRAFFITI VANDALS—Mrs Shelley Hancock to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many graffiti vandals have been charged and found guilty in the Shoalhaven Local Area Command in:
   (a) 2007-08;
   (b) 2008-09?

(2) Of those found guilty, did any receive a custodial sentence?

(3) What penalties were imposed?

11906 THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FOR MOTORBIKES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the rise in the cost of third-party insurance for motorbike owners from July 1 2010:

(1) How many 250cc vehicles are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
   (b) The Entrance;
   (c) Wyong;
   (d) Gosford?

(2) How many 600cc vehicles are there in the electorate of:
   (a) Terrigal;
The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(3) How many 1150cc vehicles are there in the electorate of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(4) How many "p-platers" on learner approved motorcycles are there in the electorate of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(5) How many motor scooters are there in the electorate of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

11907 SMOKING POLICY AT GOSFORD AND WYONG HOSPITALS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the policy in relation to smoking in the proximity of the foyer of the main building at:
(a) Gosford Hospital;
(b) Wyong Hospital?

(2) How many complaints have been made by visitors, patients or staff about cigarette smoke near the foyer?

(3) When was the most recent compliance audit conducted in accordance with the NSW Health Smoke Free Workplace Policy at:
(a) Gosford Hospital;
(b) Wyong Hospital?

(4) With regard to question (1), what exemptions, if any, have been approved by any local implementation committees at:
(a) Gosford Hospital;
(b) Wyong Hospital?

11908 SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many households have taken advantage of the NSW Government's Solar Bonus Scheme in the electorate of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

11909 ILLEGAL DUMPING—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With regard to the recent prosecutions of illegal dumpers (Central Coast Express Advocate - 2 July 2010) by the Environmental Protection Authority in the Land and Environment Court:

(1) How many "Specialist Waste Investigators" are located in the following electorates:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(2) How many site inspections have been carried out by the "Specialist Waste Investigators" in the electorates of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(3) As a result of these site inspections by the specialist waste investigators, how many prosecutions were instigated against offenders in the electorates of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(4) For the period of 2009 and year to date, how many times were the helicopters and radar intelligence from the Eye in the Sky program used in the electorates of:
(a) Terrigal;
(b) The Entrance;
(c) Wyong;
(d) Gosford?

(5) Are any of the "Specialist Waste Investigators" former police or military officers?

11910 REDFERN-WATERLOO HERITAGE TASKFORCE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Noting at the meeting on 8 December 2009 of the Redfern-Waterloo Heritage Taskforce, heritage groups expressed concern there was no representative from the non-Government aligned heritage groups included in the appointees to the taskforce, will the Government appoint such a non-Government representative?

11911 INDEPENDENT HERITAGE REPRESENTATIVE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) Are you aware that three major heritage stakeholders in Eveleigh, namely 3801 Limited, Friends of Eveleigh and WROUGHT Artworks unanimously recommended Mr G Gouvernour be elected as the independent heritage representative on the Redfern-Waterloo Heritage Taskforce (RWHT)?
(2) With respect to the fact that the appointed nominee of these three major heritage stakeholders 3801 Limited, Friends of Eveleigh and WROUGHT Artworks was rejected by the RWHT on 16 March 2010, will you cause the issue to be reconsidered.

11912 REJECTION OF NOMINEE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

What is your response to the Friends of Eveleigh who have indicated that the local community, the volunteers and the heritage community have doubts about having any faith or trust in the decision of the Redfern-Waterloo Heritage Taskforce and the Redfern-Waterloo Authority following rejection of their nominee?

11913 FORESTS NSW DAMAGE TO HABITATS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) On how many occasions has the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), or its predecessors, investigated Forests NSW for breaching licence conditions, logging old-growth forests, inaccurate surveys or damaging endangered species habitat during:
   (a) 2005;
   (b) 2006;
   (c) 2007;
   (d) 2008;
   (e) 2009;
   (f) to date in 2010?
(2) By year, how many of the above occasions were reported by third party groups and how many were reported by officers of DECCW or its predecessors?
(3) By year, how many of these investigations were proved?
(4) By year, how many of these proved offences resulted in financial penalties for Forests NSW?
(5) By year, what is the total of the financial penalties that has been paid by Forests NSW?

11914 HORNSBY HOSPITAL CAMPUS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
(1) In relation to the 2010-2011 Budget announcement that the Hornsby Hospital campus would have a new Adult Acute and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit built (initial finding of $3.344 million), when will this facility be built?

(2) What is the timeframe up to completion?

11915 FAST FOOD LABELLING—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With Victoria's move to require all fast food outlets - defined as having more than 200 outlets across Australia or more than 50 across Victoria - to display the calorie content of their food on menus and menu displays:

(1) What consideration will the NSW Government give to introducing similar mandatory requirements for fast food outlets to display information about:
(a) calorie content;
(b) saturated fats;
(c) trans-fats;
(d) salt content;
(e) sugar content;
(f) nutrition?

(2) What action has the NSW Government taken to encourage fast food outlets to provide information about the content of food on their menu with regard to calories, fat, salt, sugar and nutrition?

(3) What assessment has the NSW Government done on the effectiveness of this action?

(4) What plans does the NSW Government have for further work to encourage fast food outlets to provide nutritional labelling?

11916 BREAKFAST ON THE BRIDGE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

(1) What is the budgeted expenditure (including public services in kind) for the 2010 Breakfast on the Bridge event?

(2) Given your statement last year that the Breakfast on the Bridge was a "once in a lifetime" event, and the reported oversubscribed demand for free tickets last year, what measures are being taken to ensure that those who received tickets last year receive a lower priority for tickets this year than those who apply this year, but did not receive tickets last year?

11917 M2 CONTRACT PROVISIONS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Broadly, what compensation provisions exist in the government contract with the operator of the M2?

(2) Has there been any no-prejudice provision that might exclude or impede future public transport services to NorthWest Sydney?

(3) (a) Did the recent agreement to widen the M2 include a modification of this provision as a potential trigger for payment of compensation due to a new NorthWest rail link?

(b) If not, why not?

11918 REVIEW OF METROPOLITAN STRATEGY—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) What stage is the review of the NSW Metropolitan Strategy up to, given that you indicated in your response to Question 8981 that it would occur in 2010?

(2) What public consultation has taken place in this review?

11919 POPULATION FORECASTS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

(1) Has the population forecast of 5.3 million people in Sydney by 2031, as used in the NSW Metropolitan Strategy, been updated?

(2) What Australian and NSW population target revisions have occurred, if any, since the change in Prime Ministership from Kevin Rudd to Julia Gillard?

11920 THIRD-PARTY INSURANCE FOR MOTORBIKES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the rise of third-party insurance for motorbike owners from July 1 2010:
(1) How many 250cc machines are there in the Tweed electorate?
(2) How many 600cc machines are there in the Tweed electorate?
(3) How many 1150cc machines are there in the Tweed electorate?
(4) How many p-platers are there in the Tweed electorate on learner approved bikes?
(5) How many scooter owners are there in the Tweed electorate?

11921 NEW POLICE BOAT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) What is the number of officers who are qualified to operate the new Tweed police boat that is stationed in the Tweed?
(2) How many times has the boat been used for water police operations?

11922 NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

How many adoptions have their been in the Tweed Local Government Area in the following years:
(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

11923 RESIDENTIAL PARKS INSPECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

(1) How much was spent in 2009-10 on inspection of parks in the Tweed Local Government Area?
(2) How many parks were visited or inspected?
(3) How many parks passed the inspection successfully?

11924 TWEED/BYRON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—OVERTIME WORKED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

What is the projected budget for overtime worked by police officers in the TweedByron Local Area Command compared with the actual amount spent in the following years:
(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

11925 FAULTY WATER METER—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) When did the water meter at the Government Office building in Penrith first develop a fault?
(2) What were the names of the two corporations fined in the first 12 months of covert camera trial and surveillance operations after they were caught illegally accessing restricted drinking catchment land?

11926 NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

Who is living in No 11 Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill, which is now owned by the State Property Authority?

11927 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POLICE—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

How many full-time equivalent police were allocated to the Gladesville Local Area Command in:
(a) 2006-07;
(b) 2007-08;
(c) 2008-09;
(d) 2009-10;
(e) financial year to date?

11928 VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteerising, and Minister for Youth—

(1) How many volunteer organisations requested funding in the following financial years:
(a) 2006/07;
(b) 2007/08;
(c) 2008/09;
(d) 2009/10;
(e) financial year to date?

(2) How many volunteer organisations received funding in the following financial years:
   (a) 2006/07;
   (b) 2007/08;
   (c) 2008/09;
   (d) 2009/10;
   (e) financial year to date?

(3) What was the budget for volunteer organisations in the following financial years:
   (a) 2006/07;
   (b) 2007/08;
   (c) 2008/09;
   (d) 2009/10;
   (e) financial year to date?

(4) What was the expenditure for all volunteer organisations in the following financial years:
   (a) 2006/07;
   (b) 2007/08;
   (c) 2008/09;
   (d) 2009/10;
   (e) financial year to date?

11929 YOUNG PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES FORUM—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister
   for Education and Training representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services,
   Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

   (1) How many young people (between 16 and 25 years old) participated in the Young People in
       Emergency Services Forum hosted at Luna Park on 28 August 2010?
   (2) What were the total costs of hosting the forum inclusive of any hire fees paid to Luna Park?
   (3) (a) Is the Minister planning to host another Young People in Emergency Services Forum in the 2011
       year?
       (b) If so, when?

11930 COST OF OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for
   Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

   (1) What is the daily cost of an offender in a NSW correctional facility in the following financial years:
       (a) 2006-2007;
       (b) 2007-2008;
       (c) 2008-2009;
       (d) 2009-2010?
   (2) How many people in total were in a NSW correctional facility in the following financial years:
       (a) 2006-2007;
       (b) 2007-2008;
       (c) 2008-2009;
       (d) 2009-2010?

11931 DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective
   Services—

   (1) In relation to deaths in custody, how many in the following financial years were by non-natural
       causes:
       (a) 2006-2007;
       (b) 2007-2008;
       (c) 2008-2009;
       (d) 2009-2010?
   (2) Broken down by the total number each financial year, what were the examples of non-natural
       causes?
11932 COST OF SUPERVISION—Mr Greg Smith to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) What is the daily cost of supervision for a community based offender at:
   (a) 1 July 2008;
   (b) 1 July 2009;
   (c) 1 July 2010?

(2) How many community based offenders were there at:
   (a) 1 July 2008;
   (b) 1 July 2009;
   (c) 1 July 2010?

11933 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

In relation to the position of Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer at Kempsey:

(1) Are you aware the officer in this position has not been on duty for the last 12 months due to long-term sick leave?
(2) Are you aware that due to the long-term sick leave policy, under which a position cannot be filled unless a person's employment is finished or terminated, Kempsey has been without an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for this time?
(3) Will you review this situation with a view to filling this position for the duration of the long-term sick leave?

11934 ST MARYS WATER RECYCLING PLANT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

In relation to the opening of the water recycling plant at St Marys on 5 October 2010:

(1) How much was spent on the following for the opening:
   (a) catering;
   (b) advertising;
   (c) staff overtime;
   (d) equipment hire;
   (e) printing and print production;
   (f) postage;
   (g) media;
   (h) other itemised costs?

(2) What was the total cost for the opening?