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\*0225 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL WAIT TIME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to the Australian Medical Association's Public Hospital Report Card, which indicates that the John Hunter Hospital has failed to meet its target of having 90 percent of patients treated within four hours, achieving only 61 percent, what steps is the Government taking to address this shortfall?

Answer—

I am advised:

The AMA Public Hospital Report Card assesses the performance of public hospitals year on year, and their capacity to meet the community's need for hospital services, using data published by the Commonwealth.

The AMA's Public Hospital Report Card only looks at the states and territories as whole. Therefore statistics relating to John Hunter Hospital are not available in the Australian Medical Association's Public Hospital Report Card.

Information regarding the hospital's performance can be found in the latest Bureau of Health Information report.

\*0226 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PSYCHIATRIC TRAINING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

Do emergency department staff in New South Wales currently receive training in how to recognise and respond to patients presenting with signs of being at risk of suicide or other harm due to psychiatric conditions?

Answer—

I refer you to the NSW Mental Health Plan, Living Well: A Strategic Plan for Mental Health in NSW 2014-2024.

\*0227 ADDITIONAL POLICE RECRUITS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many extra police officers will be allocated to the Hunter Police commands in the next round of new recruits?
- (2) What is the breakdown of the allocation of police to Hunter Police commands since January 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner. New Probationary Constables are deployed in May, August and December each year to replace and add to existing police numbers. Allocations of officers from the next graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation.
- (2) 30 new Probationary Constables have been allocated to Hunter Local Area Commands since January 2013

\*0228 PER CAPITA FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Considering that New South Wales receives the lowest per capita funding for public libraries of all states in Australia, is the Government planning to increase the \$1.85 per capita amount provided to each local government area?

- (a) If so, by how much?

Answer—

The prescribed amount for subsidy is set in the Library Regulation 2010.

The Government will continue to work with stakeholders on public library matters through the Library Council of NSW, to ensure that our public libraries continue to provide quality services for the people of New South Wales.

\*0229 RURAL FIRE SERVICE EMPLOYEES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many people are employed full-time by the Rural Fire Service?

- (a) How many of these full-time employees are on short-term contracts?
- (b) How often are these contracts negotiated?

Answer—

I am advised:

Workforce data is reported in each agency's Annual Report. Temporary employees are engaged in accordance with the Regulation of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.

\*0230 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Will the Government establish a specialised domestic violence court in order to address the domestic violence crisis?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Attorney General, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP.

\*0231 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE COST—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How much money did the Government spend on public housing maintenance in the Wallsend electorate in the 2013-14 financial year?

Answer—

Details of expenditure are included in the FACS Annual Report.

\*0232 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

In view of the fact that many people miss out on the Family Energy Rebate as they are unaware that they have to apply for the rebate, is the Government taking any steps to make this rebate automatically available to households that are eligible?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government's Family Energy Rebate is means tested through eligibility criterion requiring all applicants to be eligible for, and in receipt of the Australian Government's Family Tax Benefit A or B (FTB) in the previous financial year.

If the applicant meets the FTB eligibility criterion, and the applicant's energy retailer confirms the applicant receives electricity from the retailer for the applicant's principal place of residence in New South Wales, then the household automatically receives an annual rebate as a credit on the next energy bill issued by their nominated retailer.

Where the applicant is a long-term resident of a New South Wales Resident Park, if the applicant meets the FTB eligibility criterion, and an operator of a the residential park confirms the applicant is a long-term resident who receives electricity from the operator for the applicant's principal place of residence, then the household automatically receives from an annual rebate from NSW Trade and Investment (Department of Industry from 1 July 2015), as an electronic funds transfer payment to the applicant's nominated bank account.

\*0233 FRANCIS STREET BRIDGE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What plans are in place to expand the Francis Street bridge in Rooty Hill to accommodate the volume of traffic created by two lanes merging into one on this bridge?
- (2) What timeframe is in place for the installation of kerb and guttering along Railway Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is currently investigating improvement opportunities along Rooty Hill Road, Francis Road (including the Francis Road Bridge), Railway Street, Duke Street and Woodstock Street between Eastern Creek and Oakhurst under the Government's Pinch Point Program.

\*0234 GOVERNMENT LAND RELEASED FOR SALE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Planning—

What percentage of Government land released for sale to the public is accessible and affordable to first home buyers who are receiving the minimum wage?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the 12 month period from July 2013 to June 2014, the percentage of land UrbanGrowth NSW sold for moderate income housing was 12.96 percent against its historic target of 7.5 percent.

In relation to other Government land, I refer your question to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*0235 SBS STRUGGLE STREET DOCUMENTARY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Has the Premier taken any action in support of the Mount Druitt community following the SBS documentary 'Struggle Street'?

Answer—

The Government provides significant levels of support to the Mount Druitt community through the provision of a range of services. These include early intervention support services, parenting support, domestic violence and crisis services, housing and homelessness services, counselling and training support.

The Government will continue to provide assistance to those who need it, to help prevent homelessness and to support children and families.

\*0236 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT EXPANSION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

With reference to the Mount Druitt Police Station that has the largest Domestic Violence Unit in New South Wales, consisting of just six police officers, what plans are there for the expansion of this unit?

Answer—

As part of the Government's commitment to tackle domestic violence, on 5 March 2015 the Premier announced an increase in domestic and family violence police capability. An additional 24 domestic violence specialist police officers, who will assist Domestic Violence Liaison Officers will be recruited as part of commitments to increase police numbers. The allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner.

\*0237 SCHOOLS IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public schools (which are either fully or partially selective) are located in the Mount Druitt electorate?
- (2) How many students from the Mount Druitt electorate attend a public select school located outside of the Mount Druitt electorate?

Answer—

- (1) There are no selective or partially selective high schools in the Mount Druitt electorate. There is one school with opportunity classes, Colyton Public School, in the Mount Druitt electorate.
- (2) School enrolments for selective high schools are managed locally for Years 8 - 12. There is, however, a centralised placement process for students entering into selective high schools in Year 7. Twenty-six Year 7 students with residential postcodes in the Mount Druitt electorate have accepted offers of placement in a selective high school for entry in 2015.

\*0238 AMBULANCES IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many ambulances are stationed within the 2770 postcode?

- (2) How many call-outs servicing the Mount Druitt electorate have been dispatched from:  
(a) The 2770 postcode stations in the past three months;  
(b) Other ambulance stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Trengear Station is within the 2770 postcode, and primarily services the Mount Druitt area.

In addition, five other Ambulance Stations support the services in the 2770 postcode area: Colyton; Blacktown; Riverstone; Richmond and Penrith.

- \*0239 PRIVATISED ELECTRICITY MODEL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to the proposed privatised electricity model, will a guarantee be required of the purchaser that network repairs performed will be at minimum equal in efficiency and effectiveness as repairs carried out during the recent Hunter Valley natural disaster?

Answer—

There will be no change to the obligations of the new operators.

Existing regulatory obligations will continue to apply to any private operator following the transaction.

These obligations require the operator to use best endeavours to restore supply as soon as possible, and to keep customers and the Minister informed in the event of major network incidents and unplanned interruptions.

- \*0240 DEATH OF SALWA HAYDAR—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With reference to the death of Salwa Haydar on 30 March 2015:

- (1) Had Ms Haydar attempted to access support through:  
(a) A woman's refuge prior to her death;  
(b) NSW Police Force prior to her death;  
(c) NSW Health prior to her death;  
(d) Other Government funded programs prior to her death?  
(2) Has the Domestic Violence Death Review team considered this case?

Answer—

I am advised:

The death of Salwa Haydar is currently before the courts.

- \*0241 DEATH OF LEILA ALAVI—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With reference to the death of Leila Alavi on 17 January 2015:

- (1) Had Ms Alavi attempted to access support through:  
(a) A woman's refuge prior to her death;  
(b) NSW Police Force prior to her death;  
(c) NSW Health prior to her death;  
(d) Other Government funded programs prior to her death?  
(2) Has the Domestic Violence Death Review team considered this case?

Answer—

I am advised:

The death of Leila Alavi is currently before the courts.

- \*0242 ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Are there any restrictions on the election to the New South Wales Parliament of a person with:

- (a) An Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) made against them;

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- (b) A Domestic Violence Apprehended Order (DVAO) made against them;
- (c) A conviction for domestic assault;
- (d) A conviction of sexual assault?

Answer—

Restrictions on election of a person to the NSW Parliament are outlined in the Constitution Act 1902 (NSW) and the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 (NSW).

These statutory disqualification apply in addition to the inherent powers of the Houses of Parliament to expel members.

\*0243 LIFTS AT TUGGERAH RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the current timeframe for the installation of lifts at Tuggerah Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Upgrades at Tuggerah Railway Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

\*0244 WYONG TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Education—

What capital works funding has been spent at Wyong Technology High School in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

Since 2011, \$4.2 million has been committed for capital works at Wyong Technology High School.

\*0245 DEPUTY MAYORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is a Council such as Liverpool allowed to have Deputy Mayors serve a term limited to only six months?
  - (a) If this is permissible, does this:
    - (i) Breach the spirit of Local Government legislation; or
    - (ii) Assist in effective or stable leadership by the elected body of Council?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) (i) No.
  - (ii) It is a matter for individual councils to determine what arrangements to put in place to meet local needs.

\*0247 FINANCIAL ASSITANCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What financial assistance (in whatever form) has been provided by the Government or Government agencies to the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations in the following periods:
  - (a) 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011;
  - (b) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
  - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
  - (d) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;
  - (e) 1 July 2014 to date?
- (2) What financial assistance (in whatever form) has been provided by the Government or Government agencies to the Ukrainian Council of NSW in the following periods:
  - (a) 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011;

- (b) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;
- (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
- (d) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;
- (e) 1 July 2014 to date?

Answer—

This information is not held centrally across Government.

I can confirm that in the above mentioned periods no financial assistance has been provided to the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations, or to the Ukrainian Council of New South Wales, by the Department of Premier and Cabinet through either the Premier's Discretionary Grant Fund or the Community Building Partnership Program.

\*0248 NOTICES ISSUED BY THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the response to the Notices issued by the Environment Protection Authority to Government Properties NSW concerning the properties it owns in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill?
- (2) To where will the contaminated material on the Nelson properties now be removed?

Answer—

- (1) Government Property NSW submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment its revised project plan and Submissions report and to the EPA a letter confirming engagement of a remediation contractor.
- (2) I refer to QoN 0015.

\*0249 ASBESTOS INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What advice has the Attorney General received concerning the financial viability of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF)?
- (2) Will the AICF continue to be able to meet verdicts and claims resulting from the liabilities it was established to meet?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that as the Treasurer announced in February this year, the Government will remove the loan cap to allow the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund to access the full amount under a loan facility from the government, so that James Hardie asbestos victims can receive their legal compensation in full in accordance with court orders.

\*0250 DISTRICT COURTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What steps will you take to deal with the 56 pending trials in the District Court at Wagga Wagga?
- (2) What steps will you take to deal with increased workloads in other country courts?
- (3) What reduction in sitting times in metropolitan courts will result from a redirection of District Court resources to the country?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that a number of initiatives are being introduced to make our justice system work better and faster including:

- convening of a working group to consider the District Court's workload;
- establishing a pilot 'Rolling Courts List' in Sydney, managed by a single judge with staff from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Public Defender's Office;
- use of special call over lists in regional areas to identify pending matters that may be suitable for early pleas or trials; and
- the District Court sitting through the usual mid-year vacation time in 2015.

\*0251 BARRISTERS TO INCORPORATE THEIR PRACTICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Do you support allowing barristers in New South Wales being able to incorporate their practices?

Answer—

As the Attorney General, I will consider any proposal put forward by stakeholders in relation to operation of the Legal Profession Uniform Law Scheme.

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\*0252 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How long is the average wait for a:

- (a) Birth Certificate;
- (b) Death Certificate;

to be issued by NSW agencies from the time of application?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that applications for birth and death certificates with an existing registration are currently issued within two working days for an urgent application and within eight working days for a non-urgent application.

\*0253 RULE 15 OF UNIFORM BARRISTERS RULES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Have you received a letter from Nigel Cotman SC concerning proposed Rule 15 of the Uniform Barristers Rules in relation to alternative dispute resolution delivery as part of the work of barristers?
- (2) Do you accept the importance of alternative dispute resolution for the administration of justice and the importance of an appropriately drafted Rule 15?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that Rule 15 of the Legal Profession Uniform Conduct (Barristers) Rules ("the Barristers Conduct Rules") will commence on 1 July 2015.

I am further advised that under the Legal Profession Uniform Law, the Barristers Conduct Rules are developed by the Australian Bar Association and accordingly, the drafting of Rule 15 is an internal matter for the Australian Bar Association.

\*0254 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the Minister commit to establishing an independent, specific purpose grievance mechanism to ensure members of the public, who are adversely affected by WestConnex, have their concerns and grievances fairly and effectively addressed by the WestConnex Delivery Authority and Roads and Maritime Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Property acquisition is carried out under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991. Owners of properties being acquired have access to WestConnex Assist, a free, confidential and independent service. Property owners are also entitled to lodge an objection with the NSW Land and Environment Court.

Environmental Assessments are being carried out on each stage of WestConnex and involve detailed studies of potential impacts and mitigation strategies. This informs Environmental Impact Statements which are displayed for public comment before being assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

\*0255 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE STRATHFIELD ELECTORATE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many Housing NSW properties are located within the Strathfield electorate?
- (2) How many Community Housing properties are located within the Strathfield electorate?
- (3) How many Affordable Housing properties are located within the Strathfield electorate?
- (4) How many people are on the waiting list for housing in the Strathfield electorate?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Details about the number of social housing properties in each allocation zone managed by the Department of Family and Community Services and community housing providers are available on the Department's website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

(3) There are 33 affordable housing properties in the Strathfield electorate that received funding through the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

(4) Details about the number of people on the NSW Housing Register is also available on the

Department's website.

- \*0256 WESTCONNEX PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION STRATEGY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When will the Government release the comprehensive community consultation strategy detailing how and when consultation will occur through the life of the WestConnex project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details about the community consultation approach for the WestConnex project are available on the WestConnex website.

- \*0257 MALDON DOMBARTON—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the status of the Maldon Dombarton Rail Line project?
- (2) What is the next stage of the project and when will it commence?
- (3) Will the Government allocate funding to the project?
  - (a) If so, how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Registrations of Interest to construct, operate and maintain the proposed Maldon to Dombarton Railway, on a commercially sustainable basis, closed on 10 April 2015. TfNSW is evaluating the submitted Registrations of Interest. Information is available on the NSW e tendering website.
- (2) The Registrations of Interest process outcome will determine the next steps of the Project.
- (3) Refer to answer 1.

- \*0258 SYDNEY AIRPORT ACCESS FEES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What action has the Minister taken in response to the recommendation in the Parliamentary Inquiry into removing or reducing station access fees at Sydney Airport?
- (2) When will the Minister be finalising all actions relating to each recommendation?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government response to the inquiry is publicly available.

- \*0259 NORTH WOLLONGONG RAILWAY STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Are there any plans to increase parking and deliver real time train information at North Wollongong Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Extra parking at North Wollongong Railway Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

Real time information is available through a variety of channels including the 131500 website and six different real time smart phone apps.

- \*0260 TAXI COSTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How much did the Government spend on taxis to transport stranded passengers due to disruptions on the rail line in each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2014-15?
- (2) What was the amount paid for the most expensive taxi trip in each of those years?
- (3) What was the start and end point that the passengers were transported between for the most expensive taxi trip in each of those years?

Answer—

I am advised:

All transport agencies monitor taxi expenditure in accordance with the relevant NSW Premier's Department memoranda and Treasury directions. Agencies also encourage staff to make use of other available transport options.

A small proportion of taxi expenses are for transporting customers during network disruptions. Expenditure on taxi services for customers is considered modest given the wide geographical coverage of the rail network and the total number of passenger journeys each day.

\*0261 FINES AGAINST UBER—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many fines for breaches of the Passenger Transport Act have been issued to individuals or organisations using the UberX platform for ride sharing?
- (2) How many of these fines have been paid?
- (3) For each fine that has not been paid what action has the Minister taken to retrieve payment?
- (4) What was the largest fine issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has issued fines and Court Attendance Notices to people caught providing unlawful ridesharing activities.

All infringement notices issued to drivers have been paid.

\*0262 OPAL CARD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many OPAL card readers have malfunctioned since they were installed on:

- (a) Sydney Ferries;
- (b) Sydney Buses;
- (c) Sydney Trains;
- (d) NSW Trains;
- (e) Light Rail Services;
- (f) Private buses?

Answer—

Opal card readers are monitored across the network. Any Opal readers reported as not functioning are fixed as soon as possible.

\*0264 CBD LIGHT RAIL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What specific peak hour bus services will be replaced by the CBD Light Rail once it has been constructed?
- (2) Did Transport for NSW conduct or receive modelling that indicated there would be serious traffic issues at junctions like Cleveland Street, Anzac Parade and Lang Road as a result of giving light rail carriages priority?
  - (a) What does this modelling show?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The indicative bus route network was included in the light rail project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Final bus arrangements are close to completion. Commuter will have time to prepare for changes to bus services well ahead of time.
- (2) Modelling is published in the EIS.

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\*0265 STAFF AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many driving test examiners, part time or full time, were employed at the following locations in 2013-14:

- (a) Bankstown Service Centre;
- (b) Padstow Registry;
- (c) Maroubra Junction Registry;
- (d) Penrith Service Centre;
- (e) Liverpool Service Centre;
- (f) Hurstville Service Centre;
- (g) Parramatta Service Centre;
- (h) Miranda Registry;
- (i) Blacktown Service Centre;
- (j) Ryde Registry;
- (k) Tweed Heads Service Centre;
- (l) Ballina Registry;
- (m) Kiama Service Centre;
- (n) Bega Registry;
- (o) Bombala Agency;
- (p) Muswellbrook Registry;
- (q) Cessnock Registry;
- (r) Maitland Service Centre;
- (s) Raymond Terrace Registry;
- (t) Forster Registry;
- (u) Toronto Registry?

Answer—

I am advised the total number of Driver Testers (including both full and part-time) at 30 June 2014 was:

- (a) Bankstown Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (b) Padstow Registry - 1
- (c) Maroubra Junction Registry - 1
- (d) Penrith Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (e) Liverpool Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (f) Hurstville Service Centre - 0 (Note 2)
- (g) Parramatta Service Centre - 0 (Note 2)
- (h) Miranda Registry - 5
- (i) Blacktown Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (j) Ryde Registry - 2
- (k) Tweed Heads Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (l) Ballina Registry - 5
- (m) Kiama Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (n) Bega Registry - 1
- (o) Bombala Agency - 0 (Note 3)

- (p) Muswellbrook Registry - 2
- (q) Cessnock Registry - 1
- (r) Maitland Service Centre - 0 (Note 1)
- (s) Raymond Terrace Registry - 3
- (t) Forster Registry - 2
- (u) Toronto Registry - 0 (Note 4)

Note 1 Service Centres did not employ Driver Testers in 2013-14.

Note 2 Driver testing was not previously provided at Parramatta and Hurstville motor registries and is not provided at the service centres.

Note 3 Bombala Agency did not have any of its own Driver Testers but was covered by staff from Bega and Cooma.

Note 4 Toronto Registry did not have any of its own Driver Testers but was covered by staff from surrounding sites and a counter operator who could act up in a Driver Tester role in higher duties.

\*0266 DRIVING TESTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many driving tests were conducted at the following locations during 2013-14:

- (a) Bankstown Service Centre;
- (b) Padstow Registry;
- (c) Maroubra Junction Registry;
- (d) Penrith Service Centre;
- (e) Liverpool Service Centre;
- (f) Hurstville Service Centre;
- (g) Parramatta Service Centre;
- (h) Miranda Registry;
- (i) Blacktown Service Centre;
- (j) Ryde Registry;
- (k) Tweed Heads Service Centre;
- (l) Ballina Registry;
- (m) Kiama Service Centre;
- (n) Bega Registry;
- (o) Bombala Agency;
- (q) Muswellbrook Registry;
- (r) Cessnock Registry;
- (s) Maitland Service Centre;
- (t) Raymond Terrace Registry;
- (u) Forster Registry;
- (v) Toronto Registry?

Answer—

I am advised the number of driving tests conducted in 2013-14 was:

- (a) Bankstown Service Centre - N/A- was not open in 2013-14.
- (b) Padstow Registry - 3,700.
- (c) Maroubra Junction Registry - 2,714.
- (d) Penrith Service Centre - 58 (from 20 June 2014).
- (e) Liverpool Service Centre - 288 (from 30 May 2014)
- (f) Hurstville Service Centre - N/A - Driver testing was not previously provided at Hurstville motor registry and is not provided at the service centre.

- (g) Parramatta Service Centre - N/A - Driver testing was not previously provided at Parramatta motor registry and is not provided at the service centre.
- (h) Miranda Registry - 4,554.
- (i) Blacktown Service Centre - N/A- was not open in 2013-14.
- (j) Ryde Registry - 6,965.
- (k) Tweed Heads Service Centre - 1,733 (from 12 August 2013).
- (l) Ballina Registry - 1,883.
- (m) Kiama Service Centre - 1,961 (from 5 July 2013).
- (n) Bega Registry - 678.
- (o) Bombala Agency -57.
- (q) Muswellbrook Registry - 1,100.
- (r) Cessnock Registry - 1,649.
- (s) Maitland Service Centre - N/A- was not open in 2013-14.
- (t) Raymond Terrace Registry - 1,494.
- (u) Forster Registry - 721.
- (v) Toronto Registry - 1,614.

\*0267 ROADS AND MARITIME COMPLAINTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many complaints were received by Roads and Maritime Services about driving test examinations at the following locations in 2013-14 and what were the most common complaints:

- (a) Bankstown Service Centre;
- (b) Padstow Registry;
- (c) Maroubra Junction Registry;
- (d) Penrith Service Centre;
- (e) Liverpool Service Centre;
- (f) Hurstville Service Centre;
- (g) Parramatta Service Centre;
- (h) Miranda Registry;
- (i) Blacktown Service Centre;
- (j) Ryde Registry;
- (k) Tweed Heads Service Centre;
- (l) Ballina Registry;
- (m) Kiama Service Centre;
- (n) Bega Registry;
- (o) Bombala Agency;
- (p) Muswellbrook Registry;
- (q) Cessnock Registry;
- (r) Maitland Service Centre;
- (s) Raymond Terrace Registry;
- (t) Forster Registry;
- (u) Toronto Registry?

Answer—

- (a) Bankstown Service Centre - N/A- was not open in 2013-14.
- (b) Padstow Registry - 3.
- (c) Maroubra Junction Registry - 3.

- (d) Penrith Service Centre - 7 (from 20 June 2014).
- (e) Liverpool Service Centre - 2 (from 30 May 2014).
- (f) Hurstville Service Centre - N/A - Driver testing was not previously provided at Hurstville motor registry and is not provided at the service centre.
- (g) Parramatta Service Centre - N/A- Driver testing was not previously provided at Parramatta motor registry and is not provided at the service centre.
- (h) Miranda Registry - 3.
- (i) Blacktown Service Centre - N/A- was not open in 2013-14.
- (j) Ryde Registry - 6
- (k) Tweed Heads Service Centre - 1 (from 12 August 2013).
- (l) Ballina Registry - 1.
- (m) Kiama Service Centre - 0 (from 5 July 2013).
- (n) Bega Registry - 0.
- (o) Bombala Agency - 0.
- (q) Muswellbrook Registry - 2.
- (r) Cessnock Registry - 5.
- (s) Maitland Service Centre - N/A- was not open in 2013-14.
- (t) Raymond Terrace Registry - 0.
- (u) Forster Registry - 0.
- (v) Toronto Registry - 5.

Complaints received about driver testing mainly relate to the way the test was marked when an applicant has failed including head checks, speeding, signs, signals and road markings; requests for refunds or free tests following failure of test; allegations of discrimination and dissatisfaction with the driver tester; and availability of driving test bookings.

\*0268 CAPITAL WORKS UPGRADES AT AUSTINMER PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why were the capital works upgrades at Austinmer Public School not allocated funding?
- (2) What position are these upgrades on the priority list?
- (3) When will these upgrades be funded?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Capital works projects in schools are assessed for funding consideration by educators, planners and local asset management staff, taking into account the need and competing priorities in government schools across the State.

\*0269 TICKET SALES FROM STAFF AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What are the current operating hours for ticket sales from staff at:
  - (a) Merryland Railway Station;
  - (b) Guildford Railway Station;
  - (c) Granville Railway Station;
  - (d) Clyde Railway Station;
  - (e) Westmead Railway Station;
  - (f) Wentworthville Railway Station?
- (2) How does this compare to the hours of ticket sales from staff prior to October 2013 at each of the above stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Operating hours are available on the Sydney Trains website.
- (2) Operating hours at these locations have not changed, with the exception of Merrylands where start and end times have shifted one hour later Monday through to Saturday, following a review of customer demand.

\*0270 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the cycleway located under and alongside the M4 from east of James Ruse Drive to west of Church Street remain open and accessible for cyclists throughout the construction of the M4 widening project?

- (a) If not, what diversions will be in place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The cycleway under and alongside the M4 from east of James Ruse Drive to west of Church Street will generally remain open and accessible for cyclists throughout the M4 widening project. Safe detours will be signposted if temporary diversions are required where work takes place close to the cycleway.

Details of any temporary cycleway diversions along the length of the M4 Widening project will appear on the WestConnex Delivery Authority website.

\*0271 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What percentage of four year olds are accessing early childhood education in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the average number of hours that four year olds are enrolled in early childhood education in New South Wales?
- (3) What percentage of these four year olds are enrolled in:
  - (a) Long day care;
  - (b) Government run preschools;
  - (c) Family day care?

Answer—

- (1) In 2013, 96.2 percent of children were enrolled in the year before school in quality early childhood education programs.
- (2) In 2014, the average number of hours that four year olds were enrolled in early education in community preschools and Department run preschools was 16 hours per week.
- (3) There is a fluctuation of enrolments across service types and children can be enrolled in more than one service type.

\*0273 RETALIATORY EVICTIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many applications has the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal received regarding retaliatory evictions?
- (2) How many of these applications have been considered?
- (3) In how many applications was it found that a landlord had committed a retaliatory eviction?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice under Section 115 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) may declare that a termination notice has no effect or can refuse to make a termination order, where it is satisfied that a termination notice given or application made by the landlord was a retaliatory notice or a retaliatory application. I am further advised that NCAT decisions can be viewed by Division on the NSW Caselaw website at: <https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/>.

\*0276 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED POLICE CALLOUTS IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total number of reported callouts in The Entrance electorate relating to domestic violence in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (2015 to 26 May 2015)?
- (2) Of these callouts, how many resulted in persons being charged with a criminal offence?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that this information cannot be provided in the specific terms requested.

\*0277 POLICE CALLOUTS RELATED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- (1) What is the total number of reported callouts in Brisbase Waters Local Area Command (LAC) and Tuggerah Lakes LAC relating to domestic violence in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (2015 to 26 May 2015)?

- (2) Of these callouts, how many resulted in persons being charged with a criminal offence?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics and provides these for a range of offences on its website, <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au>.

- \*0278 POLICE CALLOUTS RELATED TO 'ICE'—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total number of reported police callouts in the Brisbane Waters Local Area Command (LAC) and Tuggerah Lakes LAC directly related to the drug colloquially known as 'ice' in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (2015 to 26 May 2015)?
- (2) Of these, how many 'ice' affected individuals were hospitalised?
- (3) How many 'ice' affected individuals were charged with a criminal offence?
- (4) How many 'ice' manufacturing operations were located?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that this information cannot be provided in the specific terms requested.

- \*0279 POLICE CALLOUTS RELATED TO 'ICE' IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total number of reported police callouts in The Entrance electorate directly related to the drug colloquially known as 'ice' in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (2015 to 26 May 2015)?
- (2) Of these, how many 'ice' affected individuals were hospitalised?
- (3) How many 'ice' affected individuals were charged with a criminal offence?
- (4) How many 'ice' manufacturing operations were located?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that this information cannot be provided in the specific terms requested.

- \*0280 TAFE ENROLMENTS IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the total number of enrolments for The Entrance electorate in TAFE qualifications from TAFE Hunter Institute NSW located on the Central Coast (Wyong TAFE, Ourimbah TAFE, Gosford TAFE) in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (2015 to 26 May 2015)?
  - (a) Of these enrolments, how many qualifications undertaken by students were completed?
- (2) What is the total number of TAFE qualifications and the name of each qualification offered to students in The Entrance electorate by TAFE Hunter Institute NSW located on the Central Coast (Wyong TAFE, Ourimbah TAFE, Gosford TAFE) in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (2015 to 26 May 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that student enrolments by campus are no longer published, as this information is considered commercial in confidence. TAFE NSW provides enrolment figures, by Institute, as part of its Annual Report, refer <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.
- (2) Information on the number and name of TAFE qualifications offered by TAFE Hunter Institute is available on their website <http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au>.

- \*0281 CLUBGRANTS CATEGORY 3 FUND—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What financial contribution has been made to the ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund by clubs in the Port Stephens electorate in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13;
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (2) Since its inception, what amount of funding under Category 3 of the ClubGRANTS Scheme has been

distributed to organisations or facilities in the Port Stephens electorate?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing.

\*0282 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE COST—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How much money was spent on public housing maintenance in the Raymond Terrace area in the following financial years:

- (a) 2011-12;
- (b) 2012-13;
- (c) 2013-14?

Answer—

Information about maintenance expenditure is outlined in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation Annual Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0283 TOMAREE HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

What plans does the Government have to upgrade Tomaree Hospital to ensure that the hospital is capable of meeting the health needs of the community on the Tomaree Peninsula, along with the health needs of the many tourists who visit the Peninsula?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning is underway for the refurbishment of the Tomaree Hospital's Emergency Department.

\*0284 FUNDING FOR TOMAREE HOSPITAL—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What funding was allocated to the operation of Tomaree Hospital in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13;
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (2) What funding has the Government budgeted for the operation of Tomaree Hospital in the current financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) I refer the member to my response to LA00168.

\*0285 STORM IN THE PORT STEPHENS ELECTORATE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What support will the Government provide to the primary producers in the Port Stephens electorate who have been severely impacted by the April 'super storm'?

Answer—

As a result of the extreme weather experienced in the Port Stephens area, a Natural Disaster declaration has been made and those primary producers whose aquaculture leases and farms were damaged during the storm can now apply for Natural Disaster Assistance.

The assistance comes in the form of loans of up to \$130,000, at 1.92 percent interest per annum with a two-year interest and payment free period and can be used for the repair or replacement of property and infrastructure, including damage to pasture and crops.

Transport subsidies are also available to eligible primary producers up to a maximum of \$15,000 to assist with the cost of transport of fodder, stock to/from agistment and stock to sale or slaughter.

These assistance measures are administered by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority. Applications close on 30 October 2015.

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In addition, clean up and recovery grants of up to \$15,000 have been made available to eligible primary producers following agreement between the State and Commonwealth governments as announced on 15 June 2015.

The grants, funded under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, are available in the local government areas (LGA) of Dungog, Great Lakes, Maitland, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton and the parishes of Branxton, Heddon and Stockrington in the Cessnock LGA.

Oyster growers in Port Stephens and Brisbane Waters are also eligible.

This vital assistance is also administered by the RAA. Applications for Category C grant assistance must be received by the RAA on or before 15 December 2015.

Further to, and consistent with my response to Ms Washington's previous question asked on 14 May 2015, a range of assistance measures are also being provided to oyster farmers in Port Stephens and a waiver of some fees is being considered for affected commercial fishers.

- \*0286 ALTERNATE HOUSING IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

During the April super storm, some people with disabilities who were living in group homes were relocated to the Stockton Centre. Given that the Government intends to close the Stockton Centre, what plans does the Government have to assist residents who find themselves in need of alternate housing in the future in the event of a similar emergency?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Family and Community Services continues to review its Emergency and Business Continuity plans to ensure the best outcomes for people with disability.

Future reviews to assist residents who find themselves in need of alternate housing in the event of a similar emergency situation will take into account the closure of Stockton Centre.

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- \*0287 WESTCONNEX BUSINESS CASE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Minister release to the public the business case for the WestConnex project in its current form as at 28 May 2015?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The WestConnex business case is being updated in line with new scope to include the northern and southern extensions as taken to the March election. When the update is completed, it is appropriate any non-commercial in confidence information be released.

The project in its current form has been reviewed and ticked off by independent experts at both Infrastructure NSW and Infrastructure Australia.

- \*0288 WESTCONNEX TRAFFIC MODELLING—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Minister release to the public traffic modelling for the WestConnex project in its current form as at 28 May 2015?
  - (a) if so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Comprehensive traffic and transport studies are exhibited for community and stakeholder consultation as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for each section of WestConnex.

The M4 Widening EIS and the King Georges Road Interchange Upgrade EIS were exhibited in 2014.

The M4 East and New M5 environmental impact statements will be exhibited this year.

- \*0289 CBD SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL LINE—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister ensure that meaningful discussions take place with Randwick City Council to effect an alternative location of the CBD South East Light Rail Line from the northern side of Alison Road at Kensington in order to preserve Centennial Park land and the significant historical trees that would otherwise have to be removed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The revised location of the light rail route in this area improves access for customers living north of Alison Road and those travelling to and from local educational facilities and Centennial Park. It prioritises 'every day access' to the area ahead of casual event access, and ensures the flood levee bank in Centennial Park is not compromised.

These improvements were publicly exhibited in December 2014, along with a number of modifications to the original project design. The Department of Planning and Environment approved all modifications in February 2015.

Transport for NSW is continuing to work with Randwick City Council and stakeholders as detailed design of the project continues.

- \*0290 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What percentage of three year olds are accessing early childhood education in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the average number of hours that three year olds are enrolled in early childhood education in New South Wales?
- (3) What percentage of these three year olds are enrolled in:
  - (a) Long day care;
  - (b) Government run preschools;
  - (c) Family day care?

Answer—

- (1) In 2013, 96.2 percent of children enrolled were in the year before school in quality early childhood education programs.

As the Commonwealth collects child level data on children in long day care it is not possible to disaggregate the above figure to calculate the proportion of three year olds only.

- (2) In 2014, the average number of hours that three year olds were enrolled in early childhood education in community preschools was 13 hours and in Department run preschools was 18 hours per week.
- (3) There is a fluctuation of enrolments across service types and children can be enrolled in more than one service type.

- \*0291 MOBILE PHONE BLACKSPOTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What criteria will be used to identify mobile phone blackspots?
- (2) How will the \$25 million funding committed during election be allocated?
- (3) How will such funding increase mobile phone reception in regional areas?
- (4) Will any areas of the Hunter be eligible for this funding?

Answer—

The Government has participated in the Commonwealth Government's \$100 million Mobile Black Spots Programme.

The Government has committed \$26 million over the three year forward period for the management and delivery of the Programme. This is the first time Government has contributed to improving mobile phone coverage.

The Programme's criteria can be viewed at <https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we>

do/phone/mobile-services-and\_coverage/mobile-black-spot-programme.

As announced on 25 June 2015, the Government's Mobile Black Spot initiative will deliver 144 new or upgraded mobile base stations in New South Wales and eliminate 795 mobile black spots in our regional communities, including communities in the Hunter.

A map of locations in New South Wales that will receive coverage is available from [www.communications.gov.au/mobile\\_coverage](http://www.communications.gov.au/mobile_coverage).

\*0292 HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current status of the previously announced upgrade of Hunter Sports High School?
- (2) Have tenders been awarded for construction?
- (3) When is the project scheduled to be completed?
- (4) What is the current budget of the project?
- (5) What impact will the project have on lessons at the school during construction?
- (6) How will these impacts be managed?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities has been working closely with Lake Macquarie City Council and various sporting bodies to ensure that the new facilities are compatible with future shared use arrangements. The school is currently being master planned.

Student learning remains the school's priority and any disruptions will be managed and minimised.

\*0293 TRAINS AT HAMILTON RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many trains which leave Hamilton Railway Station bound for Maitland each day leave on time?
- (2) Is there a minimum time scheduled between trains arriving at Hamilton Railway Station to allow for commuters to alight from all services and be able to connect with the Maitland bound trains from Hamilton?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On average, over 95 percent of services which leave Hamilton Railway Station bound for Maitland each day leave on time.
- (2) Train timetable information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*0294 LIFT AT EAST MAITLAND RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will work commence on the upgrade of the disability access to the lift at Victoria Street, East Maitland Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of this question does not make sense.

\*0295 FUNDING TO INSTALL SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the Government doing to address the need for seat belts on all school buses in regional New South Wales, specifically within the Maitland electorate?
- (2) Will the Government increase funding to provide subsidies to install seat belts on all school buses in regional New South Wales following the recent announcement by the Commonwealth Government to scrap the \$1 million a year subsidy to install seat belts on school buses in regional Australia?
- (3) Will the Government ensure that Maitland is included as an area in regional New South Wales in the case of an increase in funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is spending more than \$200 million to install seatbelts and phase out standing on buses dedicated to school runs in rural and regional NSW. The Program will see almost 1,400 buses fitted with seatbelts. Two bus operators in Maitland are included in the Program.

Termination of the Commonwealth's Program will not affect the Government's roll-out of seatbelts on school buses.

\*0296 BUDGET FOR RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the total budget for the Rural Fire Service in 2015?
- (2) What was the total budget for the Rural Fire Service in 2014?
- (3) What was the total budget for the Rural Fire Service in 2013?

Answer—

The 2015-16 Government budget papers are available online on a dedicated website at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).

Previous budget papers, from 1988-89 to 2014-15, are available on the NSW Treasury website at [www.treasury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au).

\*0297 BUDGET FOR THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What was the total budget for the State Emergency Service in 2014?
- (2) Was there a reduction or an increase in funding to the State Emergency Service from the previous budget in 2013?
- (3) What is the total budget for the State Emergency Service in 2015?

Answer—

The 2015-16 Government budget papers are available online on a dedicated website at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).

Previous budget papers, from 1988-89 to 2014-15, are available on the NSW Treasury website at [www.treasury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au).

\*0298 ALLOCATION OF HOUSING NSW PREMISES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the allocation of Housing NSW premises in the electorate of Maitland?
- (2) What was the number of Housing NSW premises in the electorate of Maitland at the end of 2014?
- (3) What was the number of Housing NSW premises in the electorate of Maitland at the end of 2013?

Answer—

Details about the number of social housing properties in each allocation zone managed by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) and community housing providers are available on the Department's website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0299 STORM IN THE ELECTORATE OF MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Local Government—

What additional funding will be made available to Maitland City Council to replace infrastructure that has been lost due to the recent storm damage in the electorate of Maitland?

- (a) If no funding is being made available, why is this the case?

Answer—

This question is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. David Elliott MP.

\*0300 POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED AT THE MAITLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What are the current numbers of police officers employed at the Maitland Local Area Command?
- (2) What was the number of police officers employed at the Maitland Local Area Command at the end of 2014?
- (3) What was the number of police officers employed at the Maitland Local Area Command at the end of 2013?

Answer—

Maitland is part of the Central Hunter Local Area Command. Authorised, actual and operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

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\*0301 WAIT TIME FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN NEWCASTLE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the Government doing to reduce the waiting time for criminal cases in local courts in Newcastle?
- (2) What was the waiting time for criminal cases in Newcastle Local Court just prior to the closure of East Maitland District Court?
- (3) What is the waiting time for criminal cases as at May 2015?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the Chief Judge has responsibility for the sitting and circuit arrangements of the District Court pursuant to the District Court Act 1973.

I am further advised by the Department of Justice that a number of initiatives are being introduced to make our justice system work better and faster including:

- convening of a working group to consider the District Court's workload;
- use of special call over lists in regional areas to identify pending matters that may be suitable for early pleas or trials; and
- the District Court sitting through the usual mid-year vacation time in 2015.

I am further advised that the Government is investing \$90 million in a new Newcastle Courthouse to improve court services in the region.

The District Court publishes the District Court Annual Review on the operations of the court for the period 1 January to 31 December each year.

The District Court Annual Reviews are published at [http://www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/annual\\_reviews.aspx](http://www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/annual_reviews.aspx).

\*0302 INGLEBURN RAILWAY STATION CARPARK FUNDING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will adequate funding be allocated in the 2015-16 Budget towards the establishment and construction of a multi-storey commuter car park to meet the increasing demand at Ingleburn Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Commuter parking at Ingleburn Railway Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

\*0303 MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will adequate funding be allocated in the 2015-16 Budget towards the establishment and construction of easy access facilities at Macquarie Fields Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Easy access facilities at Macquarie Fields Railway Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible

and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

\*0304 MINTO RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that there is no overhead covering at Minto Railway Station as commuters make their way to the platform?
- (2) Will adequate funding be allocated in the 2015-16 Budget towards the upgrade of Minto Railway Station for the installation of overhead roofing/covering for commuters as they make their way to the platform?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Overhead canopies at Minto Railway Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

\*0305 INGLEBURN ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Are there any plans to relocate or close the Roads and Maritime Services registry office located at Shop 9, Centennial House at the corner of Oxford and Ingleburn Road, Ingleburn?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance and Services.

\*0307 REPORTING OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND POLICE ATTENDANCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to the changes previously introduced regarding reporting of motor vehicle accidents and police attendance, how are records now captured to show and support figures to enable locations to be considered 'black spots'?

- (a) Is information provided by insurance companies?
- (b) Is information provided by panel beaters?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tow-away crashes are now reported through the Police Assistance Line. This data is provided to Transport for NSW. Road fatalities and serious crashes are still reported and attended by Police. Transport for NSW collects further crash data through other sources including hospital data to inform programs.

(a) and (b) Data collected by insurance companies and panel beaters is not currently used.

\*0308 TRACKWORK ON CENTRAL COAST AND NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is there trackwork scheduled on the Central Coast and Newcastle Rail Line during the 2015 Vivid Festival from 22 May 2015 to 8 June 2015?

(a) If yes, has Transport for NSW considered alternative dates for this work?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Please refer to NSW TrainLink media release 14 May 2015. Available online.

\*0309 OPAL CARD TOP UPS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the minimum top up amount for Opal Card holders?
  - (2) Are there any restrictions above the minimum top up amount for Opal Card holders?
  - (3) Can the retailer force the Opal Card holder into other transactions other than the Opal Card top ups?
- Answer—
- (1) This information is available at [www.opal.com.au](http://www.opal.com.au).
  - (2) and (3) There are no fees for topping up at Opal card retailers using cash. However, if a customer uses a credit or debit card, an Opal card retailer may charge a reasonable service fee to cover credit card merchant fees, or impose a minimum value spend. Service fee charges and minimum value spends are a decision made by the retailer.

\*0310 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Are there any domestic violence refuges in New South Wales that are Government funded?
  - (a) If yes, how many and in which towns are these located?
- (2) Is there any Government funding available to non-government domestic violence refuges?
- (3) How do non-government domestic violence refuges access avenues of Government funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Service and Minister for Social Housing, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, who administers Specialist Homelessness Services.

\*0311 CESSNOCK AMBULANCE STATION MAINTENANCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Who is responsible for mowing and maintenance of the surrounds of the Cessnock Ambulance Station located at Jurd Street, Cessnock?
- (2) How often is mowing scheduled to be done?
- (3) When was the mowing last completed?
- (4) When is the mowing next scheduled for completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Mowing is scheduled to be completed 20 times per year and was last completed on 2 June 2015.

\*0312 SERVICE NSW BLACKTOWN CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Which Government agencies previously based in Blacktown or the immediate surrounds closed their shopfront, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre due to the establishment of the Service NSW Blacktown Service Centre?

Answer—

Service NSW opened its Blacktown Service Centre on the site of the motor registry on 10 October 2014. Up until 11 May 2015, more than 146,700 customers were served with a customer satisfaction score of 97 per cent.

The Service Centre offers all the transactions previously available at the motor registry, as well as services previously provided by Fair Trading in Blacktown.

\*0313 SERVICE NSW ARMIDALE CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Which Government agencies previously based in Armidale or the immediate surrounds closed their shopfront, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre due to the establishment of the Service NSW Armidale Service Centre?

Answer—

Service NSW opened its Armidale Service Centre on the site of the motor registry on 20 February 2015. Up until the end of June 2015, more than 19,200 customers were served with a customer satisfaction score of 99 per cent.

The Service Centre offers all the transactions previously available at the motor registry, as well as services previously provided by Fair Trading in Armidale.

\*0314 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What were the English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) full-time equivalent teaching positions allocation in 2014 and 2015, by:
  - (a) Primary and secondary public schools;
  - (b) Department statistical area groupings;
  - (c) New South Wales electorates?
- (2) What was the number of Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) students that were identified in the 2014 English as a Second Language (ESL) survey as requiring ESL assistance by;
  - (a) School?
  - (b) Department statistical groupings?
- (3) What was the number of LBOTE students identified as requiring ESL assistance who received ESL assistance, by;
  - (a) School?
  - (b) Department statistical grouping?
- (4) What was the number of LBOTE students identified as unable to receive ESL assistance?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b) Full-time equivalent EAL/D teaching positions allocation across primary and secondary schools, departmental groupings and electorates was 896 in 2014 and 896.2 in 2015.
- (2) (a) and (b) The number of Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) students in 2014 requiring EAL/D assistance by schools and departmental groupings was 145,306.
- (3) and (4) In 2015, for the first time, every identified student in all EAL/D phases received support. This was made possible by the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA) funding.

\*0315 OPPORTUNITY HUBS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many formal agreements have each of the Opportunity Hubs in the Upper Hunter Region, Campbelltown, Tamworth and Dubbo entered into with:
  - (a) Local employers;
  - (b) Local education institutions?
- (2) Are these hubs required to report their activities to the Minister?
  - (a) If yes, is this report publicly available?
    - (i) Where?
  - (b) If not, how is the performance of the third party operators of these services evaluated?

Answer—

- (1) Opportunity Hubs have entered into the following agreements:
  - Upper Hunter- 3 formal agreements with local employers and 10 with local education institutions.
  - Campbelltown- 7 formal agreements with local employers and 36 with local education institutions.
  - Tamworth- 12 formal agreements with local employers and 19 with local education institutions.
  - Dubbo -the new provider is to commence establishing formal agreements.
- (2) Yes. The annual report on OCHRE initiatives is at: <http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/ochre-one-year-on/>.

\*0316 HOME SCHOOLING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the Minister respond to the recommendations made by the recent Legislative Council Inquiry into Home Schooling in New South Wales?
- (2) How many times in the last 24 months to 28 May 2015 has the Minister met with representatives of

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the Home Education Association?

- (3) How many times in the last 24 months to 28 May 2015 has the Minister's staff met with representatives of the Home Education Association?

Answer—

- (1) I refer the Member to the timeline for the Home Schooling (Inquiry) at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/homeschooling>.
- (2) and (3) Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals are published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

\*0317 SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How does the Department of Education and Communities audit the texts used in Special Religious Education (SRE) in New South Wales?
- (2) How does the Department ensure that only approved texts are used for SRE classes?
- (3) How are parents and students able to report to the Department the use of materials which is inappropriate?

Answer—

- (1) It is the responsibility of approved providers of SRE in New South Wales government schools to authorise the materials used in SRE classes.
- (2) Approved providers make an assurance to the Department each year, confirming that only materials authorised by the provider are used by SRE teachers.
- (3) The principal is responsible for the implementation of the Department's Religious Education Policy at a school level. Parents/caregivers are able to report complaints about materials considered inappropriate to the principal, in accordance with the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines.

\*0320 IMPACT OF THE TRUNCATION OF NEWCASTLE RAIL LINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What consideration was given by the Government to the potential impact of the truncation of Newcastle Rail Line on crime and vagrancy around Hamilton Station?
- (2) What financial assistance will be provided to the business owners experiencing crime and vagrancy in the Hamilton area?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The Newcastle City Local Area Command (LAC) undertakes patrols and high visibility policing operations in the vicinity of Hamilton Railway Station.

The Newcastle City LAC has been part of a 'Homeless Person Working Group' with Newcastle City Council, Housing NSW and a number of non-government organisations to address accommodation issues for the homeless and reduce crime around Hamilton Railway Station.

\*0321 GROUTING FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What formula was used to obtain the \$17 million amount allocated to the City Centre Grouting Fund for mine subsidence remediation in the Newcastle CBD?
  - (a) When will the application guidelines be provided to the public?
- (2) Will the proposed GPT/UrbanGrowth development in the Hunter Street Mall use any of the \$17 million mine subsidence fund announced prior to the election?
  - (a) If so, how much will be allocated to this project area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The \$17 million amount allocated to the City Grouting Fund is in addition to the monies already spent on the Hunter Development Corporation site. The money will form the basis of a fund for mine subsidence remediation in the Newcastle CBD.
  - (a) Application guidelines are currently under development and will be available when finalised.
- (2) As the guidelines are yet to be finalised, this cannot be determined at this time.
  - (a) Not applicable.

\*0322 ASBESTOS IN HOUSING NSW STOCK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Is there asbestos in the material under the housing stock eaves at 5 Light Street, Bar Beach?

Answer—

Information about the Department of Family and Community Services' Asbestos Policy is available on its website: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0323 SALE OF HOUSING NSW ASSETS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the current asset conversion program for Housing NSW properties in Stockton for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years?
- (2) How many properties have been, or will be, sold during this period?
- (3) How much has the Government raised, or expect to raise, from these sales?
- (4) Will the proceeds be used to re-stock Housing NSW?
  - (a) If so, where will new stock be located and what type of property will the stock be?

Answer—

(1) There is no current asset conversion program for Stockton.

(2) and (3) Information about sales is in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's Annual Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au)

(4) Proceeds from all property sales are to be reinvested into the social housing system across New South Wales.

\*0324 RAIL PROJECT IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how his desire for urban revitalisation and speedy and efficient delivery of the rail project in Newcastle meets the legislative requirements of the Transport Administration Act 1988 Section 3D, a) "to plan for a transport system that meets the needs and expectations of the public"?
- (2) Did the Minister give any consideration to continuing services to Newcastle Station, as per his own Department's advice, when major construction work commenced on the rail project in Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW released the Hunter Regional Transport Plan in March 2014. The plan addresses the unique transport needs and priorities of the Hunter region.

Transport for NSW is currently progressing the implementation of a number of actions from the plan to provide better transport services, ensure effective regulation and improve transport infrastructure.

(2) In order to build a new, fully-accessible interchange at Wickham, trains had to terminate at Hamilton. It was not possible to run trains while construction is underway.

\*0325 DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health—

What rehabilitation facilities are available for methamphetamine (also known as meth, crystal and ice) addicts in Newcastle and Stockton specifically?

Answer—

I am advised:

Drug and alcohol clinicians are available to support methamphetamine users. They can be reached through the Drug and Alcohol Triage and Assessment Service on 1300 66 00 59.

\*0326 TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the date for the commencement and completion of the Tourle Street Bridge?

Answer—

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Construction is expected to start in 2016 with the project expected to be completed and open to traffic by the end of 2018 weather permitting.

\*0327 LIGHT RAIL IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What will be the impact on the key aspects of the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy, such as footpath widening, street greening and cycle ways, if the light rail goes down Hunter Street?
- (2) Will the proposed new light rail have disabled access as well as access and storage for prams and bicycles?
- (3) Why is the Minister not taking the advice of Transport for NSW and agreeing to the light rail going down the existing corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is working collaboratively with UrbanGrowth and Newcastle City Council to build a vibrant transport network. Creating a fully accessible transport interchange at Wickham and introducing light rail will enhance and support urban renewal in Newcastle.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The selected route provides the best urban renewal and transport outcomes whilst servicing the city centre. It will provide residents and businesses with better access to the waterfront, improved public domain in the existing rail corridor, and the option to extend the light rail in the future.

\*0328 STOCKTON SERVICE STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Has the lessee paid all the rent to date on the lease of the Stockton Service Station site?

Answer—

No. Currently there are arrears owed to the Crown by the lessee.

\*0329 ALICE STREET DEVELOPMENT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many complaints or submissions has the Government received regarding the development at 36 Alice Street, Newtown?
- (2) What response has the Department for Planning and Environment made in regards to any complaints or comments received from the community in relation to the development?
- (3) Is the Government aware of concerns regarding the disregard for both planning regulations and community health and safety by the developers and building professionals?
- (4) Is the Government or the Building Professional Board investigating any certifying authorities, accredited certifier directors and building professionals connected to the development at 36-72 Alice Street, Newtown?
- (5) What actions has the Government taken to ensure that the Alice Street development meets the Local Environment Plan standards and protects the health and safety of local residents?
- (6) What has been done to alleviate concerns of residents about air quality, privacy and other health and safety concerns in relation to the Alice Street development?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Department has not received any complaints regarding the subject development. The Department was copied into one submission made to Marrickville Council against the proposal, during the assessment stage of the development application.

(3) The Department is not aware of any concerns about the subject development or the actions of the developer or building professionals.

(4) No investigations are currently being undertaken.

(5) The development application was considered by the Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel and determined by the Land and Environment Court following a merits appeal. The Court granted approval to the development.

(6) The Department is not aware of any complaints or concerns about the subject development.

\*0330 AL MAHA PTY LTD COMPLAINTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many complaints has the Government received about Al Maha Pty Ltd, from 2013 to 28 May

2015?

- (2) How many distinct projects have these complaints been in relation to?
- (3) What actions has the Government taken to respond to these complaints?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

\*0331 IMPACT OF COMMONWEALTH BUDGET CUTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the anticipated financial impact of the Commonwealth Government's 2015-16 budget cuts on arts organisations, arts practitioners and the arts community in New South Wales?
- (2) What plans are in place to address this shortfall and to ensure that the vibrant and independent New South Wales arts sector is no worse off following the Commonwealth Government's budget cuts?

Answer—

- (1) The implications will not be known until the details of the new National Programme for Excellence in the Arts are made public.
- (2) Arts NSW will continue to work with New South Wales based arts organisations to support their excellent work.

\*0332 NEWTOWN AND REDFERN FIRE STATIONS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many days has the Newtown Fire Station been closed since the beginning of 2014?
  - (a) Why did these closures occur?
- (2) How many days has the Redfern Fire Station been closed since the beginning of 2014?
  - (a) Why did these closures occur?
- (3) What impacts have these closures had on the call-out response time in the same period?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

Fire and Rescue NSW has a large network of permanently staffed fire and rescue trucks ready to respond to emergency incidents at any time. Firefighters and trucks are not always at their base station because they are often responding to emergency calls, carrying out training, or delivering emergency prevention programs in the community. They are mobile and ready to respond when and where needed, supported by sophisticated computer programs which highlight where coverage is required, as fire trucks move from location to location.

In November 2014, the Government provided funding for 40 extra firefighter positions, demonstrating its commitment to frontline firefighting services. These extra firefighters will assist in relieving temporary staff shortages and further enhancing Fire and Rescue NSW's service to the State of New South Wales.

\*0333 ENMORE DESIGN CENTRE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What changes have there been to the total number of subjects and courses offered at the Enmore Design Centre in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (2) How many subjects and courses have been cancelled or not been offered due to low enrolment numbers at this Centre in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (3) How much money has been spent on the promotion of the Enmore Design Centre and courses offered by the Centre to encourage enrolments in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (4) What have been the total enrolments at the Enmore Design Centre in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (5) What has been the total number of permanent teaching staff employed at the Enmore Design Centre in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (6) What has been the total number of casual teaching staff employed at the Enmore Design Centre in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (7) What has been the total number of full-time equivalent teaching hours provided at the Enmore Design Centre in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

Answer—

- (1)

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Year	Subjects*	Courses
2012	1,773	41
2013	1,729	35
2014	2,338	44
2015 YTD	1,370	24

\*Subjects refer to Units of Competence. A Unit of Competence may be offered in more than one course.

(2) The number of Units of Competence offered is generally determined by Training Package rules and is not at the discretion of the training provider. In 2015 the first year cohort of the Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design was cancelled when student numbers became unviable. These students were offered the opportunity to transfer to the Certificate III in Jewellery Manufacture or other courses. No other courses have been cancelled or not offered.

(3) Most promotional activity is undertaken at the Institute and TAFE NSW level and it is not possible to disaggregate this expenditure to college level.

(4) I am advised that student enrolments by campus are no longer published, as this information is considered commercial in confidence.

TAFE NSW provides enrolment figures, by Institute, as part of its Annual Report, refer <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

(5) to (7) This data is commercial in confidence. TAFE NSW Institute Directors are responsible for the employment of staff at individual campuses. TAFE NSW provides FTE data as part of its Annual Report, refer <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

\*0334 STATION STREET PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Where did the \$65,157 indicated in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the NSW Land and Housing Corporation as 'other income' in the 2013-2014 financial year come from?
- (2) Has Land and Housing ever received any money from property developers or private individuals for use on housing stock upgrades or maintenance since 2010?
  - (a) If so, how much?
- (3) Has Land and Housing ever received any money from Georgina Project Pty Ltd, Toby Raphael or Greg Boyce since 2010?
  - (a) If so, how much?
- (4) Has Land and Housing received any contributions for the current upgrade and repair of housing stock at 31 Station Street, Newtown from neighbouring property owners?
- (5) Why have new shutters been installed on the northern side of the building at 31 Station Street, Newtown ahead of essential maintenance like fixing the broken lifts?
- (6) What is the total budget and breakdown for maintenance work conducted on the property at 31 Station Street, Newtown in the current financial year (2014-15)?

Answer—

(1) A breakdown of income is outlined in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation 2012-13 Annual Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

(2) to (4) No.

(5) Lifts upgrades have been programmed for 2015-16.

(6) Maintenance expenditure is reported in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation Annual Report which is available on the FACS website.

\*0335 HUMAN RIGHTS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What policies and programs are in place within our public school system to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights, including protection from discrimination for students, teachers and staff?
- (2) Are there similar requirements to ensure that independent schools that are recipients of public money also protect and promote human rights, including protection from discrimination for students, teachers and staff?

Answer—

(1) There are a range of policies and programs in place to ensure that New South Wales public schools

are free from discrimination and which promote students' understanding of human rights issues.

The Department of Education and Communities has a single code of conduct covering all employers to guide staff in personal and ethical decisions, which avoid discrimination, for example, on grounds such as gender, race, religion and culture.

The Department's Wellbeing Framework for Schools provides the context for student wellbeing in New South Wales public schools. It supports schools in empowering all students to build respectful relationships, develop a sense of belonging and be strong, confident, achieving contributors to their school and community.

The Department's Anti-Racism Policy commits it to the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in New South Wales public schools, including direct and indirect racism, racial vilification and harassment, in all aspects of the learning and working environment. Under the policy, each school is required to have a trained Anti-Racism Contact Officer who assists the school principal to manage responses to complaints of racism, assist in the resolution process and promote anti-racism education within the school.

The Department's Multicultural Education Policy requires New South Wales public schools to provide programs that promote intercultural understanding, cultural inclusion and meet the specific needs of students including English language learners, newly arrived and refugee students.

There are opportunities for students to explore their rights and responsibilities and human rights issues through the curriculum and cross-curriculum programs. Resources to support schools in addressing discrimination, teaching about human rights and strengthening student wellbeing are available on the Racism. No way!, Cultural Exchange NSW, Roads to Refuge, Wellbeing for Schools and other department websites.

- (2) The Education Act 1990 provides the requirements for the registration of non-government schools in New South Wales.

The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) is responsible for monitoring the compliance of non-government schools with the registration requirements of the Act.

The registration requirements of the Act are detailed in the BOSTES' Registered and Accredited Individual Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual which is available on the BOSTES' website <http://rego.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>.

The Act requires that non-government schools provide a safe and supportive environment by means that include policies and procedures for child protection, student welfare and attendance. This requirement is detailed in section 3.6 of the Manual and specifically includes policies and procedures for child protection, supervision, codes of conduct, anti-bullying, behaviour management, complaints or grievances, pastoral care, communication and attendance. These areas relate to the protection and promotion of human rights.

Other areas relevant to the promotion and protection of human rights are covered by the obligations non-government schools have in relation to other legislation, for example, the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

\*0336 INFORMATION SIGNS AT THE RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why was the decision made to remove the relatively new blue wayfinder-style signage at Newtown Train station and replace it with an orange 'T'?
- (2) By what criteria was the blue wayfinder-style signage at Newtown Station removed?
- (3) How much did it cost to remove this signage from Newtown Station?
- (4) What consultation was done with the community before removing this signage?
- (5) What factors prohibited maintaining the blue wayfinder-style signage and simply complementing it with the orange 'T' sign?
- (6) What other train stations have had this change made as at 28 May 2015?
- (7) What future plans are there to make similar changes at other stations?
- (8) What has been the cost of replacing the map and information on the blue wayfinder-style train signs with a pole with an orange 'T' as at 28 May 2015?
  - (a) What will be the total cost of this change when complete across the state?
- (9) Are there plans to return the information that were on the blue wayfinder-signs to stations that now have the orange 'T' signs?
  - (a) What will be the cost of this?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is progressively installing new way finding across the public transport network to make it easier for customers to use and navigate the public transport network. This includes new maps onboard trains, ferries and light rail vehicles, at train stations and ferry wharves, and across the range of digital products including websites and real time apps.

Stations with the greatest patronage on the Sydney Trains network are given priority.

\*0337 IMPACT OF CLEARWAYS ON SMALL BUSINESS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What research, analysis or information has been undertaken to assess the impact that 24-hour clearways have on small businesses in the inner-city and inner-west of Sydney?
- (2) What impact did the imposition of 24-hour clearways on Parramatta Road have on small businesses along that road?

Answer—

These questions fall under the remit of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, the Honourable Mr Duncan Gay.

\*0338 MOTOR REGISTRY AND SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What size population is necessary for a motor registry to be considered viable?
- (2) At what size population is a Services NSW centre considered appropriate to properly service the area?

Answer—

Service NSW Service Centres offer at least 20 per cent more transactions than exist at motor registries, are open for extended trading hours and customers can also access digital and phone services under the one roof.

Service NSW considers a range of factors in selecting locations for one-stop shops, continually refining the network based on customer demand.

\*0339 SERVICE NSW OFFICE LOCATION—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Why it is necessary for a Service NSW office to be located in a location of 6,000 residents at the northern end of the Central Coast while at the same time not necessary to be located in a region of 35,000 residents at the southern end of the Central Coast when both of these facilities are located at a similar distance from major centres?

Answer—

Service NSW offers a one-stop service where people can access more than 800 transactions from agencies across Government, which will save customers time. Instead of having to go to multiple sites, customers will be able to complete transactions at one location.

The Service NSW Gosford Service Centre is open for longer hours – from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 3pm on Saturdays. Customers can make a booking so they can visit the centre at a time more convenient to them, avoiding peak times if needed.

Wait times at Gosford are around half the time of the Woy Woy motor registry and the Service NSW Gosford Service Centre also has more than double the staff on hand to quickly deal with customers.

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\*0340 WOY WOY MOTOR REGISTRY CLOSURE—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Why was the Woy Woy Motor Registry, which serviced a number of residents in excess of 36,000, determined to be no longer necessary and closed on 8 August 2015?

Answer—

Service NSW offers a one-stop service where people can access more than 800 transactions from agencies across Government, which will save customers time. Instead of having to go to multiple sites, customers will be able to complete transactions at one location.

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\*0341 SOCIAL HOUSING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties in New South Wales were vacant for a period of three or more months in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- (2) What was the average length of time that a social housing property was vacant in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

Vacancy information, including turnaround times, about public and Aboriginal housing properties is available in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services at: [www.pc.gov.au](http://www.pc.gov.au).

The Government is currently implementing data collection processes to capture community housing vacancy turnaround information.

\*0342 AUDIT OF THE SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

On how many occasions has the Minister or the Department of Family and Community Services conducted an audit of the social housing waiting list in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

Audits of the assessment of applications for clients admitted to the NSW Housing Register waiting list were conducted in September 2013 and December 2014.

Clients admitted to the waiting list are also contacted annually, to establish whether they still require housing assistance.

\*0343 AUDIT OF VACANT LOTS/LANDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) On how many occasions has the Minister or the Department of Family and Community Services conducted an audit of the amount of vacant lots/land owned by the Land and Housing Corporation in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- (2) How many vacant lots/land were owned by the Land and Housing Corporation in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation regularly reviews properties in its portfolio, including vacant land, to support portfolio planning.
- (2) The number of vacant land sites changes regularly for a range of reasons including demolition of dwellings for redevelopment, as a result of significant property damage, or to address the needs of future public housing asset strategies.

\*0344 BANKSTOWN SENIOR COLLEGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Government sell any Department of Education and Communities land at the site of the Bankstown Senior College?

Answer—

There are currently no plans to sell any part of the Bankstown Senior College site.

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\*0345 PRIMARY SCHOOL AT POTTS HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Minister or the Department of Education and Communities investigate the opportunity to build a new primary school to service the growing Potts Hill community?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Department continually assesses need for additional public school places. The suburb of Potts Hill is in the catchment area for Regents Park Public School. Regents Park Public School has capacity to accommodate students living in Potts Hill.

\*0346 LIVERPOOL VIA REGENTS PARK TRAIN SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister conduct a review of the Sydney Trains timetable to investigate reinstating the Liverpool via Regents Park train service on the Inner West Line?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The October 2013 timetable delivers more than 1,000 additional weekly services, improved connections between other modes of public transport and reduced journey times. The timetable is easier for customers to use, with fewer stopping patterns and more express services, particularly during peak periods.

Customers travelling longer distances from outer suburban areas will notice fewer stops and reduced journey times in many instances. Customers closer to the CBD receive frequent, more evenly spaced trains, with many stations receiving 'turn up and go' services.

The timetable introduced 63 extra Bankstown services a week, including 35 weekly peak services. The timetable also improves reliability by separating Bankstown Line services from South, Inner West and Western line services.

Feedback on the timetable is appreciated and will be considered in future rail timetable reviews.

\*0347 CHESTER HILL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the Minister commit to the installation of school zone flashing lights on Wolumba Street, Chester Hill to improve the safety of the students at Chester Hill North Public School?

(a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Flashing lights were installed outside Chester Hill North Public School on Campbell Hill Road in December 2014. The location of the flashing lights was determined in consultation with the school.

In February 2015 the Government announced a \$10 million increase in funding to further improve safety around schools. The new program includes \$5 million to place another set of flashing lights outside at least 400 schools with multiple entrances. A further \$5 million is allocated to improve pedestrian safety infrastructure around schools such as raised zebra crossings, pedestrian refuges and improved signage to enhance safety at drop-off zones and visibility of children.

\*0348 PARKING CAPACITY AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What has been the outcome of the planning process to increase the parking capacity at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
- (2) Will the Government commit to increasing the parking capacity at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) and (2) The Local Health District is continuing to explore strategies to manage car parking capacity at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

\*0349 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS AND RED LIGHT CAMERAS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Government or Roads and Maritime Services intend to install any new fixed speed camera or red light speed camera devices in the Bankstown electorate within the next 12 months?

(a) If so, at which locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Approved speed camera locations in New South Wales, including sites under installation, are published on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

There is currently one red-light speed camera under installation in the Bankstown electorate, at the intersection of Roberts Road and Juno Parade, Greenacre.

\*0350 TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) In the last 12 months to 28 May 2015, how many times did the NSW Police Force transport a person with a mental illness or mental disorder between mental health or emergency facilities despite there being no safety or security reasons for using police?
- (2) What assessment has been made on the impact of these trips on the NSW Police Force resources?
- (3) What assessment has been made on the impact of using the NSW Police Force to transport a person with a mental illness or mental disorder who does not pose a safety or security risk on that person?
- (4) To what extent is the Government considering ending the use of the NSW Police Force to transport a person with a mental illness or mental disorder between mental health or emergency facilities when there are no safety or security risks?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Police do not generally participate in the transportation of people with a mental illness in inter-hospital transfers, as this is the responsibility of NSW Health using vehicles properly equipped for patient care. However, police assistance is considered necessary if there is any discernible risk to either patient or public safety.

\*0351 BALLAARAT PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What plans does the Government have for upgrading and expanding the Ballaarat Park on Darling Island, Pyrmont?
- (2) What consideration has been given to closing roads that unnecessarily cut through this park?
- (3) What consideration has been given to additional planting and landscaping of this park?
- (4) When does the Government expect to transfer management of this park to the City of Sydney?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to expand and improve this park?

Answer—

I am advised:

This Question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*0352 TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What assessment the Government has made of the work of the Kansas Consumer Advisory Council since 1992 to develop trauma-informed care with a focus on recovery and transformation?
- (2) What services does the Government provide or fund that operate on this or similar models?
- (3) What training and information does the Government provide on trauma-informed care approaches?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to build capacity to use this model in New South Wales?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to implement and expand trauma-informed care for people with a mental illness in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Information regarding the Trauma-Informed Care and Practice: A National Strategic Direction Position Paper which reflects a similar framework to the Kansas Consumer Advisory Council can be found at [www.mhcc.org.au](http://www.mhcc.org.au).

In every local health district, NSW Health provides specialist violence prevention and response services such as Sexual Assault Services and Child Protection Counselling Services which operate within a trauma specific care model.

Information regarding the NSW Health Education Centre Against Violence, which delivers training across six speciality areas: child protection, sexual assault, domestic violence, aboriginal family health, cultural diversity and sexual assault in the context on mental health can be found at [www.ecav.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ecav.health.nsw.gov.au).

The NSW Strategic Plan for Mental Health, announced by the Government in 2014, incorporates a trauma-informed approach in Strategic Direction 3: Addressing Risk and Harm with Strategy 3.2.2 being 'Embed a trauma-informed approach to assessing those who have been harmed or are at risk'.

**\*0354 AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT MUSIC AWARDS**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the importance of the Australian Independent Music Awards for emerging unsigned and independent music artists?
- (2) What work has the Government done to promote this event such as assist to have the event played on free-to-air television to increase the exposure of unsigned and independent music artists?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to providing funding for this event?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events (LA 0353).

**\*0355 SPECIALIST HOMELESS SUPPORT**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the May 2015 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report 'Exploring transitions between homelessness and public housing' particularly in regard to ensuring long term solutions to homelessness?
- (2) What action will the Government take on evidence that:
  - (a) Over 85 percent of public housing tenants helped by specialist homelessness agencies maintained an ongoing tenancy;
  - (b) Longer periods of support from specialist homelessness agencies was aligned with a better chance of maintaining an ongoing tenancy;
  - (c) Tenants who exited public housing were more likely to have complex and multiple needs;
  - (d) Help during the first six months of a tenancy results in greater likelihood that tenants will maintain a tenancy?
- (3) Will the Government increase funding for specialist homelessness services based on this evidence?
- (4) What action will the Government take to ensure that homeless people are able to sustain a tenancy in social housing?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Family and Community Services has reviewed the report and notes its findings.
- (2) and (4) Reform of the specialist homelessness services system has been designed to deliver an integrated service system that brings together prevention, early intervention, outreach and other supports, as well as crisis and post-crisis responses that includes people with complex and multiple needs. This builds on the strengths identified in the report. The specialist homelessness services system now has a stronger focus on continuing to support people after their crisis has been resolved so they do not become homeless again.
- (3) The Government has increased funding for homelessness services to \$182 million in 2015-16.

**\*0356 NOISE FROM LEAF BLOWERS**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What noise emission standards currently exist on leaf blowers sold in New South Wales?
- (2) What discussions has the Government had with other Australian governments on introducing new standards to cut noise emissions from machinery such as leaf blowers sold in Australia?
- (3) To what extent is the Government advocating for stronger noise standards?
- (4) What action is being taken to reduce impacts from leaf blowers beyond restrictions in the Protection

of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) There are no prescribed noise levels for leaf blowers sold in New South Wales.
- (2) In August 2014 the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) wrote to the federal Department of Industry requesting that consideration be given to including noise labelling and limits for gardening equipment as part of the work being undertaken on the National Clean Air Agreement on Reducing Emissions from Non-Road Spark Ignition Engines and Equipment.
- (3) I am advised that in May 2015, the EPA approached other environment regulatory agencies across Australia to gauge their support for establishing a national scheme.
- (4) The EPA shares responsibility for enforcing noise control regulations with local government, NSW Police and NSW Roads and Maritime Services. The EPA provides educational resources to the community through its website and provides guidance material to local government on managing neighbourhood noise.

\*0358 MENACING DOG REVIEW RIGHTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Why are appeals to the local court for a 'dangerous dog' declaration allowed, but appeals for a 'menacing dog' declaration are not?
- (2) Why are applications for the revocation of a 'dangerous dog' declaration allowed after 12 months but applications for a 'menacing dog' declaration are not?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to providing owners of dogs declared 'menacing' options to have the declarations reviewed in addition to applications to the Supreme Court which can only review the administrative decision?

Answer—

- (1) The paramount objective of the dangerous and menacing dog classifications is keeping the community safe. The implications, including costs, of a dangerous dog declaration upon owners are significantly higher than the menacing dog classification. Given this, it appropriate for a higher level of review. Under section 39 (1) of the Companion Animals Act 1998, the owner of a declared dangerous or menacing dog, after the expiration of 12 months from the making of a declaration, can apply to the council of the area in which the dog is ordinarily kept (whether or not it is the council whose authorised officer made the declaration) for the declaration to be revoked.

\*0361 NEW SITE FOR THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Has a new site for the Rural Fire Service headquarters been chosen?
  - (a) If so, where?
  - (b) If not, what sites are currently being considered?
- (2) What is the process for determining a new location?

Answer—

- (1) No - RFS has begun planning for its relocation. New premises are currently being sought.
- (2) Any new location must meet the operational needs of the RFS.

\*0362 RURAL FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What steps are being taken to ensure that the Rural Fire Service can operate at full capacity during the relocation of its headquarters?

Answer—

This process will be managed to ensure minimal disruption to NSW RFS operational activities and at minimal cost.

\*0363 COST OF RELOCATING THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the projected cost of relocating the Rural Fire Service headquarters at Homebush?

Answer—

A new location has not been selected yet so costing is not available.

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\*0364 RURAL FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS CURRENT LOCATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the cost of keeping the Rural Fire Service headquarters at its current location?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) has advised me that the precinct around its current headquarters is earmarked for priority growth in coming years and will no longer be a suitable location for its headquarters given the nature of its operational activities. The lease of the current RFS headquarters is due to expire in 2018.

\*0365 OVERCROWDING AT CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the Government doing to address the overcrowding presently being experienced at the following correctional centres and Metropolitan Special Programs Centres:

- (a) Bathurst;
- (b) Dawn de Laos areas 1 and 2;
- (c) Junee;
- (d) Parklea;
- (e) Wellington;
- (f) Longbay Area 3?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW uses a range of strategies to address the increase in inmate numbers. This includes adjustments to the use of existing space within facilities to increase inmate accommodation, the re-opening of Kirkconnell Correctional Centre and the building of modular cells. The Government recently announced that Parklea Correctional Centre will be expanded by 400 beds and a new prison will be built in Grafton.

\*0366 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Will the Government commit more funding to Corrective Services NSW to address the issues of decline in health care provided for inmates and overcrowding in correctional centres?
  - (a) If so, how much additional funding will be provided?
  - (b) If not, why?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to address these issues?

Answer—

- (1) Health services for inmates are provided by the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, an agency of the NSW Ministry of Health. Questions about funding for health care services for inmates are a matter for the Minister for Health.
  - (a) Funding to accommodate capacity in correctional centres can be found in the 2015-16 Budget papers which are available online on a dedicated website [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) Refer to (1) above.

\*0367 RELOCATION OF FAIRFIELD MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How will the decision to relocate the Fairfield Motor Registry to Bankstown, Liverpool or Wetherill Park from 25 July 2015 impact on service delivery for the residents of Fairfield who only have access to Roads and Maritime Services via public transport?
- (2) Does the Government believe the decision to relocate this local service from its present location to an alternate facility which is located between 30 to 60 minutes away via public transport is enhancing service delivery for the residents of Fairfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister of Finance and Services.

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\*0368 TESLA POWERWALL BATTERY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Is the Treasurer aware of the Tesla Powerwall battery recently launched in the United States?
- (2) Has there been any analysis carried out by the Treasury on the impact the Powerwall battery could have on the energy market?
  - (a) What does this analysis show?
- (3) Will this product have any impact on the privatisation of the poles and wires in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Treasury and advisors have undertaken significant analysis on a wide variety of factors.
- (3) The impact on the lease from a wide variety of factors will ultimately be determined by the bidding parties as occurs when Governments undertake lease transactions.

\*0369 SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL FARES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What will be the fare on the Sydney Light Rail for the journey from Central to Circular Quay?
- (2) Will the fares on the Sydney Light Rail be fully integrated with the Opal system, including free transfers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available on the Opal website.
- (2) When the CBD and South East Light Rail opens, bus and light rail will be treated as a single mode, meaning Opal card users will only pay a single fare for a bus and light rail journey.

\*0370 BUS ROUTE TERMINATION POINTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to Sydney Light Rail News (May 2015) which stated "Under the new bus network, some routes will terminate close to their entry point in the CBD, connecting with other public transport options".

- (1) Which bus routes are to terminate close to their entry point in the CBD?
- (2) How many passengers travel on each of these routes on each working day?
- (3) Where will be the termination point for each of these routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is redesigning bus routes and bus stops in Sydney's CBD to improve services and support the introduction of light rail.

The plans for modified bus services during construction of the light rail are currently being finalised.

\*0371 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many people have lost workers compensation income, either wholly or in part, as a result of changes to relevant legislation?
- (2) What measures are being taken by WorkCover to ensure that workers compensation recipients are fairly treated?

Answer—

- (1) There is no specific data held to link the loss of weekly workers compensation payments to legislative change.
- (2) WorkCover is committed to providing optimal customer service to workers compensation recipients and continues to invest in systems and processes to improve its service delivery.

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Some measures taken by WorkCover include subjecting Workers Compensation Scheme Agents to a strict Code of Conduct and Customer Engagement, licencing and auditing self and specialised insurers against strict requirements and providing avenues of appeal for claimants including rigorous internal review and independent external review processes.

Injured workers can contact the WorkCover Customer Service Centre at any time for advice, information or assistance with their claim, or the WIRO in relation to complaints that relate to work capacity decisions.

\*0373 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

What is the Government doing to reduce waiting times for cancer surgery at the Calvary Mater Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The latest Bureau of Health Information report from January to March 2015, indicates that 100 percent of surgeries across all categories at the Calvary Mater Newcastle were performed on time. Further information is available at [http://www.bhi.nsw.qov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/272398/HQ20\\_report.pdf](http://www.bhi.nsw.qov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/272398/HQ20_report.pdf).

\*0374 ELECTRICITY NETWORK LEASE SAFEGUARDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What safeguards will be in place under the lease of the electricity network to ensure speedy response times in the event of future emergencies similar to the April 2015 storms in the Hunter, when 200,000 residents were without electricity for periods of up to a week?

Answer—

There will be no change to the obligations of the new owners.

Existing regulatory obligations will continue to apply to any private operator following the transaction.

These obligations require the operator to use best endeavours to restore supply as soon as possible, and to keep customers and the Minister informed in the event of major network incidents and unplanned interruptions.

\*0375 CASES AT NEWCASTLE LOCAL COURT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General—

- (1) As of 2 June 2015, how many court cases are before the Newcastle Local Court that have been waiting:
  - (a) For over six months to be heard;
  - (b) For over one year to be heard?
- (2) What additional judicial resources are being provided to the Newcastle Local Court to reduce waiting times for district court cases?
  - (a) If no additional resources are being provided, why not?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the Chief Judge has responsibility for the sitting and circuit arrangements of the District Court pursuant to the District Court Act 1973.

I am further advised by the Department of Justice that a number of initiatives are being introduced to make our justice system work better and faster including:

- convening of a working group to consider the District Court's workload;
- use of special call over lists in regional areas to identify pending matters that may be suitable for early pleas or trials; and
- the District Court sitting through the usual mid-year vacation time in 2015.

I am further advised that the Government is investing \$90 million in a new Newcastle Courthouse to improve court services in the region.

The District Court publishes the District Court Annual Review on the operations of the court for the period 1 January to 31 December each year.

The District Court Annual Reviews are published at [http://www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/annual\\_reviews.aspx](http://www.districtcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/annual_reviews.aspx).

\*0376 IMPACTS OF THE DRUG 'ICE'—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What additional resources are being put in place to deal with the growing demands on the NSW Police Force due to the increase in use of the drug known as 'ice'?
- (2) What is the Government doing to reduce the impacts of 'ice' on our communities?

Answer—

The Government is committed to reducing the impact that Ice has on the people and communities of New South Wales. The Government's Ice Package election commitments encompass a coordinated effort across Government and with the non-Government sector, to address each of the three pillars of the National Drug Strategy the reduction of supply, demand and harm:

- reducing supply through law enforcement and precursor controls;
- reducing demand by educating people on the dangers of illicit drug use;
- reducing harm by providing effective treatment, rehabilitation, and promoting safe practices for those who use and those who have become addicted.

To reduce supply, the Government will tighten controls on pseudoephedrine, one of the main precursors used to make Ice, and bring in tougher penalties for the distribution and sale of Ice.

To reduce demand we are launching a campaign to educate the people of New South Wales on the dangers of Ice use. The NSW Police Force and Crime Stoppers have recently launched a new advertising campaign to encourage people to give information about drug supply to Crime Stoppers.

To reduce harm and get users off Ice, the Government has committed to investing in new stimulant treatment services, and pledged an additional funding for the non-government sector to enhance local drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, especially in rural and regional communities.

To reduce drug driving, the NSW Police Force plans to triple the number of roadside drug tests by 2016-17.

New South Wales is also working closely with the National Ice Taskforce on this issue.

\*0377 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR THE WESTERN SUBURBS OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that the western suburbs of Newcastle are adequately serviced by public transport?
- (2) What metrics are being used to determine the demand for public transport in the western suburbs of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In April 2015, the Government added 69 extra weekly services on routes 263, 267 and 268 to improve transport in the Edgeworth, West Wallsend and Cameron Park areas.
- (2) The Government reviews patronage figures on existing services and monitors projected population and employment growth for new release areas to assist in planning for bus services.

\*0378 FUNDING FOR THE GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will further funding be provided in the 2015-16 Budget for the Glendale Transport Interchange?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services and Sydney Trains are working with Council to progress design of the road bridge and associated works at Glendale.

Transport for NSW will continue to work with Council to monitor transport patronage and requirements for this area, including for a rail interchange.

\*0379 EXTENSION OF BUS ROUTE 235—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to a petition with more than 500 signatures requesting the extension of bus route 235 to the suburb of Minmi which was presented to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly on 19 February 2013:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of this petition?

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- (2) Will bus route 235 be extended to Minmi?  
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.  
(2) Timetable adjustments to route 260 to Minmi were introduced on 20 April 2015, providing better spacing of services to Minmi. There are currently no plans to extend route 235 to Minmi as existing services in the area are meeting demand.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor development and population growth in Minmi. As demand grows, services will be assessed to ensure they continue meeting the needs of customers.

\*0380 GATEWAY APPLICATIONS MADE BY WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Planning—

How many gateway applications has the Wyong Shire Council made since 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Planning and Environment has received 36 planning proposals from Wyong Shire Council since 2011.

\*0381 WYONG AND TOUKLEY AMBULANCE STATION STAFF—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the number of full-time equivalent staff employed at the ambulance stations at Wyong and Toukley as at 2 June 2015?  
(2) What was the number of full-time equivalent staff employed at the ambulance stations at Wyong and Toukley for each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

In New South Wales, the paramedic workforce has increased by 205 staff to 3,435 paramedics since March 2011.

In February 2015, the Government announced it will invest \$9.1 million in new Ambulance Stations at Wyong and Toukley.

The funding comprises \$4.9 million for a new Wyong ambulance station and \$4.2 million for a new Toukley ambulance station and forms part of the NSW Ambulance Rural Infrastructure Reconfiguration Program.

\*0382 SINGLE UNIT PATROLS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many single unit patrols were conducted from 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015?  
(2) Which 10 Local Area Commands have the highest number of single unit patrols?  
(a) How many single unit patrols are there in each of these Local Area Commands?

Answer—

I am advised by the NSW Police Force that there are no available statistics in relation to your question.

\*0383 RESPONSES TO THE DRUG 'ICE' IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) For each New South Wales Local Area Command, what was the reported number of instances of ice use/possession in each month since January 2014?  
(2) How many instances of harm to police involved an individual on ice in 2014 and between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?  
(3) How many instances of harm to paramedics involved an individual on ice in 2014 and between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?  
(4) What was the budget of the Drug Squad, Organised Crime Directorate of the State Crime Command for each financial year commencing with 2010-11 up to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses New South Wales recorded crime statistics and provides these for a range of offences.
- (2) I am advised by the NSW Police Force that there are no available statistics in relation to your question.
- (3) This question should be addressed to the Minister for Health.
- (4) Budget information can be found at: [http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/#budget\\_papers](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/#budget_papers).

\*0384 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL SURGICAL WARD—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are there any plans to relocate a number of registered nurses from the Mount Druitt Hospital Surgical Ward to other hospitals?
  - (a) If there are plans, how many registered nurses will be moved from Mount Druitt Hospital?
  - (b) What is the purpose for this relocation?

Answer—

I am advised:

Nursing staffing levels are constantly monitored to ensure that the appropriate number and skill mix of staff is available to provide safe high quality care.

\*0385 HEALTHY KIDS CHECK PROGRAM—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

What action will the Government take to counteract the Commonwealth Government's decision to cut Medicare funding for the 'Healthy Kids Check' program, and ensure that the children of New South Wales will continue to receive this valuable service?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the Hon Susan Ley MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Sport [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/78E89571D43CF2FOCA257E4A000DB086/\\$File/SL054.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/78E89571D43CF2FOCA257E4A000DB086/$File/SL054.pdf).

\*0386 VEHICLES PARKED ON PUBLIC ROADS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What action will be taken to alleviate the practice of motor vehicles parking on public roads in order to advertise the vehicles for sale and to address safety concerns resulting from these vehicles being stationary for extended periods?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Government regulates kerbside parking on all roads and any inquiries should be directed to the relevant council.

\*0387 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many arrests for domestic violence related incidents were made in Mount Druitt since 2014, considering Mount Druitt Police are being called to attend more than 10 domestic violence related incidents per day?
- (2) How many of these arrests have been successfully prosecuted?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police.

\*0388 DEPARTMENT RELOCATIONS TO THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What plans are there to relocate Government departments to the Mount Druitt electorate, considering the Mount Druitt electorate is within the Blacktown Local Government Area, the largest local government area in New South Wales?

Answer—

The Government is committed to the decentralisation of government jobs to stimulate economic

development and support employment growth.

Government Property NSW regularly assesses relocation and consolidation opportunities.

At present there are 10 Government agencies employing around 700 staff in the Blacktown Local Government Area.

\*0389 SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Noting that Mount Druitt Police are being called to attend more than 10 domestic violence related incidents a day (one of the highest rates in New South Wales), what programs are in place to help the victims of domestic violence in the Mount Druitt electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details about programs can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0390 NSW BUSINESSLINK STAFF AND CONTRACTORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by former and current employees of NSW Businesslink since 25 March 2014?
- (2) How many contractors with NSW Businesslink have had their contracts terminated or not renewed since 25 March 2014?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*0391 NSW BUSINESSLINK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many reports of alleged wrongdoing have been made to the internal telephone line by staff at NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd since the introduction of the lines?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*0392 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE REGULATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is your response to the recommendations of the Ombudsman made to you in June 2014 to expand the Public Interest Disclosure Act to allow information sharing between investigating authorities and make several amendments to the Public Interest Disclosure Regulation?

Answer—

In November 2014, the Government introduced, and the Parliament passed, the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosures Legislation Amendment Act 2014 which, amongst other things, amended the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 to provide for:

- information to be shared between investigating authorities for the purpose of seeking advice and co-coordinating related responses and investigations where two or more authorities are investigating aspects of the same public interest disclosure(s); and
- regulations to be made under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 to exempt certain authorities (e.g. those with less than two staff members) from the reporting requirements of the Act.

The Public Interest Disclosures Steering Committee's request for the Ombudsman to have a dispute resolution function as part of the Public Interest Disclosures scheme is currently being progressed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

\*0393 APPLICATIONS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With reference to the report on the operation of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 for the 2013-14 period by the Information Commissioner.

- (1) What steps do you propose to deal with:

(a) The fact that the percentage of deemed refusals (15 percent) under the Government Information

(Public Access) Act 2009 of invalid applications has reverted to the 2011-12 level?

- (b) The fact that the level of agency timeliness in dealing with applications under the Government Information (Public Access) Act has decreased to the lowest level since the introduction of the Act?

Answer—

The Attorney General is currently reviewing the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 as required under section 130 of that Act. The Information Commissioner's "Report on the Operation of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009: 2013 - 2014" is being considered as part of that statutory review.

\*0394 BAIL MONITORING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How many meetings of the Bail Monitoring Group have occurred and on which dates?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the Bail Act Monitoring Group has met on regular occasions.

\*0396 EXTERNAL LAW FIRMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Which external law firms have been retained, and at what cost, by the Government and Government agencies in these periods:
- (a) 1 July 2012-30 June 2013;
  - (b) 1 July 2013-30 June 2014;
  - (c) 1 July 2014-2 June 2015?
- (2) Do Government agencies, including State Owned Corporations, report their legal services expenditure?
- (a) If so, to whom do they report?
  - (b) Where may these reports be inspected?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that Government's legal expenses are published annually in some Government agency's Annual Reports.

The Government endorsed The Legal Services Blueprint to achieve more transparency in the procurement and provision of legal services by setting out a range of processes and reporting requirements by Government agencies.

The Legal Services Blueprint is available online at [http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/legal-services-coordination/Documents/legal\\_services\\_blueprint.pdf](http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/legal-services-coordination/Documents/legal_services_blueprint.pdf).

\*0397 ENABLENSW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many employees work for EnableNSW as at 1 June 2015?
- (2) How many contractors work for EnableNSW as at 1 June 2015?
- (3) How many employees of EnableNSW are related to each other?
- (4) How many parent-child combinations are employed by EnableNSW?
  - (a) How many of the children are employed at the A06 level?
- (5) How many husband-wife combinations are employed by EnableNSW?
- (6) Why is EnableNSW reputed to consist of family dynasties and family clans?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (6) EnableNSW has 132 staff, 15 of whom are contractors. All recruitment is merit based and undertaken in accordance with applicable NSW Health policies.

\*0398 YOUTH ON TRACK PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) When was the Youth on Track Program introduced?
- (2) How much funding has been provided to the Program?
- (3) How many young people have been referred to the Program?
- (4) How many young people have received services from the Program?

Answer—

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- (1) The scheme commenced operation on 1 July 2013.
- (2) The Department of Justice provided \$2.85 million between July 2013 and March 2015 to UnitingCare Burnside to operate the program in the three locations. In addition to service delivery the Department funded the Youth on Track Project Unit at an average of \$0.25 million per year.
- (3) In the first 21 months, 378 eligible offenders were referred to UnitingCare Burnside.
- (4) In the first 21 months, 167 medium to high risk young offenders agreed to participate in Youth on Track.

\*0399 REGIONAL RAIL PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the Government publish and release its Regional Rail Plan?
- (2) What is the purpose of the Regional Rail Plan, as mentioned in page 20 of the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

As outlined in the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, Transport for NSW is developing a regional rail plan to enhance rail passenger services through timetable, fleet and targeted track improvements.

\*0400 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

On what date will the Government release the annual update of the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan, as specified on page 42 of the first Illawarra Regional Transport Plan published in March 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

The annual Illawarra Regional Transport Plan update for the 2014-15 financial year is currently being prepared.

\*0401 RELOCATIONS TO THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Which Government departments and agencies have been relocated to the Illawarra region since March 2011?
- (2) Where are these departments and agencies physically located?
- (3) How many jobs in these government departments and agencies have been relocated to the Illawarra region since March 2011?

Answer—

- (1) As reported by agencies to date, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, a division within the NSW Department of Industry (formerly NSW Trade and Investment), has relocated a number of NSW Fisheries positions to the Illawarra region since March 2011.
- (2) The NSW Fisheries positions are located in Nowra (33 positions) and Wollongong (5 positions).
- (3) A total of 38 positions have been relocated to the Illawarra region since March 2011.

\*0402 HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government undertake a scoping study to determine the feasibility of establishing a new high school in the Flinders and Shell Cove areas?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the current number of students enrolled at each government high school in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) What is the total capacity of student enrolments at each government high school in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (4) What is the criteria used to determine whether a new high school is required?

Answer—

- (1) No. Flinders and Shell Cove are in the catchment area for Warilla High School. Warilla High School has spare capacity to accommodate students living in Flinders and Shell Cove.

(2)

School	Enrolments 2015
Warilla High School	1152

Oak Flats High School	843
Lake Illawarra High School	667
Dapto High School	992
Kanahooka High School	609
Peterborough School (Kindergarten to Year 12, School for Specific Purposes)	89*

\*This figure includes all students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

(3) There is no set enrolment capacity for a school.

(4) The Department of Education and Communities assesses the capacity, demand, and potential to redevelop an area's existing high schools, prior to determining the need for a new high school.

\*0403 LOCAL SERVICE PLAN FOR EATING DISORDERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What progress is underway in the development of the local service plan for eating disorders in the Illawarra region?

(2) On what date will the plan be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Illawarra Local Health District Eating Disorder Service is progressing development of a local service plan for eating disorders.

The plan will be released once that work is complete.

\*0404 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) How many of the approved projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund have actually commenced construction as at 2 June 2015?

(2) What are the reasons for the delays in starting the projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?

(3) On what date will the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund cease operating?

(4) Will the Government evaluate the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund and make its findings public?  
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Eleven of the twelve projects.

(2) Delivering infrastructure requires the appropriate consultation with key stakeholders which the government is committed to.

(3) The Illawarra Infrastructure Fund was the subject of a single, competitive round in 2013-14. The program is now closed, with allocations to be made subject to agreed milestones until all projects are delivered.

(4) Once delivered, Infrastructure NSW intends to undertake an evaluation of the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund program.

\*0405 REGIONAL ROADS FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Why has the Wollongong Local Government Area been excluded from the Government's Regional Roads Fund?

(2) What are the project criteria for access to the Regional Roads Fund?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The correct terminology for the fund is the Regional Growth Roads Program.
- The \$1 billion Regional Growth Roads Program is part the Rebuilding NSW Plan.
- Under the Regional Growth Roads Program, a commitment of \$350 million (in addition to \$200 million already allocated) has been made for the Albion Park Rail Bypass, which is in the Wollongong and Shellharbour LGAs.

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- Another Rebuilding NSW program to benefit Wollongong includes the Gateway to the South program which commits \$350 million to unblock critical constraints, and will benefit Wollongong businesses and residents.

**\*0406 FOXGROUND AND BERRY BYPASS**—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Why there is a \$70 million blow-out in the cost of the Foxground and Berry Bypass as reported in the Illawarra Mercury on 13 June 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my previous 2014 answer LC 5953.

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**\*0407 INNER CITY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Does the Government support the defunding and closure of the Haymarket Foundation's East Sydney clinic and its health services?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to ensure continued operation of the Haymarket Foundation clinic?
- (3) What representations have been made by the Government to the Commonwealth Government on this matter?
  - (a) What was the outcome of this advocacy?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure the provision of continued clinic services to homeless and other disadvantaged people?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (4) The issues raised are the responsibility of the Hon. Pru Goward MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and should be redirected accordingly.

**\*0408 MYODIL DRUG**—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Health—

Has the drug Myodil been approved for use at any time in New South Wales hospitals?

- (a) If so, over what period was it used?

Answer—

I am advised:

Myodil was supplied in Australia by the worldwide pharmaceutical manufacturer Glaxo, (now GlaxoSmithKline), from the 1960s until 1987, when it was discontinued from use.

During this period Myodil was available for use in Australian radiology departments and centres, including NSW public hospital radiology departments, as a contrast medium for x-ray imaging in myelography.

**\*0410 F6 EXTENSION**—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How much of the \$11 million in funding for the planning study for the F6 extension announced in 2014 has been spent as at 3 June 2015?
- (2) What specific studies and planning works has this money funded?
- (3) When will all the remaining funds be spent?
- (4) When will the study be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the Government's response to the State Infrastructure Strategy, Rebuilding NSW.

- \*0411 MAINLINE RAIL ACCELERATION PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What works will be undertaken as part of the Mainline Rail Acceleration project between Wollongong and Sydney as described in the 2012 State Infrastructure Strategy?

- (a) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the State Infrastructure Strategy 2014 Update.

The implementation of the 2013 timetable achieved a journey time saving of up to 40 minutes per week between Wollongong and Sydney.

The new InterCity Fleet and any accompanying timetable changes will be part of the short to medium term improvements for people in the Illawarra region.

- \*0412 PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATION EASY ACCESS UPGRADES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How long has the issue of an easy access upgrade at Punchbowl Railway Station been under consideration by the Government?
  - (a) When will this consideration period end?
- (2) What criteria did the Government use in assessing whether easy access upgrades were needed at Waterfall and Oatley Railway Stations?
  - (a) Will the same criteria be used when assessing the need for easy access upgrades at Punchbowl Railway Station?
- (3) Why have no easy access upgrades been carried out at Punchbowl Railway Station?
- (4) Does the Government have plans to conduct easy access upgrades at Punchbowl Railway Station?
- (5) What is the estimated cost of easy access upgrades at Punchbowl Railway Station?
- (6) Does the Government have a timeframe for when these works may be carried out?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Easy access upgrades at Punchbowl Railway Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Transport Access Program is part of the Government's commitment to provide modern, accessible and integrated transport infrastructure across New South Wales.

- \*0413 CBD BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the Minister fully investigated the concept of a CBD bus rapid transit system as proposed in the State Infrastructure Strategy 2012?

- (a) If so, what the investigation into the concept found?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The concept of a CBD Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system was reviewed as part of the Government's response to the State Infrastructure Strategy.

The review found a CBD bus tunnel combined with light rail between Central and the South East would cost well in excess of the light rail project with fewer transport network benefits.

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As well as being economically unviable, the review found that the CBD bus rapid transit tunnel would not improve access within the CBD and would duplicate existing rail services without connecting to other modes.

In addition, complications associated with ventilation, access, incident management, fire and life safety constitute very real threats to its viability.

\*0414 ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How many households from the Granville electorate had their electricity disconnected for non-payment during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 (up until 3 June 2015) financial years?
- (2) How many businesses from the Granville electorate had their electricity disconnected for non-payment during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 (up until 3 June 2015) financial years?

Answer—

(1) and (2) It is understood that data on electricity disconnections is not collected on the basis of electorates. Publicly available information reports disconnections for the whole of NSW and for each individual retailer.

\*0415 ENERGY ACCOUNT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

How many households from the Granville electorate utilised Energy Account Payment Assistance vouchers during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 (up until 3 June 2015) financial years?

Answer—

Data for the Energy Account Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme is collected by postcode. Based on this data, it is estimated that in 2013/14 EAPA vouchers were granted to households in the Granville electorate on 2046 occasions. For 2014/15 the number to date is 1785. Note that some households may have received EAPA more than once in any year.

\*0416 XPT TRAINS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the previously announced next fleet of XPT trains be accessible to people travelling on the Newcastle to Sydney train line and/or the Hunter train line?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my previous response LC 34.

\*0417 LAND ADJACENT TO THE FERNLEIGH TRACK, WHITEBRIDGE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Government have any current plans for the Roads and Maritime Services owned land adjacent to the Fernleigh track in Whitebridge, which was previously earmarked for a bypass that has since been constructed on other land?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my previous statements made during question time on 10 and 11 September 2014.

\*0418 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the current status of the upgrade involving the proposed overtaking lane westbound on the New England Highway between Golden Highway and Singleton, near Wittingham?
- (2) What is the current budget for these works?
- (3) When will the upgrade works begin at this site?
- (4) When are the upgrades scheduled to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the Premier's media release on the 17 February 2015. Construction and completion dates

are dependent on the planning phase of the project.

- \*0419 SAFETY AND WELLBEING IN CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

With reference to the statement of the Inspector of Custodial Services in the recent report released by the Department of Justice concerning the present state of correctional centres across New South Wales that 'the security and safety of both inmates and staff is paramount to the management of a correctional centre. When a centre becomes overcrowded it places extra strain on both human and physical resources, which can result in heightened security risks'.

What action has been taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both inmates and staff in correctional centres within New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The inmate population in New South Wales continues to safely be managed in the State's correctional facilities.

Corrective Services NSW is a recognised leader in the delivery of correctional services, one from whom other national and international correctional jurisdictions regularly seek advice and guidance. Corrective Services NSW relies on the leadership of its executive and management, the professionalism of its staff, and operational policy and practices developed in accordance with legislation by staff who are experts in their field to ensure the safety and wellbeing of inmates and staff.

To meet the increase in the inmate population, additional beds have been placed at the Metropolitan Special Programs Centre and Long Bay Hospital on the Long Bay complex, at Cessnock, John Morony, Dillwynia, Emu Plains, Goulburn, Lithgow, Bathurst, Junee and Kariong Correctional Centres and the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre. More beds will be commissioned at Mid North Coast, South Coast and Kirkconnell Correctional Centres and Balund-a Centre during the September quarter.

Bed capacity will be further expanded when modular beds are commissioned in Parklea and the Outer Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Correctional Centre during the December quarter.

Physical and electronic security upgrades are being carried out at Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre, Parklea CC, John Morony CC, Dawn Deloas CC, Outer Metropolitan Multipurpose CC and South Coast CC.

Program delivery is being increased through the recruitment and training of additional staff. Corrective Services is also recruiting additional custodial staff.

- \*0420 NUMBER OF INMATES HOUSED—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the number of inmates housed in correctional centres and metropolitan special programs centres in New South Wales as at 1 June 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were 11559 inmates held in NSW correctional centres on 1 June 2015.

- \*0421 NATURE OF CORRECTIONAL CENTRE STAFF COMPLAINTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the most common reason for complaints made by correctional centre staff members?

(a) How many complaints of this nature have been made since May 2014?

Answer—

There are numerous internal and external avenues available for correctional centre staff to lodge complaints.

Corrective Services NSW does not keep statistical data in relation to the most common reason for complaints, or the number of complaints.

- \*0422 CORRECTIONAL CENTRE STAFF COMPLAINTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many official complaints concerning working conditions have been made by correctional centre

staff since May 2014?

Answer—

There are numerous internal and external avenues available for correctional centre staff to lodge complaints about working conditions.

Corrective Services NSW does not keep statistical data in relation to the number of official complaints about working conditions.

\*0423 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Are any of the recommendations made by the Inspector of Custodial Services in the recent report released by the Department of Justice concerning the present state of correctional centres across New South Wales going to be addressed?

(a) If so, which specific issues are going to be addressed?

(b) How are these issues going to be addressed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW has provided a response to the Inspector of Custodial Services detailing action it is or will take to address the recommendations. The Inspector has indicated the response will be published on his website <http://www.custodialinspector.justice.nsw.gov.au/>

(a) N/A.

(b) N/A.

\*0424 INMATE TO STAFF RATIO—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the current ratio of inmates to staff members in correctional centres throughout New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

At 31 May 2015 there were 11670 inmates held in full time custody.

The total number of staff in the Custodial Corrections Division of Corrective Services NSW, and in the privately operated correctional centres at 31 May 2015 was 3273, making the inmate to staff ratio 3.5.

\*0425 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WAITING LISTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What action has the Government taken to respond to the long waiting lists to receive mental health treatment in correctional centres and metropolitan special programs centres in New South Wales?

Answer—

Mental health treatment in NSW correctional centres is provided by the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network which is administered by the Ministry of Health. The question should be referred to the Minister for Health.

\*0426 FUNDING FOR AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How much funding is the Government providing to Cabramatta and Fairfield Police Local Area Commands to raise awareness of and to prevent domestic violence?

Answer—

The allocation of police resources to Local Area Commands is determined by the Commissioner according to local needs and priorities.

As part of the Government's commitment to tackle domestic violence, on 5 March 2015 the Premier announced an increase in domestic and family violence police capability. An additional 24 domestic violence specialist police officers, who will assist Domestic Violence Liaison Officers, will be recruited as part of commitments to increase police numbers.

\*0427 PARRAMATTA STADIUM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

What is the nature of talks held between the Government and the Parramatta Trust regarding the proposal for the new Parramatta Stadium?

Answer—

The Government is currently awaiting the report by Mr John Brogden regarding options for implementing the New South Wales Stadia Strategy.

\*0428 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Does Fire and Rescue NSW on the Central Coast have capacity to fight fires in buildings over 20 stories?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Yes.

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\*0429 HEALTH CARE CENTRE AT WEST DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health—

What is the status of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District's plan to establish a health care centre at West Dapto, as specified in Q.6115?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Illawarra Shoal haven Local Health District will develop an Integrated Primary and Community Health Care Strategy which will detail the requirements for the West Dapto Health Centre.

\*0430 CENTRAL COAST TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How does the Government plan to alleviate the problem of overcrowding on trains traveling between Sydney and the Central Coast, where many services are standing room only?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW conducts regular passenger load surveys to confirm the capacity provided by services is in line with demand.

On the Central Coast and Newcastle Line, the majority of services operate at, or below, their seated capacity, even at peak times.

\*0431 CENTRAL COAST TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister reverse the decision to reduce central coast trains from 68 carriages to 4 carriages per train, which has resulted in gross overcrowding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Passenger load surveys confirm the current train carriage allocation to services on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line is in line with demand.

\*0432 CENTRAL COAST TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister reverse the decision that trains do not regularly stop to pick up and set down passengers at some smaller railway stations, which has resulted in increased road traffic to larger stations and increased stress on parking facilities in Gosford and Woy Woy town centers?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. The October 2013 rail timetable was designed to improve services for the majority of customers using the Newcastle & Central Coast Line. On this line, a significant majority of customers originate from four hub stations: Wyong, Tuggerah, Gosford, and Woy Woy. The October 2013 rail timetable introduced additional express services to improve services for the majority of customers travelling from hub stations.

\*0433 NON-GOVERNMENT SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Of the social housing units or dwelling in The Entrance electorate, how many of these include housing stock managed by a non-government housing provider?
- (2) What is the number of extra social housing stock operated by non-government housing providers in excess of government provided stock?
- (3) Which non-government social housing providers manage or operate in The Entrance electorate?
- (4) What assistance does the Government provide to non-government social housing providers?

Answer—

- (1) Around 400 social housing properties are managed by registered community housing providers.
- (2) FACS does not maintain records on extra stock non-government housing providers manage.
- (3) Details about registered community housing providers are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au)
- (4) Registered community housing providers are allocated government owned properties and funding to lease properties from the private rental market through FACS.

\*0434 ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTION IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How many households from The Entrance electorate had their electricity disconnected in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?
- (2) How many businesses from The Entrance electorate had their electricity disconnected in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?
- (3) How is data on disconnection collected and recorded?
- (4) How many households from The Entrance electorate used Energy Account Payment Assistance vouchers during each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) It is understood that data on electricity disconnections is not collected on the basis of electorates. Publicly available information reports disconnections for the whole of NSW and for each individual retailer.
- (3) Up to the end of 2012-13 data for electricity disconnections in NSW was collected and reported by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). From the start of 2013-14 this role has been performed by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). These reports are based on data provided by each electricity retailer directly to the regulator.
- (4) Data for the Energy Account Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme is collected by postcode. Based on this data, it is possible to provide the following estimates of the number of times EAPA vouchers were granted to households in The Entrance electorate:

- 2012-13 - 3163
- 2013-14 - 2984
- 2014-15 - 2370 (to date)

Note, some households may have received the EAPA more than once in any year.

\*0435 CROWN LAND IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What is the total Crown land holding in The Entrance electorate?
- (2) What Crown land parcels are in The Entrance electorate?
  - (a) What is their size and location?
- (3) What entity controls the Crown land listed at (2), if not the Lands Department?

- (4) Which Crown land parcels located in The Entrance electorate have been sold since March 2011 and what was the price obtained for each?
- (5) Which Crown land parcels are currently for sale in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

- (1) There is approximately 6500 hectares of Crown land in The Entrance electorate. The vast majority of this land is the Crown land under tidal waters.
- (2) There are 27 tenures and 76 reserves in The Entrance electorate. The size and location are outlined at Attachment A. The remainder is Crown waterway (approximately 5800 hectares) and roads not under tenure (approximately 200 hectares).
- (3) See Attachment A.
- (4) Three crown roads have been sold in the electorate since March 2011 and are awaiting title transfer to freehold. Individual details of locations are attached at attachment B1. The other sales in the electorate are shown in attachment B2. All but two of these relate to the finalisation of purchases of perpetual leases. Information regarding sale price is available to the through Land and Property Information's authorised information resellers. Further information can be found at [www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/land\\_valuation/property\\_sales\\_information](http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/land_valuation/property_sales_information).
- (5) Currently there are 10 proposed road closures and sale applications active for this area. Apart from these there is no Crown land currently for sale in The Entrance electorate.

Attachment A:

Current location and area of tenures

	Location	Total m2	Manager
1	Bateau Bay	3,367	DPI - Lands
2	Lisarow	4,680	DPI - Lands
3	Wyoming	16,946	DPI - Lands
4	Bateau Bay	51,619	DPI - Lands
5	Bateau Bay	12,085	DPI - Lands
6	Bateau Bay	755	DPI - Lands
7	The Entrance North	1,295	DPI - Lands
8	Bateau Bay	717	DPI - Lands
9	Bateau Bay	625	DPI - Lands
10	Bateau Bay	13,707	DPI - Lands
11	Toowoon Bay	13,108	DPI - Lands
12	Bateau Bay	3,547	DPI - Lands
13	Bateau Bay	1,446	DPI - Lands
14	Glenning Valley	2,469	DPI - Lands
15	Berkeley Valley	491	DPI - Lands
16	The Entrance	549	DPI - Lands
17	The Entrance	373	DPI - Lands
18	The Entrance	279	DPI - Lands
19	Fountaindale	3,219	DPI - Lands
20	Tumbi Umbi	9,072	DPI - Lands
21	The Entrance	567,983	DPI - Lands
22	Shelly Beach	47,899	DPI - Lands
23	Kangy Angy	4,892	DPI - Lands
24	Kangy Angy	4,892	DPI - Lands
25	Kangy Angy	4,892	DPI - Lands

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26	Kangy Angy	4,892	DPI - Lands
27	Kangy Angy	4,892	DPI - Lands

Current location and area of reserves

Reserve	Location	Total m2	Manager
R19055	Tangy Dangy	172,358	DPI - Lands
R19548	Erina	32,459	DPI - Lands
R20943	Tuggerah	29,550	DPI - Lands
R24112	Chittaway Point	5,479	DPI - Lands
R33175	Buff Point	396	Wyong Shire Council
R45877	The Entrance	52,985	Wyong Shire Council
R50058	The Entrance	43,741	Wyong Shire Council
R50515	The Entrance North	50,441	Wyong Shire Council
R55566	Chinimans	43,044	Wyong Shire Council
R55798	The Entrance North	605,764	Wyong Shire Council
R63621	Tuggerah	119,283	Wyong Shire Council
R64695	The Entrance	195	The Entrance War Memorial Reserve Trust Board
R65371	Ridgeway	22,091	Wyong Shire Council
R68128	The Entrance Bridge	1,233	Wyong Shire Council
R69228	Bateau Bay	27,890	DPI - Lands
R69381	The Entrance	291	Wyong Shire Council
R71557	The Entrance	87	Wyong Shire Council
R71875	The Entrance	17,945	Wyong Shire Council
R73287	Bateau Bay	452,644	Wyong Shire Council
R73397	Berkeley Vale	153,457	Wyong Shire Council
R76321	Tuggerah	13,108	DPI - Lands
R76533	Bateau Bay	35,792	Wyong Shire Council
R78212	Bateau Bay	47,899	DPI - Lands
R78618	Bateau Bay	3,727	Wyong Shire Council
R79408	Tumbi Umbi	3,261	Wyong Shire Council
R79618	Berkeley Vale	29,806	Wyong Shire Council
R81119	Bateau Bay	213,566	Wyong Shire Council
R81533	Bateau Bay	6,660	Wyong Shire Council
R82272	Tuggerah	186,339	Wyong Shire Council
R82749	Bateau Bay	29,279	Wyong Shire Council
R84059	Tuggerah	45,379	Wyong Shire Council
R84220	Bateau Bay	19,362	DPI - Lands
R85574	The Entrance	50,509	Wyong Shire Council
R85926	Toowoon Bay	2,790	DPI - Lands
R87452	The Entrance North	134,292	Wyong Shire Council

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R87453	Wallarah	44,859	DPI - Lands
R87856	Bateau Bay	4,718	DPI - Lands
R88073	Lisarow	977	DPI - Lands
R88608	Tuggerah Lakes	130	DPI - Lands
R89101	The Entrance North	4,151	Wyong Shire Council
R89145	Bateau Bay	30,912	DPI - Lands
R89236	The Entrance North	146,200	Wyong Shire Council
R89423	Bateau Bay	31,095	Wyong Shire Council
R89475	Tuggerah	1,832	Wyong Shire Council
R89524	Bateau Bay	5,665	DPI - Lands
R90147	Bateau Bay	31,551	DPI - Lands
R90924	Bateau Bay	7,902	Wyong Shire Council
R91241	Bateau Bay	6,039	Wyong Shire Council
R91284	Tuggerah	11,235	Wyong Shire Council
R91417	Tuggerah	1,104	The Scout Association Of Australia, NSW Branch
R91458	Bateau Bay	30,013	DPI - Lands
R91479	Killarney	1,088	Girl Guides Association (New South Wales)
R91627	Bateau Bay	700	DPI - Lands
R91705	Tuggerah	177,166	Wyong Shire Council
R92165	Bateau Bay	51,619	DPI - Lands
R92408	Tuggerah	549	DPI - Lands
R93701	Gosford	9,672	Adelene Retirement Village Trust
R94734	The Entrance North	1,887	Wyong Shire Council
R97503	Tuggerah	5,489	Wyong Shire Council
R97864	Tuggerah	89,897	Wyong Shire Council
R98123	Toowoon Bay	876	Wyong Shire Council
R170010	Niagara Park	10,303	Gosford City Council
R170061	Bateau Bay	55,885	Wyong Shire Council
R170112	Bateau Bay	1,878	Yarran Early Intervention Centre In Incorporated
R170136	Bateau Bay	22,836	DPI - Lands
R170146	The Entrance	208,216	Wyong Shire Council
R570087	Chittaway Point	23,385	Wyong Shire Council
R755227	Gosford	97,800	DPI - Lands
R755263	Tuggerah	110,295	DPI - Lands
R755266	Wallarah	3,782	DPI - Lands
R1002829	Berkeley Vale	54,587	Wyong Shire Council
R1002831	Killarney Vale	182,200	Wyong Shire Council
R1002834	The Entrance North	51,561	Wyong Shire Council

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R1002847	Tumbi Umbi	56,923	Wyong Shire Council
R1013748	Bateau Bay	11,220	Wyong Shire Council
R1015108	Magenta	191,328	DPI - Lands

Attachment B1: Road Sales since March 2011

LOCALITY	NEAREST ROAD	LOT/DP ADJOINING
Mangrove Mountain	Ironbark Road	144/755253
Peats Ridge	Peats Ridge Road	A/393252
Peats Ridge	Peats Ridge Road	B/399281

Attachment B2: Other Sales since March 2011

Date	Lots	Type
19/04/2011	Lot 11 Section 12 DP 758063	Perpetual Lease Purchase
31/08/2011	Lot 16 Section 11 DP 758063	Perpetual Lease Purchase
25/10/2011	Lot 300 DP 1166755	Sale
20/05/2012	Lot 2 DP 1128288	Perpetual Lease Purchase
18/12/2012	Lot 4 DP 727744	Perpetual Lease Purchase
15/05/2013	Lot 20 Section 16 DP 758063	Perpetual Lease Purchase
11/07/2013	Lot 1 DP 1156733	Sale
29/04/2014	Lot 1 Section 21 DP 758063	Perpetual Lease Purchase
7/08/2014	Lot 367 DP 755263	Perpetual Lease Purchase
30/09/2014	Lot 111 DP 755263	Perpetual Lease Purchase

\*0436 CENTRAL COAST TAFE COURSES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

What is the total number of TAFE courses, the name of each course and the cost of each course (on an annual basis) offered by the TAFE Hunter Institute, located on the Central Coast (Wyong TAFE, Ourimbah TAFE, Gosford TAFE), in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?

Answer—

The information on courses was provided in Question on Notice LA 0280. Course costs for TAFE NSW are commercial in confidence.

\*0437 CENTRAL COAST TAFE STAFFING—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent administrative staff were employed by the Central Coast Hunter TAFE Institute campuses (Wyong TAFE, Ourimbah TAFE, Gosford TAFE) in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?
- (2) How many full time equivalent teaching staff were employed by the Central Coast Hunter TAFE Institute campuses (Wyong TAFE, Ourimbah TAFE, Gosford TAFE) in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) This data is commercial in confidence. TAFE NSW Institute Directors are responsible for the employment of staff at individual campuses. TAFE NSW provides FTE data as part of its Annual Report, refer <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.
- (2) Refer above.

\*0438 PUBLIC/SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How much public money was spent on public/social housing maintenance in The Entrance electorate in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?
- (2) How many maintenance requests were received during each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June

2015) and what number were completed in each year?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Information about maintenance expenditure is outlined in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation Annual Report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0439 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LISTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many people located in the New South Wales Central Coast Region are on the public housing waiting list as at 4 June 2015?  
(2) How many people located within The Entrance electorate are on the public housing waiting list as at 4 June 2015?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0440 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many social housing homes/units located in The Entrance electorate are not currently occupied by a tenant?  
(2) How many allotments of residential zoned land does NSW Housing control/own in The Entrance electorate?  
(3) How many social housing properties (land and dwellings) located in The Entrance electorate have been sold since March 2011?  
(4) How many social housing dwellings has the Government caused to be constructed in The Entrance electorate since March 2011?  
(5) How many dwellings has the Government purchased from private entities for use as social housing stock?  
(6) What is the average cost per metre squared of floor space of social housing stock constructed by Housing NSW as opposed to stock purchased from private entities?

Answer—

- (1) The number of public housing properties that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as properties are vacated by tenants, cleaned and repaired ready for the next tenant, as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act and are then re-occupied.  
(2) Details about the number of social housing properties in each allocation zone are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).  
(3) to (5) Information about sales and supply is available in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's Annual Report on the FACS website.  
(6) Government construction costs align with industry standards.

\*0441 POLICE NUMBERS—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many police officers are based in the Brisbane Waters Local Area Command (LAC) and the Tuggerah Lakes LAC as at 4 June 2015?  
(2) How many support staff are based within the Brisbane Waters LAC and the Tuggerah Lakes LAC as at 4 June 2015?  
(3) How many staff are employed at the Police Assistance Call Centre located at Tuggerah as at 4 June 2015?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised:

Police numbers are available on the NSW Police Force website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au) and numbers of administrative staff can be found in the NSW Police Force Annual Report.

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\*0442 SERVICE DELIVERY UNDER THE NATIONAL DISABILITY AND INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure that no unskilled, unqualified or inexperienced workers will be employed by entities to deliver services to people with disabilities under the National Disability and Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
- (2) What role does the Government have in relation to ensuring quality services are delivered to people with disabilities under the NDIS?
  - (a) Which section of which legislation confers this role on the Government?
- (3) What harm and risk minimisation measures does the Government have in place in relation to the delivery of services under the NDIS?
  - (a) Which section of which legislation grants this role to the Government?
- (4) To what minimum standards are entities delivering services under the NDIS being held to account?
  - (a) Which section of which legislation sets out these standards?
- (5) Is the Government responsible for holding the service providers to account?
  - (a) If so, which section of which legislation confers this responsibility on the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) The Commonwealth, State and Territory governments have agreed that a nationally consistent approach to quality assurance and safeguards for the NDIS is required and are working to develop a national framework. A consistent approach will ensure participants' dignity and respect, and assist in providing protections against abuse, neglect and exploitation.

For the Hunter NDIS trial, the existing NSW quality assurance and safeguards arrangements are being used. Under these arrangements, NDIS participants can access a range of complaints mechanisms including through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, NSW Ombudsman, Health Care Complaints Commission, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), and other NSW or Commonwealth bodies or tribunals as appropriate. The existing NSW arrangements will operate in conjunction with relevant NDIA policies and procedures.

All providers registering to provide specialist disability supports must comply with the NSW Quality Framework, including achievement of third party verification against the NSW Disability Service Standards within 12 months of registering with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

Accountability is captured under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Cth) whereby the NDIA currently has responsibility for assessing a provider's suitability for registration as a NDIA registered provider of supports in the NSW NDIS trial.

\*0443 AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE STAFFING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) How many people were employed on a full time, part time or casual basis by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) as at:
  - (a) 4 June 2014;
  - (b) 4 June 2013;
  - (c) 4 June 2012?
- (2) How many people were employed on a full time, part time or casual basis by ADHC as at 4 June 2015?
  - (a) How many of these were women?
  - (b) How many of these were employed on a part time or casual basis?
  - (c) How many of these were women employed on a part time or casual basis?
  - (d) What is their average length of employment with ADHC?
- (3) How many people were employed on a full time, part time or casual basis by ADHC as at 4 June 2011?
  - (a) How many of these were no longer employed as at 4 June 2015?
    - (i) How many of these received a termination of employment notice from ADHC?
    - (ii) How many of these left their employment voluntarily?
    - (iii) How many of these received a redundancy payment on their departure from ADHC?

Answer—

Details regarding staffing numbers are available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report available at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0444 PRIVATISATION OF HOME CARE SERVICES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What is the current status of the privatisation of the services delivered by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), in relation to Home Care?
- (2) Will the Government privatise all of the services currently delivered by ADHC?
- (3) Will the Government sell assets currently owned by ADHC?
- (4) Will the Government privatise all Home Care services and/or sell assets to one entity?
- (5) Is there a tender process currently underway?
  - (a) If so, by what criteria are the tenders being assessed?
    - (i) Do all the services currently delivered by ADHC form part of the sale/tender process?
    - (ii) What companies are participating in the tender?
    - (iii) Will the Government undertake the sale/tender process in a transparent manner by disclosing to the public the terms of the sale and/or tender documentation?
    - (iv) What is the anticipated sale price of ADHC services?
  - (b) If not, has the Government had preliminary discussions with any companies/entities (including not for profits), which are potential purchasers of ADHC services, in relation to the proposed sale?
    - (i) If so, which companies/entities has the Government had any such discussions with?

Answer—

The Government is committed to a disability service system that increases choice and control for people with disability. For this reason, in December 2012, the Government

became the first state to sign an agreement with the Commonwealth to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The agreement noted that the Government would not be a residual service provider, and services, including Home Care services would be operated by the non-government sector. The Government considers this a necessary step to ensure that Home Care can continue to provide the quality services that it does to older people and people with disability.

The Government aims to transfer Home Care in such a way that will ensure continuity of care for the people we support, including the workforce that provides this service. It is the Government's intention to transfer Home Care as a single entity, including Aboriginal Home Care.

In January this year, the Government invited interested parties to lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Home Care Service as a whole, which closed on 24 February 2015. The Government is unable to comment on confidential information in relation to the transfer process.

\*0445 WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

When will the Workforce Management Plan will be delivered to the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care staff employed in the Hunter?

Answer—

I am advised:

Family and Community Services (FACS) is engaging with Ageing, Disability and Home Care staff through Working Together, a comprehensive engagement strategy to support staff to implement a range of aged care and disability sector reforms across New South Wales.

Working Together provides FACS employees with regular updates, information of where we are at with the transition, clearer points of contact to answer questions, and support tools to help employees.

The Government is committed to providing employees with as much information as possible, as soon as it becomes available.

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\*0446 AMBULANCE STATIONS IN THE PORT STEPHENS ELECTORATE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

Have there been any changes made to the rostering system utilised in ambulance stations in the Port Stephens electorate since 2011?

- (a) If so, on what date did the changes occur?
- (b) What changes were implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new electronic rostering system, HealthRoster, commenced implementation across NSW Ambulance in 2013.

\*0447 VACANT POSITIONS AT AMBULANCE STATIONS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

Have all vacant positions on ambulance station rosters in the Port Stephens electorate since 2011 been filled?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to Question on Notice 446.

\*0448 AMBULANCES OPERATING OUTSIDE THE PORT STEPHENS AREA—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many hours have the ambulances from each of the Port Stephens ambulance stations spent operating outside of the Port Stephens electorate responding to calls from 'out of area' in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13;
  - (c) 2013-14;
  - (d) 2014-15 (4 June 2015)?
- (2) What percentage of their operating time does this equate to?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on activity by crews posted to ambulance stations is not collected by electorate.

Ambulance Control Centre staff will always respond with the nearest available resources as necessary for a patient requiring emergency care, regardless of which station or region a crew started from.

\*0449 AMBULANCES TRANSPORTING NON-CRITICAL PATIENTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many journeys have ambulances from Port Stephens undertaken transporting non-critical patients from the Nelson Bay Hospital to other hospital services in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13;
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (2) How many hours do these journeys equate to in each of those financial years?
- (3) What percentage of operating time do the hours equate to in each of those financial years?

Answer—

I refer you to Critical Care Tertiary Referral Networks & Transfer of Care policy directive.

[http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2010/PD2010\\_021.html](http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2010/PD2010_021.html).

\*0450 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

What has been the average response time for ambulances responding to calls from people in the Port Stephens electorate in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ambulance response times are published on the NSW Ambulance website at: <http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/Our-performance/Response-Times.html>.

\*0451 BUS INCIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the number of fires on buses in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?
- (2) What is the number of bus drivers who reported that they were assaulted in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (4 June 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about reported bus fires is available on the OTSI website.
- (2) Information about employee incidents is included in State Transit's Annual Reports.

\*0452 DULWICH HILL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are there plans to upgrade the Dulwich Hill Railway Station?
  - (a) If so, what are these plans?
    - (i) Is there a timeline to commence work?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
- (2) Are there plans to integrate the Dulwich Hill Light Rail Terminus with the Dulwich Hill Railway Station?
  - (a) If so, what are these plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

I am pleased to advise that as part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest a further \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 380 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Upgrades at Dulwich Hill Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

Work is also progressing with Sydney Metro City and Southwest, including conversion of the Bankstown Line. This will improve accessibility and safety on trains and at stations. As part of the planning for each station, detailed design will identify how to best integrate different transport modes. At Dulwich Hill, this would include how light rail would integrate with the new metro line.

\*0453 PADSTOW AND BANKSTOWN PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Government increase public transport services between Padstow and Bankstown considering that the Padstow Motor Registry is due to be closed?

- (a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance and Services.

\*0454 HUNTER CHILD PROTECTION RESPONSE ASSESSMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Why has the percentage of children and young people in risk of significant harm receiving a completed face-to-face child protection response assessment from a caseworker in the Hunter remained at 28 percent despite an increase in the number of actual full-time equivalent caseworkers from 275 (June 2013 dashboard) to 305 (March 2015 dashboard)?

Answer—

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The percentage of face-to-face assessments in the March 2015 quarter dashboard is based on a 12 month period from 1 January to 30 December 2014, whereas the caseworker data is for the March quarter.

\*0455 PADSTOW MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will a Service NSW office be opened in Padstow to replace the Padstow motor registry office which is due to be closed?  
(a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

As the Service NSW network grows, Service NSW will reduce duplication of shop fronts, but not services. In Sydney's south-west, Service NSW has invested in onestop shops at Bankstown and Liverpool, delivering more than 800 transactions including Fair Trading services and a host of other transactions under the one roof.

Wait times at the Bankstown Service Centre are low, with a customer satisfaction score of 99 per cent. In addition, Bankstown Service Centre has extended hours and customers can make a booking for a time convenient to them, avoiding peak times if needed.

Given the proximity of the Service NSW Bankstown Service Centre, services at the Padstow Motor Registry will relocate to the Bankstown one-stop shop from August.

Service NSW has engaged with key stakeholders including businesses, such as driving schools, and will continue to advise customers of the changes in the coming weeks.

\*0456 BLUE MOUNTAINS CASEWORKER VACANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Why has the number of caseworker vacancies in the Nepean and Blue Mountains increased from one to 10 since the December 2014 quarter, given that the Community Services Caseworker Dashboard (March 2015 quarter) stated that only 17 percent of children and young people in risk of significant harm are receiving a completed face-to-face child protection response assessment from a caseworker in the Nepean and Blue Mountains?

Answer—

Caseworker vacancies in the Nepean Blue Mountains District can be explained by normal staff turnover, changes in leave and temporary assignment patterns.

It should be noted Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) report data is presented for a rolling 12-month period to allow sufficient ageing of data to ensure that secondary assessment processes are finalised and all data entered. This means that the ROSH report data in the Caseworker Dashboard is one quarter behind the actual caseworker numbers.

Four new caseworkers commenced work in the District in June 2015. A further five have accepted positions and are undergoing screening checks. All vacancies will be filled on their commencement.

\*0457 FAR WEST CASEWORKER VACANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

When will the Government fill the three vacant caseworker positions in the Far West, given that the percentage of children and young people in risk of significant harm receiving completed a face-to-face child protection response assessment from a caseworker in the Far West has fallen from 40 percent in the Community Services Caseworker December 2014 Dashboard to 36 percent in the March 2015 Dashboard?

Answer—

A small rise in caseworker vacancies in the Far West District can be explained by normal staff turnover, changes in leave and temporary assignment patterns.

It should be noted the ROSH report data in the Caseworker Dashboard is one quarter behind the actual caseworker numbers.

\*0458 FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How much funding was allocated in the 2014-15 Budget to assist non-government organisations with the transfer of out-of-home care services as at 4 June 2015?

(a) Is this over or under the budgeted amount?

(b) If so, by how much?

Answer—

Information about the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) budget, including the out of home care service group budget, is available in Budget Paper 3 2014-15.

Information on expenditure is available in the FACS Annual Report, which is available on its website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0459 SORRY DAY EVENT IN ASHFIELD—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many senior Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Family and Community Services (FACS) staff were invited to attended a FACS Sorry Day event in Ashfield on 26 May 2015?
- (2) How many senior Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander FACS staff attended the FACS Sorry Day event in Ashfield on 26 May 2015?

Answer—

All FACS staff were invited to attend the Department's National Sorry Day ceremony at Ashfield.

\*0460 TRANSFER OF OUT-OF-HOME CARE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many children and young people have died under the charge of an non-government organisation since the commencement of the transfer of out-of-home care services to non-government organisations?

Answer—

Child deaths are reported in the Child Death Annual report which is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0461 STANDARD UNIT PRICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What is the breakdown of the standard unit price applied to each accredited non-government organisation that provides out-of-home care services?

Answer—

Information about the unit price is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0462 CROYDON RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will plans for the Croydon Railway Station upgrade be made available to the public?
- (2) When will the community be invited to have a say on the upgrade plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Proposed plans for the Croydon Station upgrade will be placed on public display in 2015.
- (2) The community will be invited to have their say during the public display period.

\*0463 PARRAMATTA ROAD URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the final cost estimate of the amenity improvement plan for the Parramatta Road Urban Renewal project?

- (2) What is the allocated budget for the amenity improvement plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

A \$200 million urban revitalisation package, including amenity improvements, has already been allocated to transform Parramatta Road and its environs.

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UrbanGrowth NSW is currently working with stakeholders to prepare a scope of work for the amenity improvement plan. Funds will be used to improve urban amenity in the precincts identified for housing and jobs growth.

\*0464 MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many mental health related incidents did the NSW Police Force respond to in 2014?
- (2) How many mental health related incidents resulted in harm to a mental health consumer in 2014 and between 1 January and 31 May 2015?
- (3) How many mental health related incidents resulted in harm to NSW Police Force in 2014 and between 1 January and 31 May 2015?

Answer—

Mental health refers to a broad array of activities directly or indirectly related to a person's mental well-being.

Mental health conditions are not always disclosed or diagnosed.

NSW Police respond and assist in many incidents, including when a person involved may be suffering from a known mental illness and/or illnesses or an undisclosed or undiagnosed mental illness and/or illnesses.

The NSW Police are well equipped to respond and support mental health professionals in responding to the needs of mental health consumers.

NSW Police have been undertaking specialist mental health intervention training courses.

\*0465 WESTCONNEX GRIEVANCE MECHANISM—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Government establish an independent, specific purpose grievance mechanism to ensure that citizens who are adversely impacted by WestConnex have their concerns and grievances fairly and effectively addressed?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please see my answer to LA 254.

\*0466 FOOD WASTE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What targets have been set for New South Wales to reduce the amount of food that is sent to landfill or destroyed?
- (2) What improvements have occurred in New South Wales with regard to food waste?
- (3) What state-wide education programs does the Government run to encourage and help residents reduce the amount of food they waste?
- (4) What work has the Government done with big supermarkets to encourage them to reduce the amount of food they send to landfill or destroy?
- (5) What consideration will the Government give to following France's lead and banning supermarkets from throwing away or destroying unsold food?
- (6) What other action is the Government taking to reduce food waste?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The NSW Waste and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy 2014-21 has targets to divert 75 per cent of all waste from landfill by 2021.
- (2) Waste Less Recycle More Organics Infrastructure Fund provides \$70 million over four years to tackle food and garden waste. Since February 2013, it has provided new or improved food and garden waste collection services for 200,000 more households in 31 council areas. It has also provided \$12.3 million in funding and increased processing capacity for food and garden waste by 230,000 tonnes a year. \$23.7 million in funding has been provided for 35 new infrastructure projects.

- (3) The Government runs the Love Food Hate Waste program under the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative to educate households and businesses to avoid food wastage. It has provided \$660,000 in grants to 19 projects across NSW, with round 3 opening on 22 July 2015. The program component includes an extensive range of resources and tools that have been developed by the EPA to be used by more than 220 partner organisations to support food waste avoidance at home and work.
- (4) Waste Less, Recycle More includes significant funding for charities to collect and redistribute food donated from businesses, including supermarkets. So far, seven projects have been supported with \$1.4 million, including to food relief charities OzHarvest, Second Bite and Foodbank. Together these projects will divert 3,200 tonnes of good food from landfill to feed people in need. The EPA also encourages supermarkets to partner with Love Food Hate Waste to reduce food waste in their own operations and encourage their customers to adopt good food waste avoidance practices.
- (5) Any future policy decisions will be informed by a thorough evaluation of the broad range of initiatives currently underway under Waste Less, Recycle More to address food wastage, including by supermarkets.
- (6) Waste Less, Recycle More is also reducing food waste through regional industrial ecology networks by:
  - finding innovative solutions for larger businesses.
  - providing free bin trim audits and action plans for small to medium enterprises.
  - providing funding for organics market development.
  - household education to reduce contamination in kerbside collections.

\*0467 SYNTHETIC FIELD COURTS IN MOORE PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How was the concept for a synthetic field court at Moore Park first established, including when it was raised and who it was raised by?
- (2) When was GamePlan first notified about the concept?
- (3) When was the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust first notified about the concept?
- (4) When was the Centennial Parklands Community Consultative Committee first notified about the concept?
- (5) Will the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust go to tender for the construction and maintenance of the fields?
- (6) If not:
  - (a) Why not?
  - (b) Who will construct and maintain the courts?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The concept was developed during 2012/13 as part of a Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust internal planning process.
- (2) 29 July 2013.
- (3) The Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust has not been directly notified about the concept.
- (4) 12 August 2014.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) See answer to question 5.

\*0468 SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR HAVE LOW VISION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out on the barriers to employment for people who are blind or have low vision?
- (2) What actions have been identified that the Government can take to remove those barriers?
- (3) What plans are there to increase funding to Vision Australia to produce books, newspapers and magazines in accessible formats?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Government has identified barriers to employment for people with disability, including people who are blind or have low vision, which include people with disability not being work ready and employers lacking confidence to employ a person with disability.

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While employment is primarily a Commonwealth responsibility, NSW Government initiatives to improve the employment of people with disability, including people who are blind or have low vision, include Transition to Work, the Disability Enterprise Procurement program and the Employment Enablement Strategy.

As an example, in 2014, the NSW Government provided Guide Dogs NSW/ACT with a one-off grant to contribute to their Employers guide for hiring people who are blind or vision impaired. The resource provides advice to employees and dispels common workplace accessibility myths and misconceptions and was promoted to over 5,300 NSW and ACT members of the Australia Human Resources Institute.

(3) In 2014-15, the Government provided Vision Australia with around \$200,000 to increase accessibility by NSW residents to reading materials in a variety of accessible formats, including digitally, audio and Braille.

**\*0469 MAJOR EVENTS AT MOORE PARK**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How does the Moore Park Events Operations Group obtain details about local community impacts during major events at Moore Park?
- (2) How does this group consult with local residents and groups directly affected by major traffic congestion and illegal parking?
- (3) What action has been taken to reduce local traffic impacts following the establishment of this group?
- (4) What action has been taken to reduce local parking impacts following the establishment of this group?
- (5) How can local residents raise ongoing and new impacts that have not been addressed?
- (6) What further action is planned to address local traffic and parking impacts during major events at Moore Park?

Answer—

- (1) The Group meets monthly to ensure it stays abreast of major events and related local community impacts.
- (2) The Group consults directly with the local councils who represent their residents.
- (3) The Transport Management Centre and Roads and Maritime Services implement strategies to reduce traffic related impacts (which includes parking) including Special Event Clearways, public messaging and enforcement.
- (4) The Transport Management Centre and Roads and Maritime Services implement strategies to reduce traffic related impacts (which includes parking) including Special Event Clearways, public messaging and enforcement.
- (5) Residents can raise issues through their local councils.
- (6) The Group will continue to monitor event impacts to inform planning for future events.

**\*0470 REVIEW OF POLICE OVERSIGHT IN NEW SOUTH WALES**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Will the Minister ensure that Mr Andrew Tink AM consults directly with the Redfern Legal Centre, which represents clients across New South Wales with police complaints as well as other legal advocates, as part of his review of the police oversight system in a similar manner as he is doing with the Police Association of NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mr Andrew Tink AM has been commissioned to independently consider and report to the Government on police oversight by 31 August 2015. The procedure for the review is a matter for Mr Tink.

Mr Tink called for submissions via media advertisements. Members of the public and organisations were welcome to contribute to the Review of Police Oversight by making a submission by 4pm on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

The Terms of Reference and further information about the review are available on the NSW Government 'Have Your Say' website.

**\*0471 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What action will the Government take to ensure carers and those they care for transfer seamlessly to

- the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
- (2) What information is available for carers about the transfer?
  - (3) How will the Government ensure early identification of anyone who might lose or get less service and support under the transfer to the NDIS?
  - (4) What actions will the Government take to ensure that no carer or person they care for will be worse off under the NDIS?
  - (5) Will the Government retain the Older Parent Carer Program under the NDIS?
  - (6) To what extent will this program be expanded?

Answer—

- (1) A Bilateral Agreement between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments will be finalised in 2015, setting the terms for transition in NSW. An Operational Plan will also be agreed between the NSW Government, Commonwealth Government and the National Disability Insurance Agency that will set out how the transition will occur to ensure a seamless transition.
- (2) The NSW NDIS Heads of Agreement outlines the timeframes for transition and the Bilateral Agreement will provide further detail. Once the transition approach is agreed for the full scheme coverage of the NDIS in NSW, it will be communicated to all stakeholders including people with disability, their families and carers. Information on the NDIS is regularly provided to stakeholders and NDIS information is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.
- (3) and (4) All governments have committed to providing support to people currently receiving disability support services who are not eligible for the NDIS or may receive less support, so that people are not disadvantaged when the NDIS commences. Continuity of support arrangements has been agreed between the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments to support this commitment of no disadvantage. These arrangements are outlined in the Bilateral Agreement and the NSW Operational Plan that will be finalised in 2015.
- (5) Supports for carers are available through the NDIS including supports identified in a person's plan as well as supports available through Information, Linkages and Capacity Building.
- (6) Participants will be able to receive their reasonable and necessary supports through the NDIS, based on their goals and choices. This will reduce the burden of carers and enable improved social and economic participation.

\*0472 WALSH BAY ARTS PRECINCT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the recently-announced \$139 million for Walsh Bay Arts Precinct, intended to be a cultural hub for international festivals and events:

- (1) What liaison has occurred between Transport for NSW and lead agencies for this precinct about public transport needs?
- (2) What are the expected patronage levels for public transport when the planned precinct is fully operating?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to provide public transport to support this precinct?
- (4) What new light rail services will be provided and when?
- (5) What ferry services will be provided and when?
- (6) What new bus services will be provided and when?
- (7) When does the Government intend to begin increasing public transport to this new arts precinct?
- (8) How will the Government consult with local residents to ensure that public transport also meets their needs?
- (9) When will the Government inform the community about these plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

Estimated patronage levels are outlined in the supporting documentation for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Walsh Bay development, lodged in 2014.

The Premier recently announced that a station at Barangaroo will be part of the plans for the new Sydney Metro. The station will service the Walsh Bay arts precinct, King Street Wharf and Barangaroo headland park estimated to attract 10,000 visitors each day.

Public consultation is underway for the Sydney Metro: City & Southwest project and this process will include Barangaroo Station and access to the Walsh Bay arts precinct.

Additionally, the CBD and South East Light Rail, a high capacity, reliable and sustainable mode of public

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transport, will significantly improve public transport and reduce congestion within the CBD.

\*0473 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many taxi fare increases have occurred since the existing Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme rate of \$30 per trip was set 15 years ago?
- (2) When is the next increase to the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme planned?
- (3) What plans are there to transfer the scheme from hard copy travel dockets to an electronic card system?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information on taxi fare increases is publicly available.
- (2) The Government has announced a package of improvements to be rolled out for customers with disability, including accessible real-time public transport apps, and a new electronic payment system for taxis.
- (3) Based on feedback from customers, the Government has started liaising with businesses to develop a new electronic payment system, replacing the outdated paper dockets. Transport for NSW will work closely with taxi customers, drivers and the taxi industry as the electronic payment project progresses.

\*0474 WALKING AND CYCLING TO SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What programs does the Government support to encourage students to ride or walk to school?
  - (a) Of these programs, which programs get Government funding?
- (2) What proportion of schools have a program for encouraging students to travel to school by walking and cycling?
- (3) What action is the Government taking to increase travel to and from schools by walking and cycling?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health launched the NSW Active Travel Charter for Children in 2014. This Charter identifies the many benefits of active travel for children. It also includes strategies to assist the community in supporting increased active travel for children. The Department of Education and Communities supports this Charter.

Children's safety around roads is a key concern for schools, parents and carers, which is why Transport for NSW funds the Road Safety Education program. This program supports schools in teaching students about road safety and to help educate the school community.

- (a) Walk Safely to School Day is an initiative in which many schools in New South Wales annually participate. This initiative highlights the benefits of walking safely to school. The Government provides funding to the Pedestrian Council of Australia through Transport for NSW to support this initiative.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities does not collect this data from individual schools.
- (3) NSW Health launched the NSW Active Travel Charter for Children. All education sectors have been working with NSW Health in developing support materials that assist communities to encourage safe, active travel for children. A number of contexts are suggested including travel to and from sport, recreation facilities and to and from school.

\*0475 PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many public and community housing properties in the Granville electorate are currently vacant and awaiting maintenance works?
- (2) What is the current average time taken to repair public and community housing properties between tenancies in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

The number of NSW Land and Housing Corporation properties that are vacant and undergoing maintenance in any location changes on a basis.

The time taken to restore a property for reletting varies depending on the work required.

\*0476 GUILDFORD FIRE STATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

On how many occasions has the Guildford Fire Station been closed during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 (4 June 2015) financial year?

(a) Of these occasions, how many times no other fire station was assigned primary responsibility for fires in the Guildford Fire Station's area?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

Fire & Rescue NSW has a large network of permanently staffed fire and rescue trucks ready to respond to emergency incidents at any time. Firefighters and trucks are not always at their base station because they are often responding to emergency calls, undertaking training, or delivering emergency prevention programs in the community. They are mobile and ready to respond when and where needed, supported by sophisticated computer programs that highlight where coverage is required, as fire trucks move from location to location.

In November 2014, the Government provided funding for 40 extra firefighter positions, demonstrating its commitment to frontline firefighting services. These extra firefighters will assist in relieving temporary staff shortages and further enhancing Fire & Rescue NSW's service to the community of New South Wales.

\*0477 MACQUARIE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

What are the plans for the vacant Macquarie Boys High School site?

Answer—

Plans for the site have yet to be determined.

\*0478 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many times has the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services met with the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (2) How many times has the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services met with the Minister for Planning for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (3) How many times has the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services met with the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (4) When was the last time the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services met with the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project?
- (5) How many times has the office of the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services met with the office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the office of the Minister for Planning at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (6) When was the last time the office of the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services met with the office of the Minister for Planning and the office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project?
- (7) How many times has the CEO of the WestConnex Delivery Authority met with the CEO of UrbanGrowth NSW since 1 April 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

WestConnex Delivery Authority continues to work closely with UrbanGrowth NSW, particularly in relation to Parramatta Road. This includes regular meetings and briefings between the two agencies at all levels.

In addition, Robert Hamilton is an independent board member of both UrbanGrowth NSW and WestConnex Delivery Authority.

\*0479 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many times has the Minister for Planning met with the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (2) How many times has the Minister for Planning met with the Minister for Roads, Maritime and

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Freight for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?

- (3) How many times has the Minister for Planning met with the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (4) When was the last time the Minister for Planning met with the Minister Roads, Maritime and Freight and the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project?
- (5) How many times has the Office of the Minister for Planning met with the office of Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight and the office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (6) When was the last time the office of the Minister for Planning met with the office of the Minister Roads, Maritime and Freight and the office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project?
- (7) How many times has the CEO of UrbanGrowth NSW met with the CEO of WestConnex Delivery Authority since 1 April 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

Urban Growth NSW continues to work closely with Transport for NSW and WestConnex Delivery Authority, particularly in relation to Parramatta Road. This includes regular meetings and briefings between agencies at all levels.

\*0480 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many times has the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure met with the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (2) How many times has the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure met with the Minister for Planning for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (3) How many times has the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure met with the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services and the Minister for Planning at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
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- (5) How many times has the office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure met with the office of the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services and the office of the Minister for Planning at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project since 1 April 2015?
- (6) When was the last time the office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure met with the office of the Minister for Planning and the office of the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services at the same time for the specific purpose of discussing the WestConnex project?
- (7) What, if any, regular meetings are held between the WestConnex Delivery Authority, UrbanGrowth NSW and the Department of Transport?
  - (a) If these meetings occur, how often did they occur since the beginning of 2015?
  - (b) When was the last one?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW and WestConnex Delivery Authority continue to work closely with UrbanGrowth NSW, particularly in relation to Parramatta Road. This includes regular meetings and briefings between the agencies at all levels.

\*0481 SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAMS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What Roads and Maritime Services school safety programs are currently in place at and around schools in the electorate of Newtown?
- (2) How much was spent on the School Crossing Supervisor Program in the electorate of Newtown in each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2014-15 (to 4 June 2015)?
- (3) What Roads and Maritime Services school safety infrastructure is currently in place at and around schools in the electorate of Newtown?

- (4) What are the current hours of operation of the School Crossing Supervisor Program at schools within the electorate of Newtown?
- (5) What were the hours of operation of the School Crossing Supervisor Program at schools within the electorate of Newtown in June 2014, and in February 2015?
- (6) What is the hourly rate paid to school crossing supervisors as at January 2015?
- (7) What other changes have been made to Roads and Maritime Services school safety programs and infrastructure for schools within the electorate of Newtown since June 2014?
- (8) What requests have been made or issues raised by local school principals and Parents and Citizens' Associations within the electorate of Newtown with Roads and Maritime Services or the Minister since June 2014?
- (9) How is the community consulted about changes to Roads and Maritime Services school safety programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The School Crossing Supervisors Program operates at Camdenville Public School and Stanmore Public School. In October 2014, schools were offered new Kindergarten Orientation Day Packs that include the 'Safety Around Schools Guide' for parents. The NSW Centre for Road Safety also provides a variety of curriculum-based educational resources, including 'Safety Town', an online resource available to more than 2600 primary schools to teach road safety education. In 2015, school resources for years 7 to 12 will also be available online.
- (2) Newtown is a new electorate this financial year following changes to electoral boundaries in March 2015. As at 4 June 2015, \$77,560 has been spent in Newtown in this financial year.
- (3) School safety infrastructure includes pedestrian crossings, flashing lights, fluorescent school zone signs, '40' pavement patches and dragon's teeth markings, and no stopping areas.
- (4) and (5) School crossing supervisors are provided at crossings where Roads and Maritime recognises additional measures are needed to help with the safe and efficient movement of primary school children. The operating hours are correlated to school opening times within the standard school zone hours, at the minimum one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Some schools require an hour and a half in the morning and afternoon based on the staged opening and closing times of the relevant school.
- (6) This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (7) Roads and Maritime Services is rolling out flashing lights to every school in New South Wales by December 2015. In Newtown electorate, flashing lights have been installed at 11 schools since July 2014.
- (8) Roads and Maritime Services received an email from Camdenville Public School Parents and Citizens' Association on 19 June 2015.
- (9) Roads and Maritime Services consults directly with the school and local council.

\*0482 CYCLISTS SAFETY—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many recorded deaths and injuries of cyclists have occurred on Sydney roads in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (1 January 2015 to 4 June 2015)?
- (2) What initiatives is the Government considering to ensure the safety of cyclists on Sydney roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2012, two cyclists were killed and 629 were injured.  
In 2013, nine cyclists were killed and 651 were injured.  
In 2014, seven cyclists were killed.  
In 2015, two cyclists were killed.  
Injury data for 2014 and 2015 is not comparable with other years as it is currently being processed and therefore incomplete.
- (2) In 2014, the Government released the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-16 that includes a range of actions to improve safety of cyclists in NSW. The Action Plan includes measures to increase awareness and visibility of bicycle riders to drivers, greater road rules knowledge and compliance, improved on road interactions between drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians, infrastructure improvements and increased bicycle rider skills and confidence.

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Transport for NSW has started delivering the action plan through an implementation working group that includes representatives from cycling community groups.

\*0483 SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What consideration has been given to the potential impact on school children as a result of air quality issues from WestConnex development?
- (2) Has the Minister been in consultation or discussions with principals and Parents and Citizens' Associations along the WestConnex route in relation to the WestConnex project?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Air quality issues are considered under the environmental assessment process and will be detailed within the individual Environmental Impact Statements currently being prepared for each stage of the WestConnex project. Each Environmental Impact Statement will be exhibited for review by the community and all subsequent submissions will be reviewed and considered.

\*0484 SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What plans does the Government have for increased investment in sporting and recreational facilities in the inner city and the inner west to address the growing population in these areas and changing demographics?
- (2) How is the assessment made of changing demographics to determine investment in community sport and recreational facilities?

Answer—

In June 2014, I initiated the Future Needs of Sport Infrastructure Study. This Study will provide a current state baseline and the framework for future Government investment and policy decisions relating to community sporting infrastructure in New South Wales.

The Study involves State sporting organisations and local Councils identifying their strategic facility priorities.

The study will provide the basis for consideration of future Government investment in sporting and recreational infrastructure and facilities.

\*0485 ACCESS TO NATURAL LIGHT IN PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What requirements are there for public housing tenants to have access to natural light within their housing?
- (2) What is done to ensure all public housing tenants have access to natural light?

Answer—

Social housing properties are built to the National Construction Code and local planning requirements.

\*0486 ETHICS ENROLMENTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students are enrolled in ethics programs in New South Wales schools in the electorate of Newtown?
- (2) How does this compare with enrolments across the state?
- (3) What changes are planned to the way that parents will be able to enrol their children in ethics classes or choose to opt out of special religious education?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education and Communities does not hold this information.
- (2) The Department of Education and Communities does not hold this information.
- (3) The Government has made no change to the way parents can enrol their children in Special Education in Ethics classes, or opt out of Special Religious Education classes.

\*0487 APPOINTED SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the process for an advertising company to apply to become an appointed service provider on the NSW Strategic Communications website?
- (2) When are the applications to become an appointed service provider being reviewed?

Answer—

- (1) To be an appointed service provider on the Scheme, all providers, including interested parties, should be registered on the Government's eTendering website (<https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>). Once registered, service providers will receive automatic notification as to when applications open.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will also contact those suppliers who have contacted Strategic Communications and Events to express their interest in the Scheme, whether directly or through the Strategic Communications website. This will be done via email prior to the applications opening and recommending that interested suppliers should register on the eTendering website.

- (2) The current panel ends on 31 April 2016. The Department of Premier and Cabinet will commence renewal of the panel with the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation in August 2015.

Once reviewed, the new Prequalification Scheme on Advertising & Digital Communications services panels will commence on 1 May 2016 for a two year period.

\*0488 FUNDING FOR ART GALLERIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How much funding will the Government provide to the Art Gallery of NSW to help fund its \$450 million the 'Sydney Modern Project'?

- (2) How much funding will the Government provide to the Newcastle Art Gallery for its redevelopment?

Answer—

- (1) The Art Gallery of NSW's Sydney Modern project concept design is still in planning.

- (2) The Government is committed to supporting the regional visual arts sector through Arts NSW Arts and Cultural Development (ACDP) program. ACDP Guidelines can be found online at [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au).

\*0489 NATIONAL HEAVY LICENCING REGIME—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Government signed up to the National Heavy Licensing Regime?

- (2) If so did the Minister consult with the industry?

Answer—

I am advised:

The development of a National Heavy Vehicle Licence was considered by jurisdictions during the early development of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator but was not pursued.

Responsibility for the issuing of driver licences remains with individual States and Territories.

Information on obtaining a heavy vehicle licence in NSW is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*0490 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the cap on container movements at the Port of Newcastle still exist?

- (a) If so, is the cap on container movements lawful?

- (b) Is the cap on container movements enforceable?

Answer—

I am advised:

The container arrangements at the Port of Newcastle are consistent with the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy which was released in 2013.

\*0491 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL CARRIAGES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Newcastle light rail carriages be built in Newcastle or the Hunter?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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I am advised:

Procurement is undertaken in line with NSW Government Procurement Guidelines.

Australian-based companies are given every opportunity to tender for Government contracts through a fair and transparent process.

\*0492 TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND SYDNEY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many train services between Newcastle and Sydney were delayed or cancelled during each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (1 January 2015 to 4 June 2015)?
- (2) When is a train service considered to be late or delayed?
- (3) Will there be a two hour express service between Newcastle and Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Performance of NSW TrainLink is measured by punctuality. This information is publicly available.
- (2) This information is publicly available.
- (3) The Government is undertaking a program of works to incrementally improve travel times from Newcastle to Sydney over the longer term.

In 2013, this Government delivered the biggest timetable re-write in a generation, providing the Newcastle and Hunter lines with 105 extra weekly services between Sydney and Newcastle, 70 extra weekly express services and weekly time-savings of up to 155 minutes for return travel to Sydney.

As part of Northern Sydney Freight Corridor program, completion of the Gosford passing loops in April 2015 has improved capacity and reliability for passenger and freight trains between Sydney and Newcastle by allowing freight trains to wait while passenger services pass.

\*0493 LIGHT RAIL CARRIAGES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many jobs will the manufacturing of new Newcastle and Sydney light rail carriages create in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Procurement is undertaken in line with NSW Government Procurement Guidelines.

Australian-based companies are given every opportunity to tender for Government contracts through a fair and transparent process.

\*0494 CYCLE AND WALKING PATHS PROJECT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Will the Government provide funding for the Newcastle City Council's cycle and walking paths project in 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

The 2015-16 Budget has been released. Funding for Active Transport is the responsibility of the Minister for Transport.

\*0495 HUNTER SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Will the Government provide funding to upgrade the Hunter School Of The Performing Arts in 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

The Government is committed to upgrading the Hunter School of the Performing Arts. The upgrade, estimated at over \$7 million, will include a new gymnasium and outdoor performance space. Refer to the NSW Budget 2015-16 document 'Election Commitments 2015-19' for further detail.

\*0496 INQUIRY INTO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECOMMENDATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What progress has been made in implementing Recommendation 73 arising from the Legislative Council Social Issue Committee's 2012 Inquiry 'Domestic violence trends and issues in NSW'?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Domestic Violence Intervention Court Model and its integration into mainstream justice processes can be found in the NSW Domestic Violence Justice Strategy at [www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au).

\*0497 DEATH OF LINDA LOCKE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With reference to the death of Linda Locke on 28 April 2015:

- (1) Had Ms Locke attempted to access support through:
  - (a) A woman's refuge prior to her death;
  - (b) NSW Police Force prior to her death;
  - (c) NSW Health prior to her death;
  - (d) Other Government funded programs prior to her death?
- (2) Has the Domestic Violence Death Review team considered this case?

Answer—

I am advised:

The death of Linda Locke is currently before the courts.

\*0498 BOXING DAY TRADING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Who has been consulted about the proposed changes to Boxing Day trading in Newcastle and the Hunter?
- (2) What legislative change is required for such a change?
- (3) What protections are proposed for employees?

Answer—

- (1) This is a longstanding issue. The Government believes in a level playing field for all retailers across NSW, including in the Hunter.
- (2) Implementation of reform to Boxing Day trading arrangements will require amendments to the Retail Trading Act 2008.
- (3) As indicated in the Government's election commitment, lawful trading by major shops on Boxing Day will be conditioned by the requirement that staff in the shop on the day have freely elected to work without any coercion, harassment, threat or intimidation by or on behalf of the shopkeeper.

Noting that Boxing Day remains both a national and State public holiday, employee entitlements are provided by the Commonwealth's Fair Work Act 2009, the National Employment Standards and applicable modern awards.

\*0499 FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the source of funding for the \$4 million being invested in rural and remote communities which is intended to increase access to early childhood education?

Answer—

Funding is provided as part of the Early Childhood Education Service Group, as published in the 2015/16 State Budget Papers.

\*0500 FUNDING FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the source of funding for the \$20 million Before and After School Care Fund?

Answer—

Detail on the allocation of funding for the \$20 million Before and After School Care Fund has been published in the 2015/16 State Budget Papers.

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\*0501 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the source of funding for the 20 percent increase in funding to community preschools?

Answer—

Funding is provided as part of the Early Childhood Education Service Group, as published in the 2015-16 State Budget Papers .

\*0502 2015-16 BUDGET—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will the funding commitment made in the lead up to the 2015 election for the continuation of the Fernleigh Track between Belmont and Swansea be included in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) Will the funding commitment made in the lead up to the 2015 election for digital radios for the 13 Hunter Surf Life Saving Clubs, from Hawkes Nest to Catherine Hill Bay be included in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (3) Will the funding commitment made in the lead up to the 2015 election for the John Hunter Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit expansion be included in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is delivering on all of our election commitments. The Government has published a document outlining our election commitments in detail and this can be found at (<http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/#commit>).
- (2) Refer to the above answer.
- (3) Refer to the above answer.

\*0503 DEATH OF WEI DUNG ZHENG—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With reference to the death of Wei Dung Zheng on 19 May 2015:

- (1) Had Ms Zheng attempted to access support through:
  - (a) A woman's refuge prior to her death;
  - (b) NSW Police Force prior to her death;
  - (c) NSW Health prior to her death;
  - (d) Other Government funded programs prior to her death?
- (2) Has the Domestic Violence Death Review team considered this case?

Answer—

I am advised:

The death of Wei Dung Zheng is currently under investigation.

\*0504 DEATH OF MELITA HART—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With reference to the death of Melita Hart on 25 April 2015:

- (1) Had Ms Hart attempted to access support through:
  - (a) A woman's refuge prior to her death;
  - (b) NSW Police Force prior to her death;
  - (c) NSW Health prior to her death;
  - (d) Other Government funded programs prior to her death?
- (2) Has the Domestic Violence Death Review team considered this case?

Answer—

I am advised:

The death of Melita Hart is currently before the courts.

\*0505 BELMONT TAFE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to remove courses from Belmont TAFE in the next 12 months?
- (2) Are there plans to restore metal fabrication and welding, and fitting and machinery courses at Belmont TAFE?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust their training delivery and course offerings to meet the needs of students, industry and the community. Changes to course offerings are informed by research, data and other relevant information and involve consultation processes with key stakeholders.
- (2) Metal fabrication and welding is still being delivered at Belmont Campus for continuing students and in areas of specialised training. TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust their training delivery and course offerings to meet the needs of students, industry and the community.

\*0506 BELMONT TAFE COMPLETION RATES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many people completed apprentice Certificate III level programs at Belmont TAFE in each of the years from 2006 to 2008, as well as in 2012 and 2014?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW student data by campus is no longer published as this information is considered commercial in confidence.

\*0507 CENTRAL COAST TAFE COMPLETION RATES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many people completed apprentice Certificate III level programs across the three TAFE locations of Gosford, Ourimbah and Wyong in each of the years 2006 to 2007 and 2012 to 2014?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that TAFE NSW student data by campus is no longer published as this information is considered commercial in confidence.

\*0508 NEW INNER CITY TRAINS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why has the tender process for the 65 new inner city trains been delayed?
- (2) When will the tender process be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Since announcing the Expression of Interest for the project, Transport for NSW has continued to engage with industry to understand their products and ensure we have the right solution for our customers. This information will aid the shortlist process and inform the final tender documents to be released to the shortlisted candidates.

(2) The tender process to award a contract to procure a new intercity fleet will be completed by mid 2016. There is no change to the overall delivery program for the project.

\*0509 ACCESS TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING SUPPORT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are full fee-paying international students eligible to access English language teaching support available to migrant and refugee students through the English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) program?
- (2) Has additional funding been allocated to increase the number of EAL/D or English as a Second Language teaching positions in order to meet the English language learning needs of migrant and refugee students in schools since 2009?
  - (a) What was the increase in each of the budget years from 2010 to 2014?
- (3) What systems are in place to ensure that EAL/D support funding to meet the needs of migrant and refugee children is not being diverted to meet the additional English learning needs of international students?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) In 2014, principals were informed that an additional \$14m in flexible funding would be allocated to assist schools to meet the English language learning needs of migrant and refugee students in 2015.
- (3) Schools with new arrivals and refugee students receive additional resources through the targeted (individual student) support component of the resource allocation model. Accountability for how funds have been used will occur through the annual school report.

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\*0510 GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING PLAN—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to the implementation of the 'Great Teaching, Inspired Learning' (GTIL) plan:

- (1) Has additional funding been allocated for capacity building for organisations which will be accredited to run 'professional learning' courses?
  - (a) How much Commonwealth funding has been allocated?
  - (b) How much state funding has been allocated?
- (2) How much of the required 100 hours of professional learning will teachers be expected to complete outside work hours?
- (3) How many applications were received for the GTIL Rural scholarships?
  - (a) How many applicants were successful?
- (4) Are all eight full-time equivalent 'Teacher Mentor' positions currently filled?
- (5) How many times has the GTIL steering committee met since May 2014?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (2) To be accredited at the first level of accreditation, 'Proficient', teachers are required to complete 100 hours of professional learning over five years. Of these 100 hours:
  - At least 50 hours of Quality Teaching Council (QTC) Registered professional development, with a minimum of 25 hours from non-school based QTC endorsed providers
  - Up to 50 hours of Teacher Identified Professional Development.
 These hours can be completed within or outside school hours as determined by the teacher.
- (3) For the 2015 round, 140 applications were received for 50 teach.Rural scholarships.
  - (a) For the 2015 round, 46 offers were made to successful applicants.
  - (4) Yes.
  - (5) Four times. Note that the GTIL steering committee meets on a quarterly basis.

\*0511 SENATE INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Minister direct the NSW Department of Education to co-operate with and make a submission to or appear before the proposed Senate inquiry into education of students with a disability?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) How much funding does the department expect to lose as a result of the cessation of federal "More Support for Students with Disabilities" program in each of the years 2015-16 to 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The cessation of the National Partnership Agreement (NP) does not impact the State's ability to fund students with disability in schools. The NP is ceasing as planned on 30 June 2015, and as such has been budgeted for.

\*0512 RESOURCE ALLOCATION MODEL—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

With reference to the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) for schools funding.

- (1) What is the base school allocation provided to each school classification excluding site loadings, for the following school types:
  - (a) Primary Schools;
  - (b) Infants;
  - (c) Central;
  - (d) Secondary;
  - (e) Schools for Specific Purposes?
- (2) Are schools required to receive external diagnosis for students to receive the loading for students who require 'high to moderate level adjustment for disability'?
- (3) Is the RAM formula for New South Wales public schools publically available?

- (a) If yes, why?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Base School Allocation (the Base) is currently in development.
- (2) Confirmation of intellectual disability and mental health disorders may be provided by the Department of Education's School Counselling Service.  
Confirmation of other disabilities requires an external diagnosis.
- (3) Yes.

\*0513 ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT PROGRAMS (EAL/D)—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are full fee-paying international students eligible to access English language teaching support available to migrant and refugee students through the Department's English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) program?
- (2) Has additional funding been allocated to increase the number of EAL/D or ESL teaching positions in order to meet the English language learning needs of migrant and refugee students in schools since 2009?  
(a) What was the increase in each of the budgets years 2010 to 2014?
- (3) What systems are in place to ensure that EAL/D support funding to meet the needs of migrant and refugee children is not being diverted to meet the additional English learning needs of international students?

Answer—

Please refer to LA 0509

\*0516 WARATAH BONDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to the NSW Waratah Bonds and the early termination of the Waratah Bonds scheme:

- (1) What is the total amount raised to date from the Waratah Bonds scheme?
- (2) What was total original predicted revenue from the Scheme?
- (3) How will the early termination of the Waratah Bonds scheme lead to a reduction in infrastructure funding available to Restart NSW?

Answer—

- (1) As at 31 May 2015, the Waratah Bond Programme had raised approximately \$760 million.
- (2) Waratah Bonds are a liability of New South Wales Treasury Corporation (TCorp).

At the time the Waratah Bond programme was launched, the Government was targeting \$300 million to be raised over the first term of the Government.

- (3) The Waratah Bond Programme has not been terminated.

\*0517 AGED CARE FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) Is the requirement for aged care facilities to have a registered nurse on duty at all times still in place?
- (2) Has a decision been made to have this requirement withdrawn?  
(a) If so, when will it become effective?

Answer—

I am advised:

Primary responsibility for aged care policy and service delivery now rests with the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

\*0518 DEPARTING STAFF ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Will departing staff from Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy, Essential Energy and TransGrid who are forced or choose to leave their current position be offered redundancy payments?  
(a) If redundancy payments apply, will departing staff be prevented from accepting any other role or position within the New South Wales Government for a set period of time?  
(i) If so, for how long?

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- (2) Will departing staff be provided with relevant certificates and qualifications that reflect their training, skills and roles as Public Sector employees in the energy sector, thereby positioning them to gain other employment after their departure?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) These are matters for the Treasurer, as Shareholding Minister.

\*0519 OPAL CARD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With regard Bus Services which are Opal Card Buses:

- (1) What options are available for visitors to cities, towns or regions that have Opal Card based bus services when the visitor themselves don't have an Opal Card?
- (2) What options are available to pensioner visitors who do not have an Opal Card and do not have one week available to order a Seniors Opal Card?
- (3) Are there any buses in major cities/towns across NSW which are not yet Opal Card buses?
- (4) If yes, what cities/towns are these buses in and on what routes is the Opal Card not available for use?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Adult and Child/Youth visitors can purchase Opal cards at one of 2,000 Opal retailers. More information can be found at [www.retailers.opal.com.au](http://www.retailers.opal.com.au).
- (3) and (4) No. All government operated transport modes that accept the Opal card have been rolled out.

\*0520 DRIVER TESTERS AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many Heavy Vehicle Driver Testers were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
  - (a) As at 1 January 2013;
  - (b) As at 1 January 2014;
  - (c) As at 1 January 2015?
- (2) How many Disability Driver Testers were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
  - (a) As at 1 January 2013;
  - (b) As at 1 January 2014;
  - (c) As at 1 January 2015?
- (3) How many Aged Testing Driver Testers were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
  - (a) As at 1 January 2013;
  - (b) As at 1 January 2014;
  - (c) As at 1 January 2015?
- (4) How many Driver Testing Coordinator/Compliance staff were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
  - (a) As at 1 January 2013;
  - (b) As at 1 January 2014;
  - (c) As at 1 January 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 1 July 2014 the driver testing function was transferred to Service NSW and the driver testers have progressively been recruited to Service NSW. Questions relating to the function should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Services.

\*0521 AVERAGE TIME AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to Driver Tests conducted by Roads and Maritime Services:

- (1) What was the average wait time for persons hoping to sit for their driving test across all RMS outlets during May 2013?

- (2) What was the average wait time for persons hoping to sit for their driving test across all RMS outlets during May 2014?
- (3) What was the average wait time for persons hoping to sit for their driving test across all RMS outlets during May 2015?
- (4) Is there a limit to the period/time forward in which a booking for a driver test can be made?
- (5) Can bookings for a Driver Test be made only by a person visiting an office of RMS or Service NSW or is there some other means by which a person can make a Driver Test booking?

Answer—

I am advised:

The function of driver testing transferred to Service NSW as of 1 July 2014.

Questions relating to the function should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Services.

\*0522 ROADS AND MARITIME STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to the staff from Roads and Maritime Services that choose not to transfer to Services NSW;

- (1) Will the departing staff be offered redundancy payments?
- (2) Will the departing staff be provided with the relevant Certificates and Qualifications that reflect the training, skills and roles of their time at the RMS, thereby positioning them to gain employment after their departure?
- (3) Will the departure of large numbers of Driver Testers from RMS/Service NSW create a shrinking of positions for this role within RMS/Service NSW or is it the intention to replace each and every departing Driver Tester with a new Driver Tester?
- (4) Will RMS/Service NSW, by reducing the number of Driver Testers employed, create an external industry demand for qualified Driving Instructors and/or Driver Testers and if so, does it not make sense that the departing Driver Testers are provided with the Qualifications to seamlessly fill this need?
- (5) If redundancy payments apply, will the departing staff be prevented from accepting any other role or position within NSW Government for a set period of time and if so, how long?
- (6) Will Customer Service Officers known as "Driver Testers" be provided with a qualification of Driving Instructor?
- (7) Will Driver Testing Coordinators/Compliance Officers be provided with a qualification of Driving Instructor?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes, in accordance with Roads and Maritime Services' procedures.

(2) Yes, relevant qualification and certificates will be provided to departing staff upon application.

(3) and (4) and (6) and (7) As of 1 July 2014, the function of driver testing transferred to Service NSW. Questions relating to the function should be directed to the Minister for

Finance and Services.

(5) Yes, in accordance with NSW Public Sector agency redundancy procedures.

\*0523 ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR WORKERS TAKING REDUNDANCY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Is there any assistance or support offered to workers taking redundancy from Roads and Maritime Services as a result of amalgamation into Service NSW, to have them properly certified and accredited for their skills that they had been trained in, used and applied in their service to Roads and Maritime Services?
- (2) Is there any assistance or support offered to workers taking redundancy from Ausgrid, Endeavour, Essential or Transgrid, as a result of redundancies incurred in the shrinking of the workforce, to have them properly certified and accredited for their skills that they had been trained in, used and applied in their service to NSW of energy production and distribution
- (3) Would the appropriate certification and accreditation assist these people in finding future employment?

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- (4) If the appropriate certification is not going to be provided prior to their departure from the relevant Government sector workplace, will they be offered any concession, reduction or rebate should they choose to pursue a TAFE or TAFE equivalent qualification?

Answer—

- (1) Subsidised training is available under Smart and Skilled up to a Certificate III qualification for eligible workers. If a worker has not completed a Certificate IV or higher-level qualification they are entitled to enrol in a subsidised course up to Certificate III.  
Workers with trade experience can apply to State Training Services for recognition and certification of their trade skills.  
State Training Services will meet with Roads and Maritime Services to identify issues for affected staff.
- (2) State Training Services is assisting some apprentices and trainees at the request of Ausgrid. Affected apprentices and trainees are being assisted through the Continuing Apprentices Placement Service to find new employers so they can complete their training. Some apprentices have been able to complete their training through an accelerated apprenticeship program.
- (3) Appropriate qualifications may assist people to find a job.
- (4) Smart and Skilled provides generous concessions and exemptions for disadvantaged students. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students do not pay a fee for any government subsidised qualifications. Students with a disability and their dependants do not pay a fee for the first subsidised qualification they commence in a calendar year. Fee concessions are available for students who are Commonwealth welfare recipients and their dependants in government subsidised training. Concession fees range from \$80 for a Foundation Skills Course to \$240 for a Certificate III and IV.

\*0524 GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTIES IN THE HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many properties were Government owned in the Hunter Region:
  - (a) As at 31 May 2015;
  - (b) As at 31 May 2011?
- (2) Which Government owned properties in the Hunter Region have been sold in the past four years as at 31 May 2015?
  - (a) What price was achieved for each of these properties sold?
  - (b) Were any of these properties signed over to a new owner under terms other than a traditional sale?
    - (i) If so, which properties?
    - (ii) To whom were these properties signed over?
    - (iii) Under what terms were these properties signed over?
- (3) Were any of the properties no longer under the ownership or control of the Government heritage listed?
  - (a) If so, which properties?
- (4) Were any new properties purchased in the Hunter Region in the past four years as at 31 May 2015?
  - (a) If so, how many?
    - (i) Where are they located?
  - (b) What price was paid to purchase each of these properties?

Answer—

- (1) The Government Property Register (GPR) is managed by Government Property NSW (GPNSW) and currently lists:
  - (a) 21,684 properties.
  - (b) GPNSW took over the management of the GPR in March 2014; the information for 2011 is not available.
- (2) The following properties relate to disposals undertaken by GPNSW only:

Properties	Total Value sold (\$ million)
Newcastle- 117 Bull Street	13.8
2 Hall Street	2.4
58 Bolton Street	2.9
237 Wharf Road	14.9

Islington - 24 Maitland Road	0.6
Bellbird - 18 Cambage Street	0.2

All of the above properties were sold in accordance with Government Policy.

(3) Three properties at Newcastle, 2 Hall Street, 117 Bull Street and 58 Bolton Street.

(4) GPNSW acquired the property "Burwood Wedge" corner of Burwood Street and Hunter Street Newcastle. The purchase price was \$3,740,000 (GST inclusive).

\*0525 FIRE STATIONS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What other fire stations in Maitland will continue to operate during the construction of a new fire station and zone office at Mustang Drive, Rutherford?
- (2) What hours and days of the week will all fire stations in Maitland be staffed with permanent workers?
- (3) What hours and days of the week will fire stations in Maitland be staffed with retained firefighters?
- (4) What are standard hours for day work fire fighters?
- (5) When is the most common time for house fires to start?
- (6) What is the average response time for retained firefighters?
- (7) What is the average response time for permanent firefighters?
- (8) What is the average time it takes for a kitchen to burn down?
- (9) What is the average time it takes for a bedroom to burn down?
- (10) What is the average time it takes for a house to be destroyed in a fire?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me:

- (1) The city of Maitland is serviced by Maitland Fire Station and East Maitland Fire Station.
- (2) to (4) Both stations are staffed by either permanent or retained (on call) firefighters. Firefighters are available to attend fires 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- (5) 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.
- (6) 11.07 minutes from the time the Triple Zero call is received until the first fire truck arrives (data extracted from AIRS electronic system).
- (7) 7.51 minutes from the time the Triple Zero call is received until the first fire truck arrives (data extracted from AIRS electronic system).
- (8) Time can vary depending on kitchen size, materials present, and ignition factors.
- (9) Time can vary depending on room size, materials present, and ignition factors.
- (10) Time can vary depending on weather conditions, house design, house size, construction materials, ventilation and house contents.

Note re parts 5-7: Data relates to the electorate of Maitland.

\*0526 FREE GREEN WASTE BINS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) When will the free green waste bins be provided to Maitland residents for the green waste collection service planned to start in Maitland, Cessnock and Singleton in July 2016?
- (2) When will the free green waste bins be provided to Singleton residents for the green waste collection service planned to start in Maitland, Cessnock and Singleton in July 2016?
- (3) Will free green waste bins be provided to Cessnock residents for the green waste collection service planned to start in Maitland, Cessnock and Singleton in July 2016?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) and (2) The timing of the roll out of green bins for waste collection services, which have been supported by \$2.4 million from the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, is to be set by each Local Council.
- (3) Yes, subject to the timing set by the Local Council.

\*0527 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

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- (1) What funds had already been expended on the new Lower Hunter Hospital as at 28 March 2015 and what have they been expended on?
- (2) What funds were expended between 29 March 2015 and 4 June 2015 and what have they been expended on?
- (3) What funding will be spent in the 2015-16 financial year and what will it be expended on?
- (4) When will construction of the new hospital commence?
- (5) What funds will be spent in the next four years?
- (6) What is the full construction timetable?
- (7) On what date will the hospital be completed?
- (8) On what date will the hospital commence treating patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (8) The 2015-16 State Budget announced \$9.9 million to continue the New Maitland Hospital project.

\*0528 AMBULANCE STATION IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to the Government's \$3.8 million election commitment for a new and/or upgraded ambulance station in Maitland:

- (1) Will a new ambulance station be built in Maitland?
  - (a) If so, where will it be built?
  - (b) When will the construction commence?
  - (c) What will happen to the existing ambulance station?
- (2) What funds have been allocated for the construction or upgrade?
- (3) What will the funds be spent on?
- (4) When will the works be completed?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) to (4) A number of options are being considered for a new and/or upgraded ambulance station in the Maitland area. Planning to determine the best option, preferred location and timing of the project is being progressed.

\*0529 RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL AND BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will works at the Rutherford High School be completed?
- (2) What is the final estimated cost of the works at the Rutherford High School?
- (3) When will works at the Bolwarra Public School be completed?
- (4) What is the final estimated cost of the works at the Bolwarra Public School?

Answer—

- (1) This information is available in the 2015-16 budget papers.
- (2) This information is available in the 2015-16 budget papers.
- (3) Timeframes for delivery of the project at Bolwarra Public School will be determined as part of the planning process.
- (4) Costings for this work are commercial-in-confidence.

\*0530 ROUNDABOUT IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What funds had already been expended on the new Maitland Railway Roundabout?
- (2) When is construction due to be completed?
- (3) Will the new roundabout be able to operate during a flood such as that experienced during the Pasha Bulker storms of 2007?
- (4) Will the new roundabout be able to operate during a flood such as that experienced during the Maitland storms of April 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my previous answer to LA 63.

\*0531 EXTRA LANES ON THE NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When will the construction of two extra lanes on the New England Highway between Racecourse Road and Anambah Road, Rutherford commence?
- (2) When will the works be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction and completion dates are dependent on the planning phase of the project.

\*0532 MAITLAND PCYC—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) When will the upgrading of the facilities at the Maitland Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC) commence?
- (2) What amount has been allocated in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (3) When will the works be completed?
- (4) What impact will the floods have on the upgrade of the Maitland PCYC in terms of extending costs and/or the time frame?
- (5) Will flood damage be repaired as part of the costs?
- (6) What will the additional costs of repairs be?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon Stuart Ayres MP.

\*0533 MAITLAND SHOWGROUND GRANDSTAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

With reference to the \$250,000 Government's election commitment to repair the Maitland Showground:

- (1) When will repairs to the Maitland Showground Grandstand commence?
- (2) What funds have been allocated by the Government for the construction?
- (3) What other funding has been promised?
- (4) When will the works be completed?

Answer—

- (1) The repairs will be undertaken by the Hunter Valley Agricultural and Horticultural Association. The timing will be determined by the Association.
- (2) The Government will provide \$125,000 in 2015-16 and a further \$125,000 in 2016-17.
- (3) The Government has promised no other funding.
- (4) The timing will be determined by the Hunter Valley Agricultural and Horticultural Association.

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0534 PENDLE HILL AND TOONGABBIE RAILWAY STATIONS UPGRADE—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

0535 TOONGABBIE AND PENDLE HILL RAILWAY STATIONS—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

0536 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE IN SMITHFIELD—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0537 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES, CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- 0538 EARLY CHILDHOOD FACILITIES IN THE ELECTORATE OF NEWTOWN—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 0539 TRANSIT OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0540 GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0541 DARLINGTON EUCALYPT GROVE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0542 SOCIAL HOUSING RENTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0543 BREWARRINA SAFE HOUSE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0544 INNER SYDNEY HOUSING RENTAL AFFORDABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0545 CLOSE THE GAP—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0546 SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE COMMITTEE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 0547 SMART HUB TELECOMMUTING CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 0548 JOBS IN THE ELECTORATE OF CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0549 CROSSING SUPERVISOR AT SCHOOL—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0550 YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 0551 PROJECT REMEDIATION PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 0552 REMEDIATION OF LAND IN NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0553 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0554 DETENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0555 ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0556 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 0557 STAFF AT THE NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 0558 BORONIA COSP—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 0559 CONCESSIONS FOR COUNCIL RATES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 0560 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—

- 0561 ON CALL SURGEON AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0562 HOSPITAL CAR PARKING FEES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0563 HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0564 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0565 NSW POLICE FORCE ACADEMY, GOULBURN—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0566 NSW POLICE FORCE ACADEMY STUDENTS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0567 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN FLETCHER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0568 TEMPORARY GAOL FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0569 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR THE WESTERN SUBURBS OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0570 WALLSEND AFTER HOURS MEDICAL SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0571 PATIENTS IN CARE OF AMBULANCE OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0572 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0573 STORMS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 0574 OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0575 PER CAPITA FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0576 TAFE COURSE FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0577 TRACKWORK ON THE NEWCASTLE/CENTRAL COAST TRAIN LINE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0578 IT STOPS HERE SAFER PATHWAY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0579 OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0580 WOMEN'S REFUGE CAPACITY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0581 SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AUTHORITY SALE OF PROPERTIES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 0582 DISABILITY SERVICES IN THE STRATHFIELD ELECTORATE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

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0583 WESTCONNEX COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0584 WESTCONNEX DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0585 CROYDON RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

\*0586 MANAGEMENT OF LAKE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) When will the proposed estuary management committee for the management of Lake Illawarra be finalised?
- (2) What funding has the Government provided for the purposes of managing Lake Illawarra since the abolition of Lake Illawarra Authority?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) Wollongong City Council and Shell harbour City Council have agreed to establish an estuary management committee for Lake Illawarra. The councils have advised that the first full meeting is scheduled for 12 August 2015.
- (2) The Office of Environment and Heritage, under the Estuary Management Program, has provided three grants to Wollongong City Council to the value of \$244,000 for Lake Illawarra since the Lake Illawarra Authority was abolished. This includes \$55,000 in 2013-14 for water quality and estuary health monitoring. In 2014-15, \$79,000 was provided for protecting and improving estuarine habitats of Lake Illawarra and \$110,000 for estuary health monitoring. Both of these projects are ongoing.

A further \$490,000 in grant funding was offered to Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council for projects for which the Lake Illawarra Authority had applied in 2013-14, but the councils decided not to undertake these projects.

0587 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

0588 M1 MOTORWAY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0589 STEEL INDUSTRY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

0590 SHELLHARBOUR ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES REGISTRY—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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0591 WHSMITH—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—

0592 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE FINES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0593 MERRYLANDS MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

0594 NEWLEAF REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- 0595 SPECIALIST WOMEN'S REFUGES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0596 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 0597 HUNTER SPORTS HIGH REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0598 COMMUTER CARPARK IN CABRAMATTA CBD—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0599 SCHOOL FUNDING IN THE ELECTORATE OF CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0600 JOBS IN THE ELECTORATE OF CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0601 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIABILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 0602 ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 0603 FUNDING FOR FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0604 UPGRADES AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0605 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0606 OPEN TRAINING AND EDUCATION NETWORK—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0607 PINCH POINT PROGRAM—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0608 AMENITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0609 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0610 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0611 XPT/COUNTRY LINK BREAKDOWNS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0612 INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM ON TRAINS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0613 INTERCHANGE FROM BUSES ONTO CBD LIGHT RAIL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0614 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST AREA PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0615 10/50 CLEARING RULE IMPACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 0616 SUSTAINABLE UPGRADES TO GOVERNMENT OWNED OFFICE BUILDINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0617 SOW STALL PHASE-OUT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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- 0618 SYDNEY HARBOUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES NETWORK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 0619 NEW ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0620 SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 0621 NATIVE VEGETATION LAWS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 0622 311 BUS RELIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0623 DEMENTIA HEALTH RESPONSE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 0624 AFFINITY INTERCULTURAL FOUNDATIONIFTAR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- 0625 LOCAL DECISION MAKING ACCORD—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 0626 ABORIGINAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 0627 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 0628 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0629 SUPPORTED STUDENTS, SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0630 CAPITAL SPENDING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0631 SECURITY ALARMS AT NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0632 GOOD TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING—Ms Linda Burney to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0633 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE STATISTICS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 0634 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 0635 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL REPLACEMENT—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0636 NEW INTERCITY TRAINS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0637 HARBOUR CITY FLEET—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0638 BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0639 CEMETERY ON SCENIC HILLS IN CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0640 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK EXTENSION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 0641 PEL2 LICENCE—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 0642 ROAD LINES ON HAWKESBURY ROAD—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0643 PARRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0644 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0645 GRANVILLE TAFE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0646 COMMUTER CARPARK AT MERRYLANDS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0647 SAFER PATHWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0648 COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0649 BOATING NOW PROGRAM—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0650 EVALUATION OF GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0651 COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General—
- 0652 SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0653 SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0654 ASHFIELD COMMUTER CARPARK—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0655 SYDNEY METRO LINE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0656 M4 EAST TUNNEL PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0657 CHILDCARE PLACES AT WETHERILL PARK TAFE—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0658 CHILDCARE STAFF REALLOCATION—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0659 CHILDCARE CENTRE AT WETHERILL PARK TAFE—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0660 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0661 BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0662 MAITLAND SHOWGROUND GRAND STAND REPAIRS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

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- 0663 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT RUTHERFORD—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0664 VICTORIA STREET TRAIN STATION ACCESS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0665 MAITLAND RAILWAY ROUNDABOUT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0666 MAITLAND PCYC—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0667 GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP FUNDING CUTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0668 RUTHERFORD AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 0669 CESSNOCK AND MAITLAND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0670 NEW SOUTH WALES DENTAL SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0671 STAFFING AT TAFE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0672 STUDENT ENROLMENTS DATA—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0673 APPRENTICES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0674 BATHURST MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 0675 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS COMMITTEE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0676 PREVIOUSLY FORECAST BUDGET DEFICITS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0677 NO SMOKING SIGNAGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0678 VULNERABLE CLIENTS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0679 SPEEDING FINES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0680 REST AREAS ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0681 BOSTON CONSULTANCY GROUP—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0682 INNER WEST TRAIN LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0683 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0684 WOY WOY ROADS—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0685 CANCER CARE CO-ORDINATORS—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Health—

- 0686 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AT MOUNT PENANG PARKLANDS—Ms Kathy Smith to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0687 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 0688 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE TRANSFER—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 0689 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE TRANSFER—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 0690 CAR PARKING SPACE AT CAMPBELLTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0691 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0692 SAFETY ALONG APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0693 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY NEAR KULGOA STREET—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0694 STAGE 2 EXPANSION OF CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0695 RECYCLING CENTRE AT JUNCTION ROAD IN LEUMEAH—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 0696 FENCING AT ROSEMEADOW PLAYING FIELDS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 0697 STABLING OF DIESEL TRAINS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0698 NEWCASTLE SHUTTLE BUSES (ROUTE 110)—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0699 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0700 PRELIMINARY COSTS FOR NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0701 CAP ON CONTAINER MOVEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0702 STOCKTON SERVICE STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- \*0703 PRE-ELECTION FUNDING COMMITMENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

When will the 2015 election commitment funding for the following be allocated:

- (1) Mine subsidence funding;
- (2) Hunter Surf Life Saving Club funding; and
- (3) Newcastle walkways and walking paths funding?

Answer—

The Government is committed to delivery on its election commitments. Details on election commitments were provided in Budget Paper 1 and the election commitments document released with the Budget on 23 June.

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- 0704 HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0705 REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT OF SCHOOLS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0706 TRANSLATION SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0707 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0708 DRUG DETECTION DOGS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0709 PRESCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- 0710 SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION PTY LIMITED (SMC)—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0711 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 0712 WESTCONNEX CONTRACTORS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 0713 FUNDING FOR REDFERN LEGAL CENTRE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General—
- 0714 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0715 FUNDING FOR SUPPORTED ACCOMODATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0716 DEPARTURE OF NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0717 HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0718 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 0719 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS AT PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0720 COMMUTER CARPARKS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0721 EASY ACCESS UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0722 TAFE NSW, WETHERHILL PARK CAMPUS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0723 REPLACEMENT BUSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 0724 STAFF AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0725 ENROLMENTS AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0726 FUNDING FOR BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

- 0727 STATUTORY CHILD PROTECTION BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0728 STAFF AT OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0729 SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0730 STAFF AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0731 OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN OPERATING EXPENSES BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0732 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health—
- 0733 RELOCATING PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 0734 YEAR SIX STUDENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Education—
- 0735 FUNDING FOR KOALA HABITAT—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 0736 KINSHIP CARE WORKERS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0737 RAYMOND TERRACE MENS SHED—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 0738 FUNDING FOR SEWERAGE PROBLEMS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 0739 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 0740 DREDGING OF THE MYALL RIVER—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—