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*9629 POLICE STATION SECURITY—Mr Greg Aplin asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
Are all rural police stations in the Albury electorate protected by alarms connected to the Local Area Command?
Answer—
The NSW Police Force has advised me that all police stations in the Albury Local Area Command are equipped with alarms.

*9636 LITTLE FOREST ROAD AND PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—
In relation to the Little Forest Road/Princes Highway intersection north of Milton and Minister's advice to residents:
(1) Is the Minister aware that it is not possible to turn right into Pointer Road from a southerly direction (as indicated in the Minister's correspondence)?
(2) Is the Minister aware that should vehicles turn left into Pointer Road, a U-turn facility is extremely dangerous and impossible for heavy vehicles or horse floats?
(3) When will funds be allocated to the intersection of Little Forest Road and the Princes Highway?
Answer—
(1) to (3) I am advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority is currently carrying out investigation work to improve road safety at the intersection of Little Forest Road and the Princes Highway at Milton. Future funding will be assessed in line with other Statewide competing priorities.

*9638 CURRARONG BOAT RAMP—Mrs Shelley Hancock asked the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
In relation to the proposed boat ramp at Currarong:
(1) Is the Minister aware of any further concerns/potential obstacles regarding final approval to the ramp from within the Department of Lands?
(2) Is the Minister aware that tenders have been called for the construction of the boat ramp and the tender period is closed?
(3) Why is the Department of Lands delaying the final approval of the Currarong boat ramp?
Answer—
(1) No.
(2) Yes.
(3) The Land and Property Management Authority has not delayed this project. Rather than progress Shoalhaven City Council's application for a licence to utilise the Crown land required to construct the boat ramp, the Land and Property Management Authority suggested a more streamlined management regime whereby the required Crown land be added to the adjoining recreation reserve and managed by Council as an integrated unit. Council has since agreed to this suggestion.

*9640 SOUTHERN REGION JOINT PLANNING PANEL—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
(1) What are the qualifications and experience of Mr Graham Mitchell, a former Shellharbour City Council employee, as one of the Shellharbour City Council's community representatives on the panel?
(2) In which other activities does Mr Mitchell represent the local Shellharbour community?
(3) Why was Mr Mitchell selected for this role when there were unresolved Code of Conduct complaints against him at the time that he retired from council?
Answer—
(1) Mr Graham Mitchell holds a B App Sc (Environmental Planning) and has experience and expertise in town planning over 34 years in Local Government at Wollongong City and Shellharbour City Councils, including 20 years in a senior management role.
This question should be directed to Shellharbour City Council.

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SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

With reference to the refusal by the Department of Transport to extend the school bus route number N1898 under contract A042:

(1) Why was the application, to extend this bus route to the applicant's driveway, refused given that the bus stop nominated by the Department of Transport is on a busy quarry truck route and there is no space for cars or the school bus to safely pull off the road?

(2) Given that previously this route used to extend past the applicant's driveway, will the Minister approve its extension on the grounds of safety?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Traffic Committee of the relevant local council is responsible for the determination of bus stops. NSW Transport and Infrastructure has received correspondence from Gundagai Shire Council in relation to the concerns raised about the safety of the bus stop in the vicinity of the Murrumbidgee River low level bridge at Mundarlo. Council has assessed the site and determined that there is sufficient area for the bus to pull up off the carriageway and adequate sight distance. This assessment has been considered and endorsed by the Local Traffic committee.

I am advised that a review of the proposal to vary the Nangus – Wantabadgery school bus service has been carried out by NSW Transport and Infrastructure. However, the proposal has been declined as it would increase costs to the School Student Transport Scheme by approximately $6,566.38 per annum, for the benefit of only one student at this time.

In the circumstances, it is considered that the payment of Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy is more appropriate than an extension of the bus service on this occasion.

BEROWRA FIRE BRIGADE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Regarding Berowra Fire Brigade:

(1) Are there plans to sell the current facility?

(2) If so, where will the fire brigade be relocated?

(3) Are there plans for any form of co-location of emergency services at the new Fire Control Centre at Cowan/Berowra?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) N/A.

(3) No.

SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What social housing projects are being undertaken in the Cronulla electorate during the current financial year?

(2) Where are these projects located?

What is the completion date for these projects?

(3) How many new tenants will be offered housing as opposed to relocated tenants?

(4) How many people are seeking housing in the Cronulla electorate?

Answer—

(1) and (2) There are three stimulus projects in the Cronulla electorate under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. Details of Nation Building projects approved under the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy and the Nation Building and Jobs Plan (State Infrastructure Delivery) Act are listed on Housing NSW’s website under Planning Determinations. A project at Caringbah already had an approved development application.

(3) Most of the units will be occupied by new tenants. A small number will be occupied by existing tenants who have relocated.

(4) The number of people on the Housing Register is detailed each year in Housing NSW’s Annual
LAND TAX COLLECTED—Mr Malcolm Kerr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—

What was the total amount of land tax collected from landowners in Sutherland Shire during:

(a) 2004-05;
(b) 2005-06;
(c) 2006-07;
(d) 2007-08;
(e) 2008-09;
(f) 2009-10 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Land tax is assessed by calendar year.

The following table shows the value of land tax assessments issued to owners of liable properties in the Sutherland Local Government Area for the 2005 to 2010 calendar years.

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ANIMALS IN PET SHOPS CODE OF PRACTICE ENFORCEMENT—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With regard to the 2008 Animal Welfare Code of Practice for animals in pet shops:

(1) How many pet shops have had unannounced visits from enforcement officers regulating the code since the current version was gazetted in 2008?

(2) Of these pet shops:
   (a) how many were given warnings about breaches of the code;
   (b) how many were given penalty infringement notices?

(3) For the pet shops that breached the code, what action was taken to ensure breaches were addressed?

(4) How many complaints have been made against pet shops for a breach of Standard 5.1.1.5, which requires that animals be able to withdraw where appropriate to a quiet, dark and well-ventilated area within their enclosure to allow them to take sleep breaks?

(5) What action was taken in response to these complaints?

(6) How many penalty infringement notices have been issued due to breaches of Standard 5.1.1.5?

(7) How many complaints have been made against pet shops for a breach of Standard 9.1.2, which requires that clean water be available to animals at all times?

(8) What action was taken in response to these complaints?

(9) How many penalty infringement notices have been issued due to breaches of Standard 9.1.2?

(10) How many complaints have been made against pet shops for a breach of minimum enclosure size requirements referred to in Standard 5.1.1.3?

(11) What action was taken in response to these complaints?

(12) How many penalty infringement notices have been issued due to breaches of Standard 5.1.1.3?

(13) How many complaints have been made against pet shops for a breach of minimum enclosure size requirements referred to in Standard 10.1.4, which requires that at the time when an animal is purchased, accurate written information on its care is provided?

(14) What action was taken in response to these complaints?

(15) How many penalty infringement notices have been issued due to breaches of Standard 10.1.4?

(16) What directions has the Government given to code enforcement officers about responding to complaints?

(17) What should members of the public do if they do not believe action is being taken in response to their complaint of an alleged breach of the code?

Answer—
From the time of the introduction of the Code, enforcement agency inspectors have attended pet shops to detail the Code's introduction and raise any issues from the Code requiring specific attention by the owner or operator, issuing instructions if considered necessary and warning of the potential consequences of non-compliance. All of these visits have been unannounced. The number of such visits has not been quantified. These visits have been in addition to any public complaints handled by the enforcement agencies.

The enforcement agencies do not keep records of verbal warnings which they issue. There have been a number of formal ‘issues of notices’ which have resulted in the issue of 7 Penalty Infringement Notices and 28 Court Attendance Notices. At the current time, there are a number of other continuing investigations and briefs of evidence being prepared.

The enforcement agencies have a number of tools to ensure compliance with the Code. In each case, Inspectors can educate owners informally about their responsibilities; they can also issue formal ‘notices of care’. If there are serious concerns about the welfare of animals, Inspectors can issue penalty infringement notices or court attendance notices against pet shop owners.

The complaints databases for each of the enforcement agencies do not report based on specific clauses of the Code. Collecting this type of information would add to costs, and not add value to their investigation processes.

The databases for each of the enforcement agencies do not have specific information on the number of infringement notices in relation to this Standard.

Two Court Attendance Notices and one Penalty Infringement Notice have been issued against this Standard.

Refer to response at (4).

The enforcement agencies are independent of the Government, and do not receive instructions about how to perform their duties and responsibilities under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

Investigations take time to work through and resolve. However, anyone who is concerned about the action being taken in response to their complaint should contact the enforcement agency to whom they originally made their complaint.

POLICE BICYCLE UNITS—Ms Clover Moore asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

With respect to the use of police bicycle units, which allow police officers to have a high visibility, be mobile and work effectively within the electorate of Sydney, which has narrow streets and traffic congestion:

1. What police bicycle units currently operate in inner city police commands and how many trained officers operate in each:
   a) Kings Cross;
   b) City Central;
   c) The Rocks;
   d) Surry Hills;
   e) Redfern;
   f) Rose Bay?

2. What evaluation has the Government carried out into the effectiveness of police bicycle units?

3. What plans does the Government have to provide training and equipment for police bicycle units in the inner city?

4. How does the Government ensure that police bicycle units can continue to operate when officers are transferred and promoted?

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Answer—

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The NSW Police Force has advised me:
(1) Kings Cross Local Area Command (LAC), City Central LAC and Redfern LAC each have seven trained bicycle officers, while Surry Hills LAC has four.
(2) Commanders report that bicycle patrol units can be highly effective and useful policing tools that provide a significant contribution to high visibility policing operations and major events.
(3) The NSW Police Force provides bicycle training to all Local Area Commands in NSW via the Bicycle Training and Coordination Unit (BTAC), which currently offers 120 training positions a year for Certificate III Bicycle Patrol Operators, involving 130 hours initial training over 12 months. BTAC is also planning to replace 130 mountain bikes at the end of 2010.
(4) The Central Metropolitan Region requires that all newly trained bicycle officers commit to bike-related duties for a period of two years once their training is complete. Officers identified for transfer or promotion are replaced with officers who are provided with bicycle training if required.
(5) and (6) The use of bicycle patrol units in the inner city is determined by the relevant Local Area Commander, who evaluates the need for such a unit and nominates and releases officers for training as required.

*9658  LONG-TERM JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE AT BROKEN HILL—Mr Adrian Piccoli asked the Minister for Juvenile Justice—

Given that the Minister suggested that a long-term juvenile justice centre could be established in Broken Hill, will the Minister provide additional detail for this proposal, including:
(a) expected size of centre (square metres);
(b) expected bed capacity;
(c) expected funding required to construct this centre;
(d) any other details?

Answer—
Juvenile Justice is currently reviewing the function and operation of the Broken Hill Juvenile Justice Centre.
It is currently undertaking works to improve security at the centre at an approximate cost of $40,000.
Juvenile Justice has also engaged NSW Public Works and a security consultant to identify, design and document further security enhancements at the centre.

*9663  CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) Have there been any discussions conducted concerning the introduction of a Cross-Border Policing Agreement with Queensland?
(2) If so, by whom?
(3) When will further discussions take place?

Answer—
I am advised that the issue of a cross-border policing agreement between the NSW Police Force and Queensland police has been the subject of discussion for some time and is currently being progressed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Regional Coordination Program. The Hon Richard Torbay MP and I attended a presentation on this matter by the Western Region Commander on 4 March 2010. In the meanwhile, officers from the NSW Police Force and Queensland Police continue to regularly work together on cross border operations whenever required.

*9664  CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Cross-Border Transport discussion paper released in 2009:
(1) Have there been any further meetings with the Department of Transport from Queensland and NSW?
(2) If yes, how many times have the meetings taken place?
(3) What were the key issues covered in these meetings?
(4) Was there any discussion of rail conducted at these meetings?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (4) NSW Transport and Infrastructure is working with Queensland’s Translink Transit Authority to develop a second memorandum of understanding which will specifically provide a framework to improve coordination of services provided for bus passengers in the cross-border region.

**SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS**—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What social housing projects are being undertaken in the Tweed electorate during the current financial year?

(2) Where are these projects located?

(3) What is the expected completion date for these projects?

(4) How many new tenants will be offered housing as opposed to relocated tenants?

(5) How many people are seeking social housing in the Tweed electorate?

Answer—

(1) to (3) There is one project in the Tweed electorate under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. This project at Cooloon Crescent already had an approved development application.

(4) Most of the units will be occupied by new tenants. A small number will be occupied by existing tenants who have been relocated.

(5) The number of people on the Housing Register is detailed each year in Housing NSW’s Annual Report.

**URGENT RESPONSE POLICE CARS**—CASTLE HILL—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many urgent response police cars are available in the Castle Hill Local Area Command during the day shift?

(2) How many urgent response police cars are available in the Castle Hill Local Area Command during the afternoon shift?

(3) How many urgent response police cars are available in the Castle Hill Local Area Command during the night shift?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the Castle Hill Local Area Command has 14 vehicles. All are available for urgent duty response.

**URGENT RESPONSE POLICE CARS**—BLUE MOUNTAINS—Mr Michael Richardson asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many urgent response police cars are available in the Blue Mountains Local Area Command during the day shift?

(2) How many urgent response police cars are available in the Blue Mountains Local Area Command during the afternoon shift?

(3) How many urgent response police cars are available in the Blue Mountains Local Area Command during the night shift?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the Blue Mountains Local Area Command has 21 vehicles. All are available for urgent duty response.

**COST OF AGENCY NURSES**—Mrs Jillian Skinner asked the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For agency nurses by each Area Health Service in the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09, what were the:

(a) wage costs;

(b) agency fees incurred?

Answer—

I am advised:

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**9675** FALSE IDENTITIES AND RTA PHOTOGRAPHS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Given that NSW Police have expressed their frustration about offenders providing them with false identities and yet officers are unable to prove their suspicions due to lack of access to RTA photographs on their in-car computers:

(a) How many senior police officers have access to the RTA database?

(b) On how many occasions have senior officers accessed the RTA database to confirm suspicion of drivers using false identities in each financial year from 2007-2008 to date?

(c) On how many occasions have general duties officers made a request to senior officers for access to a photo in the RTA database in each financial year from 2007-2008 to date?

(2) Given that the NSW Privacy Commissioner has strict requirements and limits police access to RTA photographs, what is the RTA doing to combat identity fraud?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) to (c) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Police.

(2) The RTA takes its responsibility to help combat identity fraud very seriously. In recent years the RTA has established a specialist unit that assists in the enrolment of new customers and supports motor registry staff with difficult or high risk proof of identity transactions. Other recent initiatives by the RTA to help combat identity fraud include:

- The introduction of a facial recognition system in 2009. This is used to verify the identity of applicants and to crack down on fraud.
- Regular upgrades of the security features on driver licences to guard against counterfeiting and tampering
- Progressive implementation of the National Identity Security Strategy endorsed by all Commonwealth, State and Territory governments in 2007, including the piloting of a new national online document verification service.

**9677** USE OF GRAIN AUGERS—Mr Andrew Stoner asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What safety concerns do you have concerning the use of grain augers?

(2) Have there been any accidents or safety incidents involving grain augers in NSW in the past 5 years?

(b) If so, how many?

(3) Where did these accidents occur?
(4) When did they occur?
(5) Were there any people injured in these accidents?

Answer—

(1) to (5) I am advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority has measures in place to manage road safety, including the use of grain augers.

There have been no recorded accidents or incidents involving grain augers. The data for 2009 is incomplete and subject to change.

*9678 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

When will the Minister answer Mr Allen Valentine's letter dated 10 December 2008 in relation to converting an access track on Forests NSW land to a public road, in order to allow legal access to Mr Valentine and his neighbour's properties, and to permit Mr Valentine to convert Crown Land (Enclosed Roads) on his land to freehold title?

Answer—

Mr Valentine's letter was responded to on 12 February 2009 on behalf of the Minister for Lands by the Department of Lands Acting Regional Manager North Coast. As regards his road closing/purchase application, every effort will be made to finalise this matter as soon as possible.

*9679 ERECTION OF UNITS—KENROSE STREET FORSTER—Mr John Turner asked the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) On what date was the contract signed with the principal contractor for the erection of units at Lot 321 (DP 882483) Kenrose Street, Forster?
(2) Who is the principal contractor?

Answer—

(1) February 2010.
(2) Ware Building Pty Ltd.

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9680 CARDIAC SUPPORT UNIT NURSES—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9681 CROSS-BORDER POLICING AGREEMENT—Mr Greg Aplin to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9682 HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9684 BERRY BYPASS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9685 GOVERNMENT EXPENSES—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—

9686 AUDIT OF COST—COVERED OUTDOOR AREA—Mr Peter Besseling to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

*9687 CLAIMS FOR VICTIMS COMPENSATION—Ms Pru Goward asked the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

(1) How many claims for victims compensation have been lodged by Community Services workers (formerly DOCS) on behalf of children in out-of-home care from June 2008 until December 2009?
(2) Was Community Services the only responsible agent for lodging those claims?
(3) How many were successful?
(4) From 2000 on, has there been a case in which a child has received victims compensation, held in trust until the child reaches 18 years of age, but has died intestate before reaching that age?
(5) If so, what has happened to that money?
Answer—

(1) From 1 June 2008 to 31 December 2009, 132 applications for Victims Compensation have been filed for children in out-of-home care. This number includes multiple claims for some children.

(2) In the cases referred to above, Community Services was the only responsible agent for progressing the application.

(3) 13 claims have so far been successful.

(4) There have been 2 cases where a child had been awarded Victims Compensation and subsequently, the child died intestate before attaining 18 years.

(5) This is a matter for the trustee of the funds rather than Community Services.

9688 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESSES—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9689 SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELLORS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9691 POLICE ATTENDANCE AT LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9692 POLICE ATTENDANCE AT LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9696 EXTRA BUSES FOR HORNSBY CBD—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9697 BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROJECTS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

*9698 PATIENT ESCAPE—Mrs Judy Hopwood asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

1. Did an inpatient in the Hornsby Hospital Mental Health Intensive Care Unit (MHICU) escape from the facility by unscrewing the screws around a window?
2. If so, what measures have been instituted to prevent this from happening again?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised that a patient absconded from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital Mental Health Intensive Care Unit on 24 December 2009 by pushing a window which was secured with sealant out of the frame.

The window was immediately repaired by staff of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital Engineering Department, who reinforced all windows in the Mental Health Intensive Care Unit secured with sealant.

The patient was returned to the hospital by police.

9699 POLICE NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

*9700 DEPARTMENT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr Kevin Humphries asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

1. Were allegations of bullying in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) investigated by an independent party, Jan McClelland, and a report submitted to the Minister with recommendations?
2. Was the former DAA head Jody Broun terminated due to poor performance and low staff morale?
3. Was the PSA misled by the department as stated in a letter from the PSA dated 26 August 2009 where the last paragraph states "The Association wishes to discuss the obvious difficulties in establishing a trust environment in circumstances where we have been openly misled"?

Answer—

(1) Aboriginal Affairs NSW takes all allegations of bullying seriously and all matters are dealt with in accordance with the Agency's policy.

During 2008, Jan McClelland was commissioned to review a number of matters and these were reported to the Chief Executive.

(2) Jody Broun stepped down from her position for family reasons.
(3) Aboriginal Affairs NSW values its relationship with the Public Sector Association and enjoys a positive and professional working relationship with the Association and does not engage in activities to damage this.

9701 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS—SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9702 GARRAWARRA CENTRE—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9703 IMPROVEMENTS ON GOCUP ROAD—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9705 SYDNEY HARBOUR DIOXIN REMEDIATION—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9706 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9707 BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9710 THE EDGE ACADEMY—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9712 BRINGAGEE ROAD—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

*9713 RESPONSE TARGET TO 000 CALLS—Mr Geoff Provest asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

In relation to the response target to 000 calls when urgent help is needed in the Tweed/Byron Local Area Command:

(1) What is the response target?
(2) How many times has the response target been achieved in the following years:
   (a) 2007;
   (b) 2008;
   (c) 2009;
   (d) year to date?

Answer—
The NSW Fire Brigades has adopted - for corporate performance monitoring purposes only - a target of responding to 90 per cent of all calls to structure fires within 10 minutes. This target is not intended to be applied to particular regions or stations due to the variation in crew configurations, distance and other factors from region to region and station to station.

9714 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9715 ELECTRICITY PRICING STRUCTURE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform—

9716 ROOM RENTALS—G’DAY MOTEL—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9717 MOTEL ROOM RENTALS—BLUE MOUNTAINS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9718 SERVICES ON CARLINGFORD LINE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9719 RESPONSE REGARDING INCIDENT AT HAWKS NEST—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9720 BERRY’S BAY MARINA REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—
9721 SEWAGE OVERFLOWS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

9722 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9723 VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9724 RISE IN SEA LEVEL—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9725 RADIATION TREATMENT—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

*9726 WATER MAIN RENEWAL WORKS—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) What are the details of the water main renewal works expected to commence mid February on Pittwater Road in Bayview?
(2) What is the total cost involved in carrying out these works?
(3) What arrangements have been made with the RTA and Pittwater Council to manage and minimise traffic disruptions resulting from these works?
(4) Will these works include a complete resurfacing of the affected road area?

Answer—

(1) This water main renewal work involves replacing a 53 metre long section of 150mm diameter pipe alongside Pittwater Road, between Cabbage Tree Road and Bayview Place, Bayview. The section of pipe is located wholly within the Council nature strip on the western side of Pittwater Road. Therefore the work will have no impact on the roadway. Initial planning indicated that the work would commence around mid February, however, further assessments resulted in the work being rescheduled. The project is in the planning phase and is expected to start by June 2010.

(2) About $120,000.

(3) Sydney Water has not made arrangements with the RTA, as no traffic disruption is expected. Pittwater Council will be consulted when plans are finalised.

(4) The work will not impact on the roadway.

9727 RESURFACING OF PITTWATER ROAD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9728 FLASHING LIGHTS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9729 FATALITIES AND INJURIES—PRINCES HIGHWAY—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9730 WARRELL CREEK TO URUNGA UPGRADE—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9731 KEMPSEY BYPASS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9732 TRANSPORT CORRIDOR LINK—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9733 ROAD ACCIDENTS—FALLEN TREE BRANCHES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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9734 HIGH SCHOOL IN MEDOWIE—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Education and Training—
9735  TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9736  REGIONAL ARTS NSW—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

9737  BOXING DAY PAY RATES—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 Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform—

9738  CORRIE ISLAND—Mr Craig Baumann to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9739  PARKING SPACE LEVY—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—

9740  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—BOOKMAKERS REVISION COMMITTEE—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9741  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—BOXING AUTHORITY OF NSW—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9742  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—CASINO, LIQUOR AND GAMING CONTROL AUTHORITY—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9743  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—CENTENNIAL PARK AND MOORE PARK TRUST—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9744  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—CLUB INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9745  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD SCHEME—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9746  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—GREYHOUND AND HARNESS RACING REGULATORY AUTHORITY—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9747  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—HUNTER INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE TRUST—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9748  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—NSW LOTTERIES—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9749  MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT—RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FUND—Mr Victor Dominello to ask the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

9752  EXPENDITURE ON HEADER AGREEMENTS—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

9753  OPERATING COSTS FOR CESSNOCK AND PARKLEA PRISONS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

What were the total annual salaries and wages and related employment costs for each of Cessnock and Parklea prisons for the year ended 30 June, 2008? Answer—

I am advised:

Cessnock Correctional Centre: $19,075,416.
Parklea Correctional Centre: $31,605,305.

9754  OPERATING COSTS FOR PRISONS—Mr Chris Hartcher asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

What were the total annual salaries and wages and related employment costs for the year ended 30 June 2008 for each of the following prisons:
I am advised:

(1) to (26) The total annual salaries and wages and related employment costs for the year ended 30 June 2008 for the listed correctional facilities was $355,651,214.

9755 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9756 BARANGAROO SITE—PRECINCTS 1, 2 AND 3—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9757 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9758 NSW INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9759 FUNCTIONS ATTENDED—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9760 SUBMISSIONS TO REVIEW OF METROPOLITAN STRATEGY—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9761 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF HOMES—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9762 DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBER FOR FAIRFIELD—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9763 FUTURE OF WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9764 DISCUSSIONS WITH PREMIER—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—
9766 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9767 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9768 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING REGIONS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9769 POST-NATAL DEPRESSION FACILITIES—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9770 CLASS NUMBERS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9771 URGENT RESPONSE POLICE CARS—MIRANDA—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9772 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE STUDIES OF RELIGION—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9773 SERVICES FOR DEMENTIA SUFFERERS—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9774 PUBLIC HOUSING NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9775 WOOLLOOMOOLOO HOMELESSNESS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9776 389 BUS SERVICE—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9777 COMMENTS BY MR BOB ELLIS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9778 SYDNEY METRO PROJECT—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9780 PLANNING FOR RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9781 ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9782 VISITS TO NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9784 ACUTE CARE BEDS—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9785 NON-MEDICAL STAFF EMPLOYED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9786 MALE TO FEMALE TEACHER RATIO—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9787 LAPTOP COMPUTERS ISSUED TO STUDENTS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9788 ECOSYSTEM CREDITS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9789 BIOBANKING SCHEME—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9790 COST PER ORGANISATION FOR CRIMINAL CHECKS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—
9791 MULTIPLE CRIMINAL CHECKS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9792 TURNAROUND TIME FOR CRIMINAL CHECKS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9793 COST OF CRIMINAL CHECK—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9794 NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CHECKS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9795 COST TO VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS FOR CRIMINAL CHECKS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9796 PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

*9797 CONNECTION TO SEWERAGE—Mr Rob Stokes asked the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—
When will households on Scotland Island be connected to Sydney Water's sewerage network?
Answer—
The Priority Sewerage Program provides sewerage services to towns and villages with high environmental sensitivity within Sydney Water's area of operations. Scotland Island is part of Stage Two of the Priority Sewerage Program. Planning for this scheme is scheduled to start in 2011, subject to funding approval and resolution by residents to upgrade local potable water infrastructure.

9798 CLASSIFICATION OF PITTWATER ROAD—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9799 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME (TTSS)—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9800 PACIFIC HIGHWAY BETWEEN BLACKMANS POINT AND CAIRNCROSS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9802 UNANSWERED CORRESPONDENCE—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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9803 CAGE SIZE REGULATIONS—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

9804 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—

9805 PROTECTION OF SEAGRASS—Mr Mike Baird to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

9806 SOLAR BONUS TARIFF—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 Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform—

9807 SENIORS SUMMIT—Mr Andrew Constance to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

9808 KINGS CROSS TUNNEL FIRE HAZARD—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
9809 SUICIDE PREVENTION MEASURES AT THE GAP—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9810 ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUNDING—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9811 MALICIOUS DAMAGE AND GRAFFITI CHARGES—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

9812 F3 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—

9813 REQUEST FOR VIEWS FROM NEWSPAPER EDITORS—Mr Chris Hartcher to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9814 BAYS PRECINCT TASKFORCE—Mr Brad Hazzard to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9815 COUNTRY TOWN WATER AND SEWERAGE PROGRAM—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

9816 FEDERAL LABOR HEALTH PLAN—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9817 RURAL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9818 DNA TESTING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9819 INCREASES IN SOCIAL HOUSING—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Housing, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9820 WARINNA HOUSE—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

9821 LAND TAX COLLECTED—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—

9822 GARRAWARRA HOSPITAL CEMETERY—Mr Malcolm Kerr to ask the Minister for Local Government, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

9823 ELECTRICITY COMPANY BUDGETS—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 Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform—

9824 ANIMAL WELFARE—FLYING FOXES—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

9825 PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT COMMISSION BULLI SEAM HEARINGS—Ms Clover Moore to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9826 METHODOLOGY USED—CALCULATION OF DWELLING NUMBERS—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

9827 CEO OF NSW MARITIME—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

9828 EX GRATIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

9829 PREPARATION OF TENDER DOCUMENTATION—Mr Jonathan O'Dea to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—
9830 RELEASE OF CALICIVIRUS—Mr Barry O'Farrell to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9831 ROAD FATALITIES—Mr Donald Page to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9832 SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9833 LAND AT 98 JOHNSTON STREET, BASS HILL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9834 HALF-DAY HEALTH SEMINAR—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

9835 BREACHES OF PAROLE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

9836 POLICE REFERRALS TO FAMILY SUPPORT AGENCIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

9837 CARS WEIGHING MORE THAN 975 KG—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9838 WRITS OF POSSESSION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health representing the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

9839 AVAILABLE BEDS—TWEED HEADS HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9840 NIMBIN ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

9841 NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

9842 EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET FOR 2025—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9843 YEARLY RATE OF SEA LEVEL RISE—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9844 TILLEGRA DAM—Mr George Souris to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

9845 CORRECTIVE SERVICES INDUSTRIES—Mr Rob Stokes to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

9846 CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL (CTTT) HEARINGS—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

9847 PACIFIC HIGHWAY RESURFACING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9848 BELLS LINE OF ROAD UPGRADE PLANNING—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9849 DRUGS POSTCARD—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

9850 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Education and Training—

9851 ALLOCATION OF FREIGHT—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9852 INVERELL, GLEN INNES, TENTERFIELD AND ARMIDALE HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Richard Torbay to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
9853 SMITHS LAKE FISH KILL—Mr John Turner to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

9854 CONCESSIONS FOR PENSIONERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

9855 POTENTIAL BREACHES OF PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

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9856 CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT 1997—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

   In relation to the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997:
   Given the Attorney General's advice courts make use of the legislation where appropriate in the circumstances (Question 7797) but the number of times the provision has been used, when and where since January 1998 cannot be determined from the computer system in the Local and Children's Courts (Question 8330), will the Premier take action to obtain the requested information and publish it?

9857 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform—

   In relation to renewable energy generation:
   (1) Since the Minister was appointed Minister for Energy in September 2009, what visits has the Minister made to sites of wind, solar, wave or geothermal generation within Australia?
   (2) If so, when and where were the site visits?

9858 NSW SOLAR FLAGSHIP TASKFORCE—Mr Peter Debnam to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

   In relation to the NSW Solar Flagship Taskforce:
   (1) Has the NSW Solar Flagship Taskforce since met with representatives of the Solar Systems Mildura Project solar venture to consider collaboration following a solar energy workshop hosted by the Government on 7 July 2009 (Question 7578)?
   (2) If so, when and where did those meetings take place and what were the outcomes?

9859 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

   (1) How many children and young people were permanently removed from their parents care in:
       (a) 2005-06;
       (b) 2006-07;
       (c) 2007-08;
       (d) 2008-09?
   (2) Of the children and young people that were permanently removed in 2008-09, how many were aged:
       (a) 0-1 year old;
       (b) 2-4 years old;
       (c) 5-9 years old;
       (d) 10-13 years old;
       (e) 14-17 years old?
   (3) As of 2008-09 how many children and young people in Out-Of-Home Care (who have not been permanently removed) have been in Out-Of-Home Care cumulatively for:
       (a) one month or less;
       (b) more than one month and up to six months;
       (c) more than six months and up to twelve months;
       (d) more than one year and less than two years;
       (e) more than two years and less than three years;
(f) more than three years?
(4) How many children and young people, who had been restored to their parents from Out-Of-Home Care have subsequently, at any stage, been again placed in Out-Of-Home Care in:
   (a) 2005-06;
   (b) 2006-07;
   (c) 2007-08;
   (d) 2008-09?

9860 DEATH OF TWO-YEAR-OLD GIRL—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

In reference to the death of a two-year-old girl whose body was discovered by police on Benham Street, Dulwich Hill on 21 March 2010:
(1) Was this girl, her family, or any other siblings that may have been in her family known to Community Services?
(2) If so, how many reports relating to the family had been made to Community Services regarding the family, or any members of it, in:
   (a) the year leading up to the baby girl's death;
   (b) in the period of the girls life prior to one year before her death?
(3) Was the family, or any members of it, ever reported to a Child-Wellbeing Unit?
(4) If so, on how many occasions?
(5) Does the death meet any of the criteria that would make it reviewable by the New South Wales ombudsman?

9861 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

In reference to the $10.2 million being spent by the Commonwealth on early childhood education in New South Wales, under the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education in 2008-09:
(1) What is the money being spent on?
(2) By how much have pre-school enrolments increased or decreased in 2008-09 compared to 2007-08 as both a percentage and an absolute number?
(3) What is the current rate of enrolment in pre-schools in New South Wales, compared to the total New South Wales population of:
   (a) three-year olds;
   (b) four year olds;
   who are eligible for pre-school placement?

9862 SHARING OF INFORMATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services—

With the amendments under section 16A of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 which came into force at the end of January 2010 and which authorise agencies and NGOs to share information:
(1) How long does it take to process an information application?
(2) Is an application able to be made over the telephone?
(3) If not, how much paperwork is involved?
(4) Has the Minister received any feedback from NGOs?

9863 LIFTS AT BOWRAL STATION—Ms Pru Goward to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Since installation, how many times have the lifts at the Bowral train station broken down or experienced a form of mechanical failure that has temporarily rendered them inoperable?

9864 CAMDEN COUNCIL'S SEWAGE ACCESS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1) Given that when the majority of the Narellan Township was provided with a reticulated sewer service 25 years ago, the water utility paid for the sewer to be laid along the street and residents were only required to pay to have their house connected to the sewer and also the water utility of the time informed Camden Council the connection for Sharman Close and Stewart Street Narellan would be connected to the sewer once development occurred in the area that has recently been approved for 97
residential lots, why is Sydney Water now requiring the residents of these two streets and three other small areas to pay the complete cost of the installation of sewage pipes along the streets and connection of houses to the sewer?

(2) In the interests of fairness will the Minister intervene with Sydney Water and require the utility to pay for the laying of sewer pipes to these areas of the Narellan Township?

9865 PORTABLE SOCCER GOALPOSTS—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for the Arts—

With reference to the death of a three-year-old child in Moss Vale on 28 June 2003, due to a portable soccer goalpost falling on her:

(1) On how many occasions and on what dates has the Interdepartmental Working Group, established by the Minister of Fair Trading following the Deputy State Coroner's report of 27 August 2004, met?

(2) How many goalposts have actually been removed from service for not complying with the guidelines as a result of the work of the Interdepartmental Working Group?

(3) Did the proposed new safety standard for soccer goalposts come into effect on 1 March 2008 as stated in the Legislative Council by the Minister on 5 December 2007?

(4) On how many occasions, on what dates and in which areas has the Office of Fair Trading audited compliance with the new safety standards?

9866 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION RED GUM REPORT—Ms Katrina Hodgkinson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) Given that the Natural Resources Commission has recently "revised" their assessment of the long-term sustainable yield of red gum forests in the Riverina upwards to between 6,300 to 13,600 cubic metres per year of quota sawlogs and new information coming to light that the approximately 10,000 hectares of the Barooga and Wakool forests were not included in the NRC sustainability calculations, will the Minister seek a new assessment of sustainability of red gum forestry?

(2) Given that the amount of water that the Minister has allocated for use in the red gum forests is only 22% of the amount of water recommended by the National Resources Commission in its first and most important recommendation, does he assess this amount of water to be sufficient?

(3) On what scientific data does the Minister base this assessment?

(4) Will the Minister provide me with a copy of this data?

9867 POLICE BIKE UNITS—Mrs Judy Hopwood to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

With respect to police bicycle units that allow police officers to have high visibility, be mobile and work effectively within the electorate of Hornsby:

(1) What police bike units currently operate in the Kuring-gai Local Area Command and how many officers are involved?

(2) What evaluation has the Government carried out into the effectiveness of police bicycle units?

(3) Are there plans for training and more equipment for bike units in the Hornsby area?

(4) How does the Government ensure that police bicycle units can continue to operate when officers are transferred and promoted?

9868 NSW COUNTRY RAIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In relation to the NSW Country Rail Maintenance Agreement:

(1) Can the Minister detail NSW Government funding allocations for each main and branch line across the state?

(2) When will this work be undertaken?

(3) Who will undertake the work?

(4) Which branch lines will be upgraded as per previous taskforce recommendations?

9869 MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE—CENTRAL WEST BRANCH LINES—Mr Kevin Humphries to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In relation to five central west branch lines:

(1) Given that the Minister has agreed to set up a Ministerial task force to look into the case of reopening five central west branch lines, when will this occur?

(2) What individuals/organisations are represented on this taskforce?
(3) With respect to meetings of this taskforce, on how many occasions has the taskforce met; where has it met; and for what duration?
(4) When will the survey on the tunnel on the line between Blayney and Harden commence?
(5) Who will be undertaking this survey?
(6) When will the survey be completed?
(7) How much will this survey cost?
(8) Will the survey be released to the public and/or the Parliament?

9870 HAEMODIALYSIS IN WAGGA WAGGA AND TUMUT—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the long-term plan for haemodialysis in Wagga Wagga and Tumut?
(2) Is the "Home in Hospital" with buddy/patient operated dialysis unit going to be the model across the Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS)?
(3) If so:
   (a) why has Bega a fully staffed unit, which began 2 years ago with only 3 patients;
   (b) why has Forbes a "real" unit started in 2006 with 2 patients;
   (c) why has Bathurst a "real" unit also started in 2004 with 2 patients;
   (d) why has Dubbo in the Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS) 7 nurse-assisted units under its care;
   (e) why has Griffith also a "real" unit?
(4) If renal specialists are difficult to attract to Wagga can video consulting overcome this problem?
(5) Why are country people in the GSAHS being disadvantaged compared to GWAHS?
(6) What is going to be done to enable the two most recent patients in Tumut to have access to treatment?
(7) As there are now 5 haemodialysis patients in Tumut, when will a stand alone facility in Tumut be established?

9871 STREET LIGHTING—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Why is there no street lighting at the junction of Red Hill Road and the Olympic Highway, Wagga Wagga?
(2) How much will it cost to install street lighting at that intersection?
(3) Who is responsible for:
   (a) funding lights;
   (b) operational costs of lights?

9872 BUDAWANG COTTAGE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How much did Budawang Cottage cost to acquire?
(2) How much was expended on renovations?
(3) How much was budgeted for Budawang Cottage?
(4) How many houses were identified for purchase before Budawang was selected?
(5) What criteria was used to select the Budawang Cottage site?
(6) What renovations were carried out at Budawang Cottage and what are the details of those renovations?
(7) How much did the excavations cost?
(8) How much did the disability ramp cost?
(9) How much did the garage height extensions costs?

9873 DISABILITY RESPITE HOUSES—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How many disability respite houses are located in:
   (a) Dubbo?
   (b) Broken Hill;
   (c) Wagga Wagga;
   (d) Albury;
   (e) Tamworth;
   (f) Orange?

(2) How many clients does each facility accommodate in:
   (a) Dubbo;
(b) Broken Hill;
(c) Wagga Wagga;
(d) Albury;
(e) Tamworth;
(f) Orange?

(3) How many hours of care does each city receive:
(a) Dubbo;
(b) Broken Hill;
(c) Wagga Wagga;
(d) Albury;
(e) Tamworth;
(f) Orange?

(4) What formula is used to allocate beds/respite to communities?
(5) Who authorises outcomes for allocation and what probity is conducted into respite allocation decisions?

9874 RESPITE SERVICES IN WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How many clients accessed respite services in Wagga Wagga prior to the opening of Budawang Cottage, 24 Budawang Place, Wagga Wagga?
(2) How many clients will access the Budawang Cottage now that it is open?
(3) How many hours of care did each client receive prior to the Budawang Cottage opening?
(4) How many hours of care will each client receive now that the Budawang Cottage is open?

9875 CENTRE-BASED RESPITE CARE—Mr Daryl Maguire to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) What is the Minister's policy towards centre-based respite care, namely adult/child accommodation?
(2) Why is centre-base respite care different to Government policy in public hospitals of adult/child separation?
(3) When did the policy change for the Wagga Wagga region?

9876 NEW UNIT DWELLINGS—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) How many new unit dwellings are allowed for under the draft Ku-ring-gai Town Centres LEP?
(2) How many new town houses or villas are allowed for?
(3) How many other new dwellings are allowed for?
(4) Why are the following sites excluded in calculations of potential new dwellings:
(a) the SAN site;
(b) council owned sites;
(c) the formerly deferred sites in Turramurra and Lindfield?
(5) Is the Minister aware of the Ku-ring-gai Council survey that found only about 700 of 3,900 respondents indicated they would not want to live in a unit dwelling or multi-storey apartment?

9877 NSW METROPOLITAN STRATEGY—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Why is St Ives designated as a Town Centre under the NSW Metropolitan Strategy when it is not near a railway line?
(2) What plans are there to substantially improve public transport for St Ives?

9878 2009 DRAFT SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN—Mr Jonathan O’Dea to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) Has the Minister's department been requested to investigate an alleged abuse of Ku-ring-gai Council's legal powers or council's adoption of improper procedures in considering the 2009 Draft Section 94 Contributions Plan?
(2) If so, what are the results of any investigation or consideration of this matter?

9879 CARRAMAR AGED CARE FACILITY—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
In relation to Carramar Aged Care Facility:
Given the concern in the Leeton community over the proposed privatisation of Carramar, would the Minister confirm that all current beds in the facility will remain in the facility in the event that the facility remains in NSW Government hands?

9880 EMERGENCY PLANS—GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—
In relation to emergencies on NSW Government school grounds:
(1) Does each NSW Government school have an emergency plan?
(2) Does each local police station and/or Local Area Command have information regarding each NSW Government school's emergency plan?
(3) With the rollout of the BER program in full swing in NSW Government schools, do local police stations and/or Local Area Commands have up-to-date information regarding each school's updated emergency plans with respect to the rapid changes occurring to each school's layout?
(4) What would be the appropriate response if an emergency occurred in NSW Government school that does not have an updated emergency response plan in light of the school layout changes occurring under the rollout of the BER program?

9881 LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Adrian Piccoli to ask the Minister for Education and Training—
(1) Given that the classrooms that Leeton Public School has built with BER funds are now complete and ready for use, why can the school not yet use them?
(2) Which part of the BER contracts would preclude the busy school from utilising these classrooms as soon as possible?
(3) Are all NSW Government schools also unable to use any completed buildings/rooms until their full BER schedule of works are finally completed?
(4) When will Leeton Public School's BER works be fully completed?

9882 PORTABLE OXYGEN—Mr Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
Will the Government consider subsidising portable oxygen to those requiring it to maintain their lifestyle out of the home while attending meetings, doing volunteer work, attending medical/hospital appointments etc?

9883 INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY PRICES—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 Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform—
With the Australian Energy Regulator approving the Government's plan to increase distribution costs to $14 billion and the resulting increases in domestic and commercial electricity prices, why was this 80% increase over the next five years not foreseen?

9884 CATARACT SURGERY—MURWILLUMBAH DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
What is the total number of Tweed Shire patients receiving cataract surgery at the Murwillumbah District Hospital during:
(a) 2007;
(b) 2008;
(c) 2009;
(d) 2010?

9885 NSW LOTTERY PRODUCTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—
In relation to the sale of NSW lottery products:
(1) What is the total number of NSW lottery products sold in outlets in the Tweed in the following years:
(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?
(2) What is the total value of NSW lottery products sold in outlets in the Tweed in the following years:
(a) 2008;
(b) 2009;
(c) year to date?

9886 TAX REVENUE FROM SALE OF NSW LOTTERY PRODUCTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer, Special Minister of State—
In relation to the collection of duty from the sale of NSW lottery products:
What is the tax value to the Government from the sale of NSW lottery products?

9887 CUMBERLAND PLAIN WOODLAND—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
(1) Why does the draft Recovery Plan claim that 24,972 hectares of Cumberland Plain Woodland remains?
(2) When the NSW Scientific Committee says only 10,612 hectares remain and has upgraded it to "critically endangered status" under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act, does the source of the 24,972 hectares figure have greater credibility than the NSW Scientific Committee?
(3) Which estimate is correct?
(4) When will the draft Recovery Plan be finalised?
(5) Why didn't the Government intervene to protect "critically endangered" Cumberland woodland before Blacktown Council began clearing recently for playing fields?

9888 DWARF MOUNTAIN PINES—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
(1) Is the Minister aware there are only around 300 Dwarf Mountain Pines left in the wild?
(2) What is the department doing to safeguard Dwarf Mountain Pines?
(3) How much money has been allocated to safeguard the Dwarf Mountain Pine?

9889 ERADICATION OF RATS—Mr Michael Richardson to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
(1) Has there been any communication between the Lord Howe Island Board and the South Georgia Heritage Trust?
(2) If so, what was the nature of that communication?
(3) Is it an acceptable risk to lose some native animals to brodifacoum distributed by helicopter if it can be shown that rats kill more native animals than this each year?
(4) Given that The Sunday Times reported in March that rodents have been eradicated from 300 islands worldwide, what other methods have been used to clear islands of rats besides distributing poison from a helicopter?

9890 ANZAC MEMORIAL—HYDE PARK—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
(1) Since 1 January 2007, what funding has been provided to upgrading the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park?
(2) Did the upgrades include:
   (a) CCTV;
   (b) air-conditioning;
   (c) lift to provide disabled access;
   (d) repairs to the Great Doors?

9891 UPGRADING EXISTING WAR MEMORIALS—Mr Anthony Roberts to ask the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
(1) How many grants have been provided to upgrading existing war memorials in the following financial years:
   (a) 2006-2007;
   (b) 2007-2008;
   (c) 2008-2009;
   (d) 2009-2010?
(2) How much has been spent on grants to upgrading existing war memorials in the following financial years:
   (a) 2006-2007;
   (b) 2007-2008;
9892 CURRENT ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND CREDITORS—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the balance of NSW Health Department "current assets", "current liabilities" and "creditors", broken down by Health Service - including all Area Health Services, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Ambulance Service, Justice Health and Health Support Services - as at:

(a) 31 March 2009;
(b) 30 June 2009;
(c) 30 September 2009;
(d) 31 December 2009;
(e) 31 March 2010?

9893 GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—PATHOLOGY VACANCIES—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What are the total pathology collections by facility by month within Greater Western Area Health Service in the 12 months to 31 March 2010?
(2) What is the total of "staff vacancies" and "positions actively being recruited" by facility for all staffing levels in pathology departments within Greater Western Area Health Service as at 31 March 2010?
(3) What challenges are preventing the Greater Western Area Health Service from filling pathology vacancies, and what strategies and plans are in place to overcome these?

9894 STROKE UNIT—ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mrs Jillian Skinner to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Are there any plans to close the stroke unit at Royal North Shore Hospital?
(2) What strategies and plans are in place at Royal North Shore Hospital to ensure stroke patients have adequate access to services for care and rehabilitation now and in the future?

9895 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA NORTHERN INLAND—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for the State Plan, and Minister for Community Services representing the Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, Minister for Major Events, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) Why did the head of Regional Development Australia Northern Inland resign?
(2) Why did the deputy chairman of Regional Development Australia Northern Inland resign?
(3) When will their replacements be appointed?
(4) Did they receive any financial remuneration in their former roles as chairman and deputy chairman?
(5) If yes to (4), what are these figures?

9896 SYDNEY PORTS CORPORATION—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister for the Illawarra—

In relation to the Sydney Ports Corporation:

What is the annual salary for the new chairman of Sydney Ports Corporation?

9897 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL NOTICES FOR VEHICLES—Mr Andrew Stoner to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In relation to maintaining accurate records for tollway notices:

(1) When NSW cars have been on-sold to other businesses/drivers, and the Acquisition and Disposal notice for a registered vehicle has been successfully lodged with the RTA, why would the original owners continue to receive fines and toll notices from the vehicle?
(2) Is the RTA responsible for providing accurate car registration information to the private tollway companies?
(3) How frequently is car registration information provided to private tollway companies for fines/toll notices?
(4) If no to (2), who is responsible?
(5) How often does the RTA update its databases, particularly for the Acquisition and Disposal of registered vehicles?
(6) What section of the RTA is responsible for maintaining accurate records, particularly for the
Acquisition and Disposal notices of registered vehicles?
(7) Does the RTA keep records of how many previous owners of vehicles have had issues regarding
toll/fine notices for car that they no longer own?

9898 MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT CHARGES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport and
Roads—

(1) In relation to the increase in motor vehicle weight charges from 1 July 2010, will financial
compensation, a rebate or an exemption be given to those who require a vehicle for transport, such as
the disabled or families of the disabled?
(2) If not, why not?

9899 EQUINE INFLUENZA—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for
Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With respect to the strong scientific evidence which has been produced by eminent authorities including
the Callinan Commission of Inquiry, the Beale Expert Review Panel, Principal Scientists at Animal
Health Australia, the State Chief Veterinary Officers, and the Australian Veterinary Association regarding
the issue of Equine Influenza in this country:

(1) Does the evidence strongly support strengthening our quarantine measures to ensure diseases such as
Equine Influenza never enter our country again, as opposed to compulsory vaccinations of horses
against this disease?
(2) Has the disease been eradicated from Australia?
(3) Is the Minister supporting the introduction of equine influenza vaccine to this country and the
compulsory vaccination of all thoroughbred racing horses against Equine influenza?
(4) Has the Minister considered the strong evidence that Equine Influenza will eventually be endemic in
this country following compulsory vaccination, given only those horses vaccinated will not contract
the disease but will still transmit the disease to the other 600,000 horses in this country outside the
racing industry?
(5) What is the projected direct and indirect cost to the collective horse industry if the disease becomes
endemic in this country?
(6) What measures will the Minister take to compensate the other 600,000 horses in Australia and NSW
outside the racing industry, such as Arabs, Quarter horses, Shetlands, Clydesdales, endurance horses
and many others who will not be required to compulsory vaccinate their horses and therefore will be
subjected to the disease?
(7) Has the Minister considered the likely implications which introduction of vaccine would have on
Australia’s international disease status, particularly with respect to our most significant trading
partner, New Zealand?

9900 SOLICITOR JOHN BRADFIELD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for
Finance—

In relation to the "struck off" solicitor John Bradfield and the appointment by the Parramatta fraud squad
of an officer to be in charge of investigating all 200 victims who have had their life savings stolen:

(1) Did John Bradfield hand out forged mortgages to clients who believed they had a legal document,
and yet now find that this was not the case?
(2) Did several victims take out caveats on the properties believing they had genuine mortgages to
protect their investments?
(3) Given these victims had to pay thousands of dollars in stamp duty on these caveats, will these
victims be compensated for the loss of stamp duty incurred?

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