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\*0534 PENDLE HILL AND TOONGABBIE RAILWAY STATIONS UPGRADE—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How much money has been designated for the upgrade of four new lifts, a new station concourse and footbridge, new stairs and platform canopies and a family accessible toilet at Pendle Hill and Toongabbie Railway Stations?

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. This includes funding for easy access upgrades at Pendle Hill and Toongabbie stations.

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

\*0535 TOONGABBIE AND PENDLE HILL RAILWAY STATIONS—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why were Toongabbie and Pendle Hill Railway Stations not provided with an easy access upgrade during the Government's previous term?

Answer—

I am advised:

After 16 years of under investment by Labor, the current Government is working hard to increase accessibility across the rail network as quickly as possible.

As you may be aware, 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 area 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.

Easy access upgrades at Pendle Hill and Toongabbie Stations will be completed during this term of government by the Liberal-Nationals Government.

\*0536 POLDING STREET ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE IN SMITHFIELD—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the Government provide funding for the third stage of the Polding Street roundabout upgrade in Smithfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

Stage 2 works are complete and were funded by the Government as part of the Congestion and Safety Program.

Polding Street is a local road and the responsibility of Fairfield City Council. The Council is responsible for proposing alternative funding sources for Stages 3 and 4.

\*0537 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES, CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Is the Government planning to close Roads and Maritime Services offices at Campbelltown and Ingleburn in favour of a Service NSW centre at Gregory Hills?

(a) If so, what steps will the Minister take to ensure that Campbelltown will not lose any services and that services provided by Roads and Maritime Services will be available and based in the Campbelltown local government area?

(2) Will the Minister acknowledge the importance of accessible and essential services for the City of

Campbelltown as a regional city?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*0538 EARLY CHILDHOOD FACILITIES IN THE ELECTORATE OF NEWTOWN—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the Government's long term plan and strategy to meet the growing need and demand for an increase in the number of early childhood facilities in the electorate of Newtown?

Answer—

There is a co-responsibility for early childhood education and care.

The Government provides funding subsidies primarily to community based preschools to support access to early childhood education in the year before school.

The Preschool Funding Model (PFM), which came into effect in January 2014, makes available \$150 million to the community preschool sector, a 20 percent increase on previous funding levels. Every Community Preschool in the Newtown electorate received an increase in funding under the PFM.

The Government has announced a plan to support public schools in partnering with early childhood providers to co-locate facilities. The Government will establish a Preschool Innovation Centre in the Inner West of Sydney. The Preschool Innovation Centre will enable a government school to enter into a partnership with a suitable early childhood education and care service provider.

\*0539 TRANSIT OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the cost of employing transit officers and police to check tickets on public transport in the electorate of Newtown?
- (2) How are decisions made about which stations and stops are targeted and when?
- (3) What are the measures of effectiveness of this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Police Transport Command was established by the Liberals and Nationals Government in 2012, and uses intelligence driven rostering and strategies to target known offenders and crime hot spots by deploying police to places where crime may be expected to occur.

The Command is committed to providing a safe and secure New South Wales public transport system for the commuting public. It reduces public transport related crime by providing a dedicated, proactive and targeted police presence throughout the state.

NSW Police Force officers are not deployed according to political electorate boundaries.

\*0540 GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What effect has the rollout of Going Home Staying Home had on specialist women's services in the Newtown electorate?
- (2) Which specialist women's services does the Government currently provide funding to in the electorate of Newtown?
- (3) How much funding does the Government provide to these services?
- (4) When is this funding slated to end?
- (5) What measures has the Government put in place to ensure that specialist women's services in the Newtown electorate were no worse off financially as a result of the Going Home Staying Home program?

Answer—

Details of the reform of specialist homelessness services, including specialist services for women, are available on the FACS website at: [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/ghsh](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/ghsh).

\*0541 DARLINGTON EUCALYPT GROVE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

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- (1) How is the Government ensuring that planned construction work at Sydney University retains and protects the front row of mature eucalypt trees on Shepherd Street, being a condition of the Minister's consent to the Campus Improvement Program?
- (2) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that Sydney University effectively consults with the local community before removing this valued grove of eucalyptus trees?
- (3) Is the Government satisfied that Sydney University has sufficiently explored alternate sites for new building works, which would mean that the entire grove of mature eucalypt trees could remain untouched?

Answer—

I am advised:

The campus car park, adjacent to Shepherd Street, is a key site in the University of Sydney's Campus Improvement Program (CIP) for the Engineering Precinct.

The location enables the retention of other existing significant buildings within the Precinct and reduced the need for vertical expansion.

A concept proposal endorsing the CIP, including in the campus car park area, was approved by my predecessor on 16 February 2015. Following community feedback, a requirement was included in the approval that the front row of eucalypt trees in the Shepherd Street setback of the proposed Chemical Engineering building must be retained.

Separate development applications will still be needed for the individual buildings proposed. Under the CIP, Sydney University must consult with the local community prior to submitting these applications. I encourage the community to participate in this consultation process.

\*0542 SOCIAL HOUSING RENTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

What is the Government doing to protect residents of Sydney's inner city and inner west from soaring rent prices, which have almost doubled in the past decade?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to boosting the supply of affordable housing across Sydney.

A range of mechanisms are being examined and we are working closely with the community housing sector and the development industry.

Earlier this year the Government signed an agreement with key social and infrastructure bodies to pave the way for a dedicated social and affordable housing fund that aims to hit the \$1 billion mark.

\*0543 BREWARRINA SAFE HOUSE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What organisation currently runs the Brewarrina Safe House for domestic violence victims?
- (2) How are victims of domestic violence expected to contact the service?
- (3) Is the Brewarrina Safe House contactable:
  - (a) On weekends;
  - (b) After hours?
- (4) Was the Brewarrina Safe House contactable on the weekend of 25 April 2015?
  - (a) If so, how?
- (5) Does the Government audit private providers of these services to ensure that they are available when needed?
  - (a) If so, how?

Answer—

The Brewarrina Safe House is operated by Mission Australia and can be contacted through the Link2home statewide homelessness information and referral service, which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service also operates a landline between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday and an after hours mobile on weekdays and weekends.

Funded service providers are subject to an annual accountability process. The Department of Family and Community Services also engages with service providers throughout the year to monitor their service delivery compliance with program guidelines and contractual obligations.

\*0544 INNER SYDNEY HOUSING RENTAL AFFORDABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What representations has the Government made to the Commonwealth Government for action on housing affordability and funding of data collection and analysis?
- (2) What commitments has the Government made under the National Affordable Housing Agreement?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Through the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA), the Government and the Australian Government jointly fund the Australasian Housing and Urban Research Institute which provides research and analysis on housing and homelessness. Through the National Partnership Agreements on social housing, homelessness and remote Indigenous housing, which support the NAHA, the NSW Government has increased the supply of social and affordable dwellings. We have also funded a number of initiatives to increase accommodation options and support for homeless people or people at risk of homelessness.

\*0545 CLOSE THE GAP—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—

With reference to data on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health included in the 2014 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report that identified that there had been little progress in reducing early death, preventable disease and injury:

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of this data?
- (2) What programs have been developed to address this issue?
- (3) What new or expanded programs have been implemented to prevent:
  - (a) Circulatory diseases;
  - (b) Cancer;
  - (c) Injury;
  - (d) Smoking;
  - (e) Diabetes;
  - (f) Suicide?
- (4) What advocacy has the Government carried out to ensure the Commonwealth Government acts on these concerns?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to reduce early death, illness and preventable disease for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health delivers a wide range of programs to prevent premature mortality among Aboriginal people and assist in closing the gap in health outcomes. Information about these programs can be found at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>

The Government remains committed to closing the gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal people and will continue to support health system reform through the NSW Aboriginal Health Plan to deliver culturally respectful and responsive services which better meet the needs of Aboriginal people.

\*0546 SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE COMMITTEE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Which Government agencies and Councils are members of the inter-agency committee for Sydney Harbour's Foreshore which was established in August 2014?
- (2) What reports have been developed by this committee to date and what further reports will be produced?
- (3) What recommendations have been made to the Government and what decisions have been made?
- (4) What community consultation has been carried out and what consultation is planned?
- (5) How has the committee incorporated previous commitments to open green space at 1 Bank Street, Pyrmont?
- (6) What assessment has this committee made of the long term community support for open green space at 1 Bank Street, Pyrmont?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to proceed with open green space at 1 Bank Street, Pyrmont?

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- (1) The interagency committee comprises representatives from Government agencies with an interest, including Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Planning, and Department of Finance, Services and Innovation. There are no Councils represented on the committee.
  - (2) The Board of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA), supported by the interagency committee, is responsible for developing a strategic vision for the Sydney Harbour foreshore and reviewing the functions of SHFA.
  - (3) Work to finalise the strategic vision and functions review is still underway and a decision is yet to be made.
  - (4) Stakeholder consultation has been undertaken as part of the strategic vision and function review. Feedback obtained will be taken into consideration.
  - (5) and (6) The Government remains committed to ensuring the citizens of New South Wales continue to have access to open spaces on our beautiful harbour foreshore.
  - (7) The potential future use of 1 Bank Street, Pyrmont is being considered by UrbanGrowth NSW as part of The Bays Precinct.
- \*0547 SMART HUB TELECOMMUTING CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- Will the Government establish a Smart Hub Telecommuting Centre in the Illawarra due to the large number of residents commuting each and every day?
- b) If so, when?
  - b) If not, why not?
- Answer—
- The Department of Industry will evaluate outcomes of Smart Work Hubs that received funding under the NSW Smart Work Hub Pilot Program, including the level of demand, the success of different operating models and their economic impacts.
- Based on the outcomes of this evaluation process the Government will consider the need for further program funding.
- \*0548 JOBS IN THE ELECTORATE OF CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- How many jobs will be created in the electorate of Cabramatta under the Government's pre-election promise to create 150,000 jobs across New South Wales?
- Answer—
- (1) I am advised: According to ABS figures, over its first term the Government created almost 9,700 jobs in the South West Sydney region, within which Cabramatta falls. This is more than four times the number of jobs created in this region in the last four years of the Labor Government.
- \*0549 CROSSING SUPERVISOR AT SCHOOL—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—
- What criteria schools such as St Therese Catholic Primary School with over 640 students and located on a busy road must meet to qualify for a crossing supervisor?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- This information is available on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.
- \*0550 YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch 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 much funding was or is being provided to MTC Australia to deliver the Youth Frontiers Program in the following periods:
    - (a) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;
    - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;
    - (c) 1 July 2014 to date?
  - (2) How much of those funds in these periods have been allocated to the Liverpool electorate?
  - (3) What activities have MTC Australia carried out in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Grants and subsidies payments including funding to non-government organisations are available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report which is available on its website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

(3) MTC is delivering the Youth Frontiers program to 16 young people across three schools in the Liverpool electorate.

\*0551 PROJECT REMEDIATION PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Where are the details of the Project Remediation Plan for properties at Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill available?

(a) When will they be available?

Answer—

(1) These are contained in the Government Property NSW's Submissions Report provided to the Department of Planning and Environment.

(a) This is a matter for the Department of Planning and Environment.

\*0552 REMEDIATION OF LAND IN NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning—

When will the application lodged by Property NSW for the remediation of land in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill be determined?

Answer—

Please refer to my previous answer to Question on Notice 0016.

\*0553 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

(1) What is the proposal to develop part of the Liverpool Hospital site in a manner that may exceed existing planning controls applying to the site (as referred to in a Liverpool Council agenda report on 17 June 2015)?

(2) What is the estimated cost of the proposal?

(3) When will construction commence?

Answer—

I am advised that:

South Western Sydney Local Health has advised that the District has commenced a process of facility planning to prepare a proposal for the development of the existing Cancer Centre at Liverpool Hospital.

\*0554 DETENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many young people have been wrongly detained since 1 May 2011 as a result of incorrect information including as to bail being recorded on the Police computer system?

(2) How much has the defence by the Police of claims resulting from (1) above cost?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me it is not able to retrieve this information from their system.

\*0555 ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Why was the prosecution of Rod Blackman transferred from the Local Court at Dubbo to Central Local Court?

(2) Who made that decision?

Answer—

I note this question has also been addressed to the Attorney General and I refer the Member to the Attorney's response to Written Question no. 0602.

\*0556 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the statutory review of the Surveillance Devices Act be complete?

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Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the statutory review of the Surveillance Devices Act by the Department of Justice is ongoing and that final consultation with relevant agencies is underway.

\*0557 STAFF AT THE NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Do you propose to fill the vacancy in the Office of the Chair of the NSW Law Reform Commission?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Do you propose to fill the vacancy in the position of a full-time Commissioner of the NSW Law Reform Commission?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If no, why not?
- (3) When will a new reference be referred to the NSW Law Reform Commission?
- (4) How many staff are employed by the NSW Law Reform Commission?
- (5) How many staff have left the employment of the NSW Law Reform Commission since 1 January 2014?
- (6) How many staff of the NSW Law Reform Commission have been transferred since 1 January 2014 to the employment of what is now the Department of Justice?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that a Chairperson of the NSW Law Reform Commission is currently being recruited.

I am advised that for some time the NSW Law Reform Commission has not directly employed staff and that staff are employed by the Department of Justice.

\*0558 BORONIA COSP—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Is the building known as Boronia COSP located at Lot 2 Old Bathurst Rd, Emu Plains?
- (2) Are any Corrective Services staff living in the property known as Boronia COSP?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Are they living there rent free?
    - (ii) How many staff and for how long and at what rent are they paying?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. The former Boronia COSP is located at Lot 3-6 Old Bathurst Road, Emu Plains.
- (2) No.

\*0559 CONCESSIONS FOR COUNCIL RATES—Mr Edmond Atalla 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—

Why are self-funded retirees not eligible to receive the \$250 Government concession applicable to council rates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The eligibility for pensioner concessions is the responsibility of the Federal Minister for Social Services, the Hon Scott Morrison MP.

\*0560 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

What is the Government's five year plan for Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2015-2016 NSW Budget included \$27.6 million to continue work on the Stage 1 expansion of Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals, at an estimated total cost of \$259.2 million.

The Budget also included \$400,000 to progress the planning of the Stage 2 Redevelopment of Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals, and \$30 million to commence the Stage 2 works across the two sites. For

Mount Druitt Hospital, the Stage 2 Redevelopment will include facilities for renal dialysis, surgery, drug health and imaging. This is in addition to the extensive works recently completed which included expanded capacity for urgent care, oral health, rehabilitation and sterilising, as well as upgrades including car parking.

\*0561 ON CALL SURGEON AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Why is an On Call Surgeon not currently available at Mount Druitt Hospital considering the growing population and the growing emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised:

Western Sydney Local Health District has advised that the delineated the surgery model for Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals, with Mound Druitt Hospital providing elective surgery and Blacktown Hospital providing elective and emergency surgery aligns with the Clinical Services Plan 2010.

\*0562 HOSPITAL CAR PARKING FEES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Do the concessional fees listed in schedule 2 of the 'Hospital Car Parking Fees Policy' dated 20 September 2013 apply to Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Western Sydney Local Health District has advised that new parking fees were introduced at Blacktown Hospital in line with the Ministry of Health Policy Directive PD2013\_031 (Hospital Car Parking Fees Policy: Campuses which are subject to car parking development) [http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd2013/pdf/PD2013\\_031.pdf](http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd2013/pdf/PD2013_031.pdf).

\*0563 HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Is the High Dependency Unit at Mount Druitt Hospital fully functional and adequately resourced?

Answer—

I am advised:

In every facility and service across New South Wales, nursing and hospital management make an assessment based on a range of factors including patient safety, clinical needs, professional judgment, previous experience and safe systems of work when deciding staffing requirements to provide appropriate patient care.

\*0564 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many patients attended the emergency department at Mount Druitt Hospital between 1 January 2015 and 31 March 2015?

(2) What was the average wait time for these patients before being examined by a doctor?

(3) How many of these patients waited longer than four hours to be examined by a doctor?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) and (3) Data relating to the emergency department performance of New South Wales hospitals is regularly published by the Bureau of Health Information.

\*0565 NSW POLICE FORCE ACADEMY, GOULBURN—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

When will NSW Police Force candidates who have successfully completed their theoretical studies in 2014 be offered a placement at the NSW Police Force Academy in Goulburn?

Answer—

As previously advised, there is no standard timeframe for a person to complete the recruitment process.

\*0566 NSW POLICE FORCE ACADEMY STUDENTS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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How many students who have completed their NSW Police Force theoretical studies are awaiting entry to the NSW Police Force Academy in Goulburn as at 30 March 2015?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his related Written Question No. 0565.

\*0567 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN FLETCHER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is being done to improve public transport in areas like Fletcher, in the Wallsend electorate, to cater for the housing growth in this area?

Answer—

I am advised:

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 working to implement a number of transport planning actions from the Plan to provide better transport services, ensure effective regulation and improve transport infrastructure for customers travelling to and from the region, within the region and in major centres and towns.

\*0568 TEMPORARY GAOL FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Are there any incidents where people are being kept in temporary gaol facilities with no natural light and limited shower access in the Hunter?

(a) If so, where?

(b) If so, how many?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister responsible for Corrections.

\*0569 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 demand for public transport in the western suburbs of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my answer to LA 377.

\*0570 WALLSEND AFTER HOURS MEDICAL SERVICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How will the Government ensure that the closure of Wallsend After Hours Medical Service will not force less-urgent patients to present at hospital emergency departments?

(2) What steps the Government will take to ensure that there will not be increased waiting times and costs for patients at Wallsend Aged Care Facility who will no longer have access to an on-site x-ray service?

(3) If these conditions cannot be met, will the Government reconsider its decision to withdraw funding from the Wallsend After Hours Medical Service given the impact its closure will have on the community?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) Mr Michael DiRienzo, Chief Executive, Hunter New England Local Health District, has advised that the WAHMS is a privately-run service and the District has withdrawn its nursing and administrative support effective 1 July 2015. The responsibility for after-hours general practitioner (GP) services falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government and the availability of these services for the community has increased significantly since the early 1990s when the Medical Service was originally established.

I understand that the community can access a range of after-hours GP services for urgent complaints, including the GP Access After-Hours Service, which continues to provide a telephone support and advice line with nurse-led triage for after-hours GP appointments. Local after-hours GP clinics are available, including those co-located at John Hunter Hospital, Calvary Mater Newcastle, Belmont Hospital, Westlakes Community Health Centre and Maitland Hospital. A growing number of local GP practices also provide after-hours care, including services in people's homes.

\*0571 PATIENTS IN CARE OF AMBULANCE OFFICERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients presenting to John Hunter Hospital accident and emergency waited for more than 30 minutes in the care of ambulance officers each month during 2015?
- (2) What is the Government doing to ensure patients are transferred into the care of hospital staff and not left in the care of ambulance officers for extended periods of time?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Information on the transfer of care at a hospital level is publicly accessible from the Bureau of Health Information.

John Hunter Hospital has on average, achieved the ambulance off-load target of more than 90 percent of patients transferred from paramedic care to the Emergency Department within 30 minutes between January to June 2015.

\*0572 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM—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—

- (1) Why did the Government not implement seven recommendations made by the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team as highlighted in their most recent report?
- (2) In light of the statistics revealed in the 2015 NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team report, will the Government now address these recommendations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently reviewing the report.

\*0573 STORMS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What will the Government do to assist the 130,000 Hunter customers and 70,000 more customers across the state who were charged by Ausgrid despite being without power for up to a week after the April super storm?
- (2) Will the Government call for a refund for effected customers in light of the financial hardship and distress many face in the aftermath of this disaster?
  - (a) If not, why?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

\*0574 OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the number of refugee children in statutory out-of-home care in New South Wales?
  - (a) What measures are taken to assist refugee children in out-of-home care to maintain their culture and/or religion?
- (2) What is the number of Aboriginal children in statutory out-of-home care in New South Wales?
  - (a) How many Aboriginal children in out-of-home care have been placed with non-Indigenous carers?
  - (b) What measures are taken to assist Aboriginal children in out-of-home care to maintain their culture?

Answer—

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(1) (2) and (2) (a) Information on refugee children and young people in out-of-home care is reported in the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) Annual Statistical Report, which is available at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

(1) (a) Section 9(2)(d) of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 provides that children in out-of-home care are to be assisted and supported as far as possible to maintain their identity, language, cultural and religious connections.

(2) (b) The Aboriginal Placement Principles recognise the importance of Aboriginal children being raised in their own culture and maintaining connections. To ensure that Aboriginal children are able to maintain strong links with their culture and family, FACS makes every effort to place them in culturally appropriate placements.

\*0575 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—

(1) Will the Government increase the per capita funding to public libraries?

(2) Will the Government double the per capita funding?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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

As part of the Fit for the Future process local government has been asked to examine operations and consider options on how to deliver facilities and services, such as libraries, in line with community expectations. Any changes to the public library funding model will be considered in the context of the reformed Local Government arrangements.

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.

\*0576 TAFE COURSE FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) What is the average yearly cost of fees for a full time TAFE course?

(2) What is the lowest yearly fee for a full time TAFE course?

(3) What is the highest yearly fee for a full time TAFE course?

(4) Will the Government consider reducing TAFE fees to ensure affordable access for all to education and training?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Under Smart and Skilled, course fees are set for the whole qualification. Yearly fees do not exist.

(4) The price and student fee arrangements for Smart and Skilled are based on the methodology recommended by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and expert advice of the independent NSW Skills Board. The Government adopted a lower average student fee contribution than what was recommended by IPART.

All approved training organisations delivering government subsidised training, including TAFE NSW Institutes are required to charge the same fees. Training affordability is being supported by fee-free scholarships for 200,000 concession eligible 15-30 year olds and generous concessions and exemptions available under Smart and Skilled.

\*0577 TRACKWORK ON THE NEWCASTLE/CENTRAL COAST TRAIN LINE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to trackwork on the Newcastle/Central Coast Rail Line on the June long weekend (6-8 June 2015):

(1) Was Destination NSW consulted about the timing of these trackworks?

(2) Are significant tourism events (for example, the Vivid Festival) a consideration in determining the timing of trackwork?

(3) Which groups are consulted about the timing of trackwork?

(4) Who makes the final decision about the timing of trackwork?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains and Destination NSW are members of the NSW Events Group led by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Sydney Trains provides NSW Events regular updates on planned future trackwork across the rail network.

Special events are held in Sydney every week and Sydney Trains works closely with stakeholders including event organisers and hosting venues to provide the best possible public transport arrangements for customers. There are occasions when special events coincide with trackwork and it is not always possible to postpone trackwork.

Where trackwork is scheduled, alternative transport such as buses are provided and awareness campaigns are conducted in the lead up to the event to ensure customers are prepared for changes to their journeys.

\*0578 IT STOPS HERE SAFER PATHWAY—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—

- (1) What would be the full cost of immediately expanding the 'It Stops Here Safer Pathway' service delivery model to all regions in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the current time frame for all regions to operate under this model?

Answer—

I am advised:

Safer Pathway commenced in September 2014 in Orange and Waverly. On 1 July 2015, the program expanded into four additional sites at Tweed Heads, Parramatta, Broken Hill and Bankstown.

\*0579 OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

With regard to Hamilton South Public School, The Junction Public School and Newcastle East Public School:

- (1) Have these schools been instructed to not accept out of zone enrolments?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) On what basis was this directive given?
  - (b) What options exist for parents wishing to enrol their children in out of zone schools in this area of Newcastle?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Schools are required to implement the Department's enrolment policies.

\*0580 WOMEN'S REFUGE CAPACITY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many women were turned away from women's refuges in New South Wales due to a refuge being at capacity during each of the years 2011-2014?
- (2) How many women were turned away from women's refuges in New South Wales due to a refuge being at capacity during the first quarter of 2015?
- (3) Does the Government track the safety and wellbeing of women who have been turned away from a women's refuge?
  - (a) If so, how?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reports on the clients of specialist homelessness services (SHS). The daily average number of unassisted requests by women for short-term or emergency accommodation in New South Wales has fallen from 40.7 in 2011-12 to 33.0 in 2013-14.

(3) All SHS, including women's refuges, are required to operate under a 'No Wrong Door' approach. When a person first makes contact with an SHS provider they will be provided with an initial assessment, information, and/or referral, if required, to enable them to get the service that best meets their needs at the time. If a service is not able to assist a woman, they are required to find another service that can help. The Government provides temporary accommodation to eligible clients if there is no capacity in refuges or other suitable crisis accommodation.

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\*0581 SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AUTHORITY SALE OF PROPERTIES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will you launch an investigation into the sale of 12 properties in Welfare Street and Flemington Road by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority given the protected tenants of those properties have been threatened with eviction?
- (2) Given the lack of affordable housing in New South Wales, why did the Government agree to the sale of these homes?

Answer—

- (1) The properties were sold under a public tender process managed by Government Property NSW in accordance with long-standing Government policy. Full and appropriate disclosure of matters relevant to this property was made in the tender documents.
- (2) Government Property NSW routinely offers surplus property to various government agencies, including Housing NSW, prior to disposal. No expression of interest was received by these agencies.

\*0582 DISABILITY SERVICES IN THE STRATHFIELD ELECTORATE—Ms Jodi McKay 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 organisations receive funding from the Government to provide disability services in the Strathfield electorate?
- (2) How much funding does each of these organisations receive and what services do they provide?
- (3) What disability services are provided by the Government in the Strathfield electorate?
- (4) What is the level of funding to be provided to the Strathfield electorate for disability services in 2015-16?
- (5) What level of funding was provided by the Government to the Strathfield electorate for disability services in 2014-15?

Answer—

Details of funding 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).

\*0583 WESTCONNEX COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—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 Minister provide a community consultation period of at least 60 days for the draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) for the WestConnex M4 East?
- (2) What will the community consultation on the draft EIS involve?
- (3) How many information events are planned?
- (4) How many community meetings are planned?
- (5) What information will residents receive?
- (6) How will the Minister contact residents to advise them of the consultation period?
- (7) How will information to residents be distributed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The environmental impact statement (EIS) for the M4 East is currently being prepared and will go on display for community feedback for the statutory period, as determined by the Department of Planning and Environment. Details are available at [www.westconnex.com.au](http://www.westconnex.com.au).

As is standard practice for all stages of WestConnex, a comprehensive community consultation program will be carried out as part of the exhibition of the EIS. This is in addition to the ongoing community and industry consultation WestConnex Delivery Authority has been conducting for WestConnex since September 2013.

\*0584 WESTCONNEX DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY—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) How has the WestConnex Development Authority responded to the Auditor General's recommendation that it should, by June 2015, either:
  - (a) More clearly separate roles and responsibilities for delivery, commissioning and assurance: or
  - (b) Develop and document robust processes and procedures to manage the conflicts that arise from

a lack of such separation?

Answer—

I am advised:

After achieving key milestones on Stage 1, and the acceleration of Stage 2, the Government has taken the opportunity to refine the early governance model created to deliver WestConnex. Details can be found on the WestConnex Delivery Authority website.

Project delivery functions have been transferred from the WestConnex Delivery Authority to the Sydney Motorway Corporation and forms a single decision-making entity. This change is a natural progression as the project moves from the planning to the delivery phase.

\*0585 CROYDON RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will the detailed plans for the upgrade of Croydon Railway Station announced in August 2014 be released for community consultation?

Answer—

I am advised:

This year.

\*0587 SHELLHARBOUR JUNCTION STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) On what date will the construction of new toilet facilities at the Shellharbour Junction Station start?
- (2) On what date will the work finish?
- (3) What is the total cost of constructing the new permanent toilet facilities?
- (4) What are the reasons for not including the new toilet facilities in the original construction of the Shellharbour Junction Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work on a permanent Family Accessible Toilet is scheduled to commence in October 2015 and finish early next year.

\*0588 M1 MOTORWAY—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) Has the Government received the report from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) in regard to the study into the investigation of whether on and off ramps and interchanges are required on the M1 Motorway in the Dapto area?
  - (a) If so what are the results of the RMS study?
  - (b) Will the study be publicly released?
    - (i) If so, on what date?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has carried out initial survey work and is now undertaking a Preliminary Environmental Investigation for the project, which, when completed will be available on the Roads and Maritime Services' website.

Further investigations are planned to progress project planning, including additional traffic modeling and preliminary design work.

\*0589 STEEL INDUSTRY—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Premier or any other Minister in the Government met with BlueScope Steel representatives to discuss the state of the steel industry, and in particular, the on-going operation of the Port Kembla steel works?
  - (a) If so, what was the date of the meeting and who were the participants?
  - (b) What matters were discussed?
  - (c) Did BlueScope Steel make any specific requests of the Government?

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(i) If so, what are those requests?

Answer—

Under Premier's Memorandum 2014-07, Ministers are required to publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals. The summary discloses the organisation or individual with whom the meeting occurred, details of any registered lobbyists present, and the purpose of the meeting. Meeting summaries are published quarterly at [www.dpc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au).

\*0590 SHELLHARBOUR ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES REGISTRY—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the future of the Shellharbour Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Registry?
- (2) Will this RMS Registry remain open?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How many staff are currently employed at this RMS Registry?
- (4) Does the Government have plans to close the Shellharbour RMS Registry and replace it with a new Service NSW office?
  - (a) If so, where will the new Service NSW office be located and when will it open?

Answer—

Between July 2013 and June 2015, Service NSW has served more than 17 million customers via its digital, phone and network of one-stop shops with high customer satisfaction rates.

Service NSW is planning the roll out of further points of presence including Warrawong and Corrimal in the Illawarra. Service NSW will continue to keep staff, customers and the wider community informed of its plans to expand service reach whilst delivering value for money for taxpayers.

At 31 May 2015, there were 8.42 Full Time Equivalent staff employed at Shellharbour Motor Registry.

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\*0591 WHSMITH—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What products and services are supplied by British based firm WHSmith to Mount Druitt Hospital?
  - (a) On what date did this contract commence?
  - (b) What is the term of the contract?

Answer—

I am advised:

Western Sydney Local Health District has advised that the decision was made in November 2014 to move to an electronic payment arrangement with suppliers to the Mount Druitt Hospital Kiosk in order to improve and streamline financial processes.

The supplier of newspapers and periodicals to the kiosk at Mount Druitt Hospital is WH Smith Australia Pty Ltd, which is based in Sydney. WH Smith Australia is an Australian Proprietary Company limited by shares.

\*0592 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE FINES—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—

How many fines were issued to residents of the Granville electorate for driving unregistered vehicles in each of the calendar years from 2012 to 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*0593 MERRYLANDS MOTOR REGISTRY—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 Merrylands Motor Registry continue to operate solely as a motor registry and continue to perform driving tests until 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*0594 NEWLEAF REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Will the 12 stages of redevelopment be affected by the delayed commencement of Stage 4 of the Newleaf development?

(a) If so, how?

(b) Will the redevelopment be completed by 2021 as scheduled?

Answer—

The Government is committed to delivering the Bonnyrigg development with Stage 4 expected to commence this year.

\*0595 SPECIALIST WOMEN'S REFUGES—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—

(1) What was the forecast budget for the operation of specialist women's refuges in 2014-15?

(2) What was the revised budget for the operation of specialist women's refuges in 2014-15?

(3) What was the forecast budget for the operation of specialist women's refuges in 2013-14?

(4) What was the revised budget for the operation of specialist women's refuges in 2013-14?

Answer—

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

\*0596 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

(1) In what year was the result indicator 'the proportion of children who are enrolled in an early childhood education program in the year before school' removed from the New South Wales education budget?

(2) On what grounds was this removal made?

(3) Who was consulted about this removal?

(4) Where are figures on the proportion of children who are enrolled in an early childhood education program in the year before school publicly available?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The result indicator 'the proportion of children who are enrolled in an early childhood education program in the year before school' was published in the 2011-12 New South Wales education budget papers. In 2012-13 the Government implemented changes to the way performance related information is reported. The NSW 2021 Performance Reports for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 include Early Childhood performance information.

(3) and (4) The NSW 2021 Performance Report for 2014-15 includes the most recently available data for this measure.

\*0597 HUNTER SPORTS HIGH REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Why was no funding allocated to the Hunter Sports High redevelopment in the 2015-16 Budget?

(2) Who was consulted about this funding arrangement?

(3) Will the project be completed by 2017 as outlined in the 2015-16 Budget Paper No.2?

(4) Is the Government still committed to this project?

Answer—

The Government is committed to the upgrade of Hunter Sports High School and the project has been included in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 State budgets.

\*0598 COMMUTER CARPARK IN CABRAMATTA CBD—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- (1) Has a Government representative met with the Cabramatta Business Association to discuss the car parking situation in Cabramatta CBD since July 2014?
  - (a) If so, can the Minister provide minutes for the meeting?
- (2) What is the latest update of the investigation by Transport for NSW into the possibility of building a commuter car park in Cabramatta CBD under the Transport Access Program?
  - (a) When will the investigation be finalised?
  - (b) Will a commuter car park be built in Cabramatta CBD?
- (3) Why has there been no commitment to the building of or the allocation of funds for a commuter car park in Cabramatta CBD in the 2015-16 State Budget to alleviate traffic congestion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Please refer to my answer to LA 147. Local parking is a matter for Fairfield City Council.
- (2) 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. Additional commuter parking in Cabramatta 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.

\*0599 SCHOOL FUNDING IN THE ELECTORATE OF CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

How many schools will lose funding in the electorate of Cabramatta following the announcement of the recent 2015 Commonwealth Government Budget?

Answer—

None.

\*0600 JOBS IN THE ELECTORATE OF CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How many jobs will be created in the electorate of Cabramatta under the Government's pre-election promise to create 150,000 jobs across New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Please refer to the answer provided for question 0548.

\*0601 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIABILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What steps will you take to investigate the use of accounting techniques to reduce Liverpool Council's infrastructure liabilities by \$200 million?
- (2) What action will you take concerning the rates increase by Liverpool Council that was justified by a \$260 million infrastructure estimate that has now been reduced by accounting technique by about \$200 million?

Answer—

The accounting techniques used by Liverpool City Council are in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice.

The application was assessed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) which concluded that the need for the proposed revenue was demonstrated in Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, in particular its Delivery Program, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans.

\*0602 ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Why was the prosecution of Rod Blackman transferred from the Local Court at Dubbo to Central Local Court?

(2) Who made that decision?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the listing of matters including requests for adjourn and the transfer of proceedings is determined by the presiding Magistrate.

\*0603 FUNDING FOR FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Health—

When will funding for the Fairfield Hospital 'Master Plan' be confirmed and delivered?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Recommendations of processes such as Master Planning, are subject to future consideration in relation to District and state-wide capital priorities.

\*0604 UPGRADES AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Health—

When will the Government complete the following upgrades at Fairfield Hospital:

- (a) An expanded children's ward;
- (b) The construction of permanent buildings to facilitate moving the hand surgery department out of demountable buildings;
- (c) Provision of new equipment; and
- (d) An upgraded and expanded emergency department?

Answer—

I am advised that:

I refer the member to my previous response LA0092.

\*0605 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What funding will the Government allocate to implement the recommendations in the Fairfield Hospital Master Plan?

Answer—

This question is best referred to the Minister for Health.

\*0606 OPEN TRAINING AND EDUCATION NETWORK—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) Strathfield in 2015?
- (2) How many students were enrolled at OTEN Strathfield in each of the years from 2012 to 2014?

Answer—

- (1) Data for 2015 is not yet available. OTEN enrolls students continuously throughout the year.
- (2) TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of the annual reporting process. Data for 2012 and 2013 is available at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>. TAFE NSW will publish 2014 enrolment data as part of its 2014 Annual Report in late 2015.

\*0607 PINCH POINT PROGRAM—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) What projects have been funded under the Government's Pinch Point program?
- (2) What have those projects involved?
- (3) What is the cost of each element of work involved in those projects?

Answer—

I am advised :

The Government has committed \$246 million to the Pinch Point Program for 2012-13 to 2017-18.

Since July 2012, the Pinch Point Program has delivered initiatives across Sydney's key corridors, including infrastructure projects, clearways, CCTV cameras and variable message signs.

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Information on Pinch Point projects is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*0608 AMENITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What projects will be funded under the Government's Amenity Improvement Plan for Parramatta Road announced on 19 September 2013?
  - (a) How much will these projects cost?
- (2) If these projects have not been determined, when will they be determined?
- (3) What funding has the Government allocated over the next three years for the Amenity Improvement Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) UrbanGrowth NSW is currently working with stakeholders to prepare a scope of work for the amenity improvement plan. The plan will be finalised following display of the next version of the draft Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy later this year.

Funds will be used to improve urban amenity in the precincts identified for housing and jobs growth. The formulation of the budget doesn't attempt to predetermine what amenity improvements will be made.

The urban revitalisation package to transform Parramatta Road is \$200 million. The timing of the funding allocation will be determined once the urban amenity improvements have been identified.

\*0609 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current allocation of palliative care beds in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (2) How many patients are currently living in the community who are in palliative care?
- (3) Are there any plans to expand services?
  - (a) If so, what are those plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) Palliative Care inpatient services are provided in various locations across the District, and are provided in accordance with the patients' needs/wishes and clinical requirements.

\*0610 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the first South Coast Line Railway Station have an Opal Card top up machine available for passengers to use?
  - (a) Where will this be?
- (2) Will all South Coast Line Railway Stations have Opal Card top up machines available by the end of 2015?
- (3) What is the schedule of the roll out of these machines across the network?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my media release on 13 July 2015.

By the end of the rollout close to 350 machines will be located at train stations, ferry wharves and light rail stops, including in the Illawarra. Further information on the rollout is available on the Opal website.

\*0611 XPT/COUNTRY LINK BREAKDOWNS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many breakdowns or failures have occurred on the XPT/Country Link services for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?
  - (a) How many passengers required accommodation and/or replacement transport services as a result of these breakdowns or failures for each of the above years?
  - (b) How much money was spent on these replacement transport services and/or accommodation for each of the above years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains has a strict regime of maintenance for the XPT fleet to minimise service disruption caused by mechanical faults. Should a train be unable to complete a journey, for any reason, NSW Trainlink endeavours to provide a replacement service.

The Government has made a commitment to deliver a new fleet of trains to replace the XPTs on the regional network. The new trains will provide customers with unprecedented levels of comfort, reliability and reduced journey times. They will also offer modern dining and sleeping facilities, as well as better security and greater access for the elderly and people with a disability.

\*0612 INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM ON TRAINS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the total number of recorded incidents of vandalism on all rail lines for each of the financial years from 2010-2011 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?
  - (a) What is the breakdown of these incidents for each of those financial years per rail line?
- (2) What is the total number of recorded incidents of vandalism on all trains for each of the financial years from 2010-2011 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?
- (3) What is the number of recorded incidents of vandalism on all stations for each of the financial years from 2010-2011 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Justice and Police.

\*0613 INTERCHANGE FROM BUSES ONTO CBD LIGHT RAIL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the estimated number of people that the Minister expects to interchange from buses onto the new CBD Light Rail once completed at Central from the following locations:
  - (a) Western Sydney Bus Routes/Services;
  - (b) North Sydney Bus Routes/Services;
  - (c) South Eastern Sydney Bus Routes/Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage projections that informed the planning of the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) are included in the Environmental Impact Statement available on the Sydney Light rail website.

\*0614 MOUNT OUSLEY ROAD REST AREA PROJECT—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 work has been undertaken on the Mount Ousley Road Rest Area project since it was announced in early 2013?
- (2) When will construction start?
- (3) What has caused the delays in construction?
- (4) How much of the allocated estimated budget of \$8.1 million has been spent?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my response recorded on Hansard 24 June 2015.

\*0615 10/50 CLEARING RULE IMPACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What information is the Government collecting on the removal of trees, shrubs and other vegetation under the 10/50 clearing rule?
- (2) What assessment has been made on the extent that the trees, shrubs and other vegetation removed under the 10/50 clearing rule:
  - (a) Did not pose a significant bushfire risk?
  - (b) Would not have been permitted for removal under the previous approval system based on scientifically assessed bushfire risks?

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- (3) What assessment has been made on the cumulative impact that the 10/50 clearing rule has had on threatened species and endangered ecological communities in New South Wales?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to prevent removal of trees, shrubs and other vegetation for reasons unrelated to bushfire risks such as to open up views?
- (5) What consideration will the Government give to providing exclusions to the rule for:
  - (a) Coastal wetlands and littoral rainforest, based on their bushfire risk category being lower?
  - (b) Koala habitat and urban bushland based on the potential damage clearing can do?
- (6) What concerns have been raised with the Government over the lack of integration that the 10/50 clearing rule has with other existing bushfire management planning mechanisms and its impact on future land use planning and development assessment processes?
  - (a) Who has raised these concerns?
  - (b) What action will the Government take to address these concerns?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 1 October 2014, the NSW Rural Fire Service commenced its review of the 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement scheme. At the close of consultation more than 3,500 submissions had been received.

Submissions covered a wide variety of issues, including proposals for greater environmental protections to be introduced into the scheme and better integration with the planning framework. All of these issues are being considered by the NSW Rural Fire Service as part of its review.

It is anticipated that the NSW Rural Fire Service review into the 10/50 scheme will be completed in the near future.

\*0616 SUSTAINABLE UPGRADES TO GOVERNMENT OWNED OFFICE BUILDINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Over the last five years, what proportion of Government owned office buildings have had environmentally sustainable retrofits to:
  - (a) Install solar panels on roofs;
  - (b) Upgrade light fittings to increase lighting efficiency;
  - (c) Collect rainwater for use in the building such as in toilets;
  - (d) Introduce water re-use or recycling;
  - (e) Upgrade taps for water efficiency and
  - (f) Upgrade toilets for water efficiency?
- (2) What targets has the Government set for sustainable retrofits to Government owned office buildings?

Answer—

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

\*0617 SOW STALL PHASE-OUT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What discussions has the Government had with Australian Pork Limited about the industry commitment to voluntarily phase-out sow stalls by 2017?
- (2) To what extent will there be pig meat producers in New South Wales that are not subject to the voluntary phase-out and 2017 ban?
- (3) With regard to pig meat producers subject to the phase-out and ban, to what extent will confinement of pigs continue to be permitted beyond 2017?
- (4) To what extent will the Government enforce the phase-out and 2017 ban, including audits and penalties for breaches?
- (5) To what extent will the Government consider a mandatory ban on sow stalls in line with the voluntary phase-out to ensure compliance and that all pig meat producers are included?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has been kept informed by Australian Pork Limited (APL) regarding the progress of the industry voluntary phase-out of sow stalls.
- (2) The industry has initiated a voluntary phase out. Industry figures indicate that 82 percent of sows in New South Wales are under the Australian Pork Industry Quality Program (APIQ) and are audited regarding sow stalls.
- (3) From 1 July 2017, pregnant sows must not be confined in a stall for more than 6 weeks in any gestation period.

- (4) Any person concerned about a breach of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA) and underpinning Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Commercial pig production should immediately lodge their complaint to one of the enforcement agencies – RSPCA NSW, Animal Welfare League NSW and NSW Police.
- (5) New South Wales has a robust system in place to address animal cruelty that reflects and is responsive to changing community attitudes and farming practices. Animal welfare is supported in New South Wales by the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA) and underpinning Codes and Standards. POCTA provides protection for all animals in New South Wales.

The Australian pork industry in November 2010 voluntarily committed to pursue a phase out by 2017, meaning sows are loose housed for a minimum of 90 percent of their pregnancy. Close to 65 percent of the industry nationally has completed the phase out of sow stalls.

\*0618 SYDNEY HARBOUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES NETWORK—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How are the aquatic boundaries of Sydney Harbour defined in terms of the scope of the Sydney Harbour Strategic Initiatives Network?
- (2) Who are the members of the Network and who do they represent?
- (3) How often do Network members meet?
- (4) What are the aims and objectives of the Network?
- (5) Are there terms of reference, and if so, what are they?
- (6) To what extent is the Network considering:
  - (a) The introduction of marine parks for Sydney Harbour;
  - (b) The introduction of sanctuary zones for Sydney Harbour;
  - (c) The introduction of other conservation mechanisms for Sydney Harbour and
  - (d) Work being undertaken by the Marine Estate Management Authority to develop options to enhance marine biodiversity in the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion?
- (7) Will the Network release a discussion paper for public comment?
- (8) If not:
  - (a) Why; and
  - (b) What information on the Network's work will be released?

Answer—

(1) In line with definitions used for previous New South Wales monitoring programs, Sydney Harbour is considered to be the marine environment westward of a straight line drawn between North and South Heads. The marine estate within Sydney Harbour covers biodiversity and habitats from this line inland to the limit of tidal waters and up to the level of highest astronomical tides.

(2) The current members of the Sydney Harbour Strategic Initiatives Network are:

- Member agencies of the Marine Estate Management Authority,
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services
- The Sydney Institute of Marine Science
- Sydney Coastal Councils Group
- Sydney Water
- The Australian Museum

(3) The members have met only once; in January 2014.

(4) The Sydney Harbour Strategic Initiatives Network is an informal forum set up to promote and facilitate information sharing and collaboration to support coordinated management of the marine estate within Sydney Harbour.

(5) There are no Terms of Reference for the Network. It operates as a 'virtual forum' with information shared electronically.

(6) The Network does not consider any of these matters; it is an informal information sharing forum only.

The Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) is currently conducting a Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion assessment, which will develop options for enhancing marine biodiversity conservation in the bioregion, which includes Sydney Harbour. The information collection and collation step of the MEMA project is nearly complete, including stakeholder consultation at a series of workshops in June and community input via a web portal which is open until the end of August. Any information about Sydney Harbour provided by members of the Sydney Harbour Strategic Initiatives Network is being captured

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during this step and will be taken into account during the second (threat and risk assessment) and third (development of management options) steps of the MEMA project.

(7) No; this is not a role for the Network.

MEMA is planning to seek public submissions on its draft threat and risk assessment report for the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion in late September. It also plans to seek public submissions on the draft report on options for enhancing marine biodiversity conservation in the bioregion, including Sydney Harbour, later in 2015.

(8) Refer to answer to (7) above.

\*0619 NEW ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What advice has the Government been provided about the cost of remediation for the Wattle Street former council depot site?
  - (a) Who provided this assessment?
  - (b) When was it provided?
- (2) What accounts for the difference between earlier announced costs of remediation and current reports?
- (3) What additional reports were obtained to determine the latest cost estimates?
- (4) When will the Government make its remediation reports public?
- (5) Does the Department of Education and Communities is requiring remediation of this site above EPA standards?
- (6) How many students does the Government estimate the proposed school will accommodate?
- (7) When does the Government estimate this school will reach capacity?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to provide schooling for Ultimo Public School students during the estimated 18 months construction on the current site?
- (9) How long does the Government estimate construction will take?
- (10) When does the Government expect a new school to be operating?

Answer—

(1) to (5) All of the relevant documentation relating to the remediation of the City of Sydney Council site on the corner of Wattle, Jones and Fig Streets, Ultimo is on the NSW Department of Education's internet site.

(6) to (10) The NSW Department of Education has commenced planning to redevelop Ultimo Public School and the cluster of schools in the vicinity of Ultimo Public School, with a view to increasing capacity across the cluster to address public education demand in the area up to the year 2031.

\*0620 SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Who are the members of the inter-agency committee for Sydney Harbour's Foreshore which was established in August 2014 and who do they represent?
- (2) What are the terms of reference of this committee?
- (3) To whom does this committee report?
- (4) How does this committee interact with UrbanGrowth NSW?
- (5) Which of UrbanGrowth NSW and the inter-agency committee for Sydney Harbour's Foreshore is the decision maker about Sydney Harbour foreshore plans?
  - (a) When does the Government expect to allow for public comment on the plans?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I refer to the answer provided in QON 0546.

(4) The strategic vision for Sydney Harbour will be considered as part of the work of UrbanGrowth NSW in developing The Bays Precinct.

(5) Stakeholder consultation has been undertaken as part of the strategic vision and function review. Feedback obtained will be taken into consideration.

(a) I refer to the answer provided in QON 0546.

\*0621 NATIVE VEGETATION LAWS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What assessment has been made on how restrictions on broad-scale clearing of private land:

- (a) Prevent greenhouse gas emissions?
- (b) Protect threatened species?
- (2) What assessment has been made on how removing restrictions of broad-scale clearing on private land including under the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and permitting the activity with development approval would have on:
  - (a) Greenhouse gas emissions?
  - (b) Threatened species?
- (3) What commitment will the Government make to prevent a return of broad-scale land clearing in New South Wales to levels near those prior to the introduction of the Native Vegetation Act 2003, considering changes in Queensland land clearing laws have led to land clearing rates tripling?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) and (b) The impacts that current policies and legislation governing native vegetation have on greenhouse gas emissions and threatened species have been assessed in different ways for different purposes. For example, the impact on threatened species of current policies and laws, and potential reforms, was evaluated by the independent Biodiversity Legislation Review Panel during 2014.
- (2) (a) and (b) and (3) There is no proposal to remove restrictions on broad-scale clearing of native vegetation on private land. The Government received and released the Independent Biodiversity Legislation Review Panel report on 18 December 2014. The panel has made specific recommendations about how native vegetation clearing should be regulated under the Local Land Services Act 2013 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The Government has announced that it will implement the recommendations made by the panel.

\*0622 311 BUS RELIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What complaints have been made about the late running or cancellation of buses for the 311 route over the past five years?
- (2) How many complaints have been made this year to date and what is the trend in complaints?
- (3) How does the Government monitor late running and cancelled bus services, and what trends have been noted this year?
- (4) What action has the Government taken since January 2013 to improve 311 bus services?
- (5) What plans does the Government have for improving the 311 bus service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Complaints about late running or cancellation of buses on the 311 route have not exceeded 2.1 per 10,000 passenger trips over the past five years.
- (3) On time running of individual bus services is monitored through a real time measurement system called the Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS).  
Monthly on time running results for holders of Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts are published on the Transport for NSW website.
- (4) and (5) Under changes announced in the CBD Bus Plan, route 311 will continue to operate between Railway Square and Millers Point via Darlinghurst and Elizabeth Bay, but will operate a revised route through the CBD via Town Hall, Wynyard and Barangaroo. Services will no longer operate via St James, Martin Place or Circular Quay. These changes will take effect from 4 October.

\*0623 DEMENTIA HEALTH RESPONSE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Which of the eight Sydney metropolitan and seven rural and regional Local Health Districts (LHDs) have a Dementia Clinical Nurse?
- (2) For those LHDs that do not have a Dementia Clinical Nurse, what plans are there to allocate one in the future?
- (3) What education and training is provided to hospital staff on dementia?
- (4) How will support systems for people with dementia and their carers during hospital stays be expanded?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to expand the hospital-based dementia volunteer model established at Pambula Hospital?
- (6) What dementia risk reduction programs are specifically targeted to Aboriginal communities?
- (7) To what extent will the Government expand provision of services in home, residential aged care and

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hospital by palliative dementia care nurses?

- (8) What plans does the Government have to help roll out the Your Brain Matters program across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Dementia Services Framework 2010-2015 (GL2011\_004), published in March 2011, provides guidelines for health, community and residential services to assist with planning and development of dementia services and programs. It makes recommendations along a service pathway of dementia care from awareness through diagnosis, assessment, community, hospital and residential care. It aims to improve access, diagnosis and continuing care and encourages service providers to reflect on how services may improve outcomes for people with dementia, carers and families.

Decisions around expanding the numbers of Dementia CNCs are the responsibility of individual local health districts according to their assessment of changing local demand and unmet need.

Education and training for hospital staff on dementia are supported through resources such as the Health Education and Training Institute online module The Confused Patient: Dementia or Delirium and the Agency for Clinical Innovation's Key Principles for Care of Confused Hospitalised Older Person, and Dementia Carers' Experience Videos.

The NSW Government Plan to Increase Access to Palliative Care 2012-2016 allocated \$35 million in 2012 over four years to enhance community based palliative care options. The Last Days of Life Home Support Service provides practical and emotional home-based support for patients, including those with dementia who wish to die at home, and their carers and families.

As part of the Government's commitment to increase the number of specialist nurses in its first term, 30 Palliative Care Specialist nursing positions were funded and allocated in 2013-14.

The Your Brain Matters program is an Alzheimer's Australia brain health program, designed to help Australians live a brain healthy life. It has been supported by funding from the Australian Government.

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- \*0624 AFFINITY INTERCULTURAL FOUNDATION IFTAR—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

Given that the Member for Liverpool and Shadow Attorney General has for many years co-hosted the Affinity Intercultural Foundation Iftar held in Parliament House and which is to be held this year on 29 June 2015, why have you refused to co-host the 2015 event with him?

Answer—

The 2015 Affinity Intercultural Foundation Iftar Dinner was hosted by the Minister for Multiculturalism and the Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism at the request of the Affinity Intercultural Foundation.

- \*0625 LOCAL DECISION MAKING ACCORD—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) In which region was the single Local Decision Making accord made?
  - (a) Between which entities was this accord?
- (2) On what basis did the department make the assumption that 6 Local Decision Making accords would be made in 2014-15?
  - (a) How has this rationale been changed to ensure that outcomes are not overestimated in 2015-16?
- (3) Are these accords publicly available?
  - (a) If yes, where?

Answer—

A Local Decision Making Accord for the Murdi Paaki region was signed between the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and the Government on 19 February 2015.

Since Local Decision Making commenced a further five regional alliances have focussed on ensuring strong governance is in place before commencing detailed Accord negotiations. Aboriginal Affairs

continues to work with regional alliances and government stakeholders to progress Accords. It is expected that Accord negotiations will be undertaken in up to three sites throughout 2015-2016.

Once signed, the Accords are published on the Aboriginal Affairs website.

\*0626 ABORIGINAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the Aboriginal Centre of Excellence announced in the 2015-16 Budget Papers deliver its first 'evidence based, wrap around programs' to local communities?
- (2) Where in Western Sydney will the centre be established?
- (3) What is the expected full time equivalent staffing allocation for the centre?
- (4) What incentives will the centre offer to Aboriginal students to encourage them finish school and transition to sustainable jobs?
- (5) Excluding the \$20 million allocated for establishing the centre, what is the expected recurrent cost of running the centre?

Answer—

The full scope of services to be provided by the Aboriginal Centre for Excellence and its location and opening date will be determined following consultation with Aboriginal people from Greater Western Sydney including community leaders and young people, and other relevant business and community stakeholders.

This consultation, to commence in August 2015, will inform the structure and operation of the centre.

\*0627 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs met with the Minister for Education to discuss the roll out of the Connected Communities program?
  - (a) If yes, when?
- (2) Has the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs been informed, by the Minister for Education or his Department, of the outcomes at the 15 Connected Communities schools?
- (3) What processes are in place to ensure that the Minister is kept informed of developments at Connected Communities schools?

Answer—

The Minister for Education and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs regularly discuss education issues, including Connected Communities.

\*0628 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

With regards to the provision of the Employee Assistance Program for mental health support for Department of Education and Communities staff;

- (1) Which staff classifications are currently eligible for these services?
- (2) How many staff accessed this service during:
  - (a) 1 January 2015 to 20 June 2015;
  - (b) The 2014-15 Budget year?
- (3) Can casual relief teachers in New South Wales public schools access these services?
  - (a) If not, why?
- (4) What was the cost of this program in the 2014-15 Budget year?
- (5) What is the expected cost of this program in the 2015-16 Budget year?

Answer—

(1) Staff who are eligible to participate in general counselling through the Employee Assistance Program include permanent and temporary employees and their immediate family members. All staff, including student teachers and casual employees are eligible to access post incident support services through the Employee Assistance Program in cases where their activities have exposed them to a specific critical incident.

(2) The Department's Employee Assistance Program general counselling service was accessed by:

- 1,015 eligible employees or relatives from 1 January 2015 until 20 June 2015;
- 2,396 eligible employees or relatives during the 2014-15 Budget year.

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(3) Casual teachers are eligible to access post incident support services through the Employee Assistance Program in cases where their activities have exposed them to a specific critical incident. They do not have access to general counselling through the Employee Assistance Program.

(4) The total cost for the Department's Employee Assistance Program general counselling services during the 2014-15 budget year was \$826,193 excluding GST.

(5) Costs are not available for the 2015-16 budget years as allocations have not been confirmed.

\*0629 SUPPORTED STUDENTS, SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

With regards to the 'Supported Students, Successful Students' package announced in the 2015-16 Budget;

- (1) In what year and school term will the full 236 school counsellors be available in schools?
  - (a) Is this figure of 236 counsellors for head count or full time equivalent (FTE) staffing numbers?
- (2) When will resources 'equivalent to 200 student support officers' be available in New South Wales schools?
  - (a) Will this be an extra 200 FTE student support officers?
    - (i) When will these student support officers be delivered?

Answer—

- (1) From July 2016, funding will be available for the 236 full time equivalent school counsellor positions.
- (2) From July 2016, \$51.5 million in annual flexible funding will be allocated to schools with greater need. This funding is equivalent to an additional 200 full time equivalent student support officer/youth worker positions. The flexible funding will enable schools to establish additional services and support to meet their local need.

\*0630 CAPITAL SPENDING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why was the \$45 million allocated in the 2014-15 Budget papers for capital spending in schools not spent?
- (2) Will this money be rolled over to the 2015-16 Budget year?
  - (a) If yes, is it already included in the 2015-16 Budget papers?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The revised 2014-15 capital expenditure position for the Department of Education and Communities was \$45.5 million below the 2014-15 State Budget capital allocation. This is due to a number of reasons including, delays in Commonwealth approvals for projects under Commonwealth funded programs.

\*0631 SECURITY ALARMS AT NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are school security alarms across New South Wales required to have backup communication systems in place should communication with the Central Monitoring Station (CMS) via the primary phone line be disrupted?
- (2) How many instances of security service disruption were reported by the CMS to the Department of Education and Communities during:
  - (a) 1 January 2015 to 20 June 2015?
  - (b) The 2014 school year?
- (3) Are security alarms in New South Wales schools required to include a fire alarm component which specifically reports to the CMS when fire is detected?
- (4) Has any audit or review of security system in New South Wales public schools been undertaken in the last five years?
  - (a) When was/will this audit completed?
  - (b) Is the audit report publicly available?

Answer—

It is not appropriate to release specific information about school alarm systems as it may compromise the level of security that is able to be provided to our schools.

\*0632 GOOD TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which division or office within the Department of Education and Communities is primarily responsible for overseeing the roll out and funding of the 'Good Teaching, Inspired Learning' program?
- (2) In what year are all teachers expected to be accredited under the new scheme?
- (3) For each of the following types of teacher how many hours of professional development will be required for accreditation once the program is rolled out?
  - (a) Full time high school teachers;
  - (b) Full time primary school;
  - (c) Casual high school teachers;
  - (d) Casual primary school teachers?

Answer—

- (1) Strategy and Evaluation are coordinating the GTIL reforms along with School Operations and Performance and Corporate Services.
- (2) By 1 January 2018.
- (3) Each of the stated groups of teachers are required to complete 100 hours over five years to maintain their Proficient Teacher Accreditation.

\*0633 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE STATISTICS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How many people were eligible for the Family Energy Rebate in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (2) How many people applied for the Family Energy Rebate in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (3) How many people successfully received the Family Energy Rebate in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

- (1) To be eligible for the Government's Family Energy Rebate (FER) Program, an applicant must satisfy three eligibility criteria, one of which is to be eligible for the Australian Government's Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A or B, administered by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS). The NSW Industry Department (the Department) has been advised by DHS that federal privacy law prohibits release of identification information relating to NSW-based FTB recipients. The Department is unable to verify how many NSW family households are FTB recipients each financial year, and subsequently how many are therefore eligible to apply for the FER each financial year.
- (2) 2012-2013: 80,635. 2013-2014: 85,982. 2014-2015: 132,274.
- (3) 2012-2013: 43,954. 2013-2014: 53,486. 2014-2015: 74,860 as at 9 July 2015. A final FY14-15 total will be known once all submitted applications have been fully processed.

\*0634 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

Will the Family Energy Rebate be funded from the 2015-16 financial year for the period extending over the forward estimates?

Answer—

The Government's Family Energy Rebate program will be funded from annual allocations over the forward estimates period.

\*0635 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL REPLACEMENT—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What steps has the Government taken to advocate for a New South Wales share of Commonwealth Government investment in the replacement of Royal Australian Navy vessels?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

\*0636 NEW INTERCITY TRAINS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many jobs will be created in the Hunter region as a result of 65 new intercity trains?
- (2) How will the skills and capabilities of the Hunter region be utilised in delivering these trains?

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 the Government contracts through a fair and transparent process.

\*0637 HARBOUR CITY FLEET—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the building of six new ferries for the Harbour City fleet be completed?
- (2) How many jobs will be created in the Hunter region as a result of the project to build the new ferries?
- (3) How will the skills and capabilities of the Hunter region be utilised in the project to build these new ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tenders for the detailed design and build of the six new passenger ferries closed on 2 March 2015. The tenders are currently being assessed. The location for manufacture of the new vessels will be determined by the outcome of the competitive tender process.

The first of the six new ferries is expected to be on the water in late 2016.

\*0638 BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much money has been allocated for the upgrade of Ingleburn North Public School (now renamed as Bardia Public School) in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) When will the multi-million dollar upgrade of Ingleburn North Public School (now renamed as Bardia Public School) commence?

Answer—

- (1) The budget allocation for the Bardia Public School upgrade is commercial in confidence as publication of the budget compromises the tender process.
- (2) Planning for the project has commenced.

\*0639 CEMETERY ON SCENIC HILLS IN CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning—

Why did the application for a cemetery on the Scenic Hills in Campbelltown located at 166-176 St Andrews Road, Varroville go on public exhibition, considering further investigation into the heritage and scenic values of the site was required?

Answer—

I am advised :

On 19 June 2015 a Gateway Determination was issued for a planning proposal at 166-176 St Andrews Road, Varroville. The planning proposal has not been exhibited at this stage.

A Gateway Determination only signals that the proposal has merit. It is the first step in the process of rezoning. The Gateway Determination was issued subject to a number of conditions which must be met prior to any exhibition or assessment of the proposal.

These include a detailed visual assessment, especially of the views from Campbelltown and surrounding view lines, a geological study, an investigation of road capacity and a heritage cultural landscape investigation.

The studies will allow the community to be fully informed about the proposal when it is placed on public exhibition.

The Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel and the Department will take the community's views into account prior to making any final determination on the Catholic Cemeteries Trust's proposal.

\*0640 SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK EXTENSION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When did planning for the South West Rail Link extension corridor (including stations at Rossmore, Bringelly, North Bringelly, Oran Park and Narellan) commence?
  - (a) When was the Camden Council notified of the planning for the South West Rail Link extension?
  - (b) When was the developer of the Wildfire estate at Harrington Grove made aware of the proposed South West Rail Link extension corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

Preliminary planning for the South West Rail Link Extension was undertaken in early 2014 with public consultation on the proposed study area and station locations held between April and August 2014.

Key stakeholders, including residents, land owners and representatives from relevant local councils, participated in the 2014 consultation program and were involved in project briefing sessions which covered the proposed corridor study and station locations for existing and planned town centres of Rossmore, Bringelly, North Bringelly, Badgerys Creek, Oran Park and Narellan.

\*0641 PEL2 LICENCE—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

Will the Minister cancel the PEL2 licence which covers parts of Western Sydney, Blue Mountains villages and water catchments for the Sydney area?

Answer—

Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 2 was cancelled on 6 July 2015 following a buy-back from AGL.

\*0642 ROAD LINES ON HAWKESBURY ROAD—Ms Trish Doyle 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 Minister resolve the outstanding issue of missing centre road lines on the tight bends of Hawkesbury Road at Hawkesbury Heights?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my 2013 answer to LC 4423.

\*0643 PARRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

How many local area students from both the inner and outer parts of the school's area were denied enrollment at Parramatta High School in 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Over the period 2014-2015 no students in the inner local area who applied to enrol at Parramatta High School were denied enrolment. Under the existing enrolment policy all applications for enrolment were considered.

\*0644 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many new units of social housing in the Granville electorate are being created from the conversion of common room areas to dwelling units?

(2) When will these units be available for tenancy?

(3) What arrangements are being made at each affected apartment complex to replace the shared recreational spaces currently provided in common rooms with alternative facilities?

Answer—

A small number of units are being converted and are expected to be available for tenancy by late 2015. FACS will consider options for an outdoor recreational area, in consultation with tenants.

\*0645 GRANVILLE TAFE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) How many students were enrolled at Granville TAFE in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?

(2) How many full time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff are employed at Granville TAFE in 2015?

(3) How many FTE teaching staff were employed at Granville TAFE in 2014 and 2013?

(4) What was the total revenue for student fees at Granville TAFE in 2013 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?

Answer—

(1) to (4) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment and staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

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\*0646 COMMUTER CARPARK AT MERRYLANDS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the Merrylands commuter carpark upgrade commence?
- (2) How many additional car spaces will be created?
- (3) What is the budget for the project?
- (4) What location has been selected for the new car spaces?

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.

As you would be aware, a new commuter car park at Merrylands Station with approximately 125 spaces is being delivered under the Transport Access Program, and is currently in the planning phase.

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

\*0647 SAFER PATHWAYS PROGRAM—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—

- (1) When will the next four trial sites of the Safer Pathways program commence?
- (2) Following these four trial sites, what sites are scheduled in the roll out of Safer Pathways program?
- (3) When will these sites commence operating under the Safer Pathways program?
- (4) What budget allocation has been provided for each of the six trial sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

The next four Safer Pathway Sites commenced on 1 July 2015 in Tweed Heads, Parramatta, Broken Hill and Bankstown.

\*0648 COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS—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—

Has additional funding been provided to service providers to manage an increased load following the Government's planned Council of Australian Governments domestic violence advertising program?

Answer—

COAG discussions about domestic and family violence are ongoing.

\*0649 BOATING NOW PROGRAM—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What projects in the Port Stephens electorate will be delivered under the Boating Now program in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?

- (a) What funds were allocated for each of these projects in the 2015-16 Budget and what works are to be undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW Maritime Management Centre website.

\*0650 EVALUATION OF GOING HOME STAYING HOME—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—

- (1) Has the Government received the KPMG evaluation of Going Home Staying Home?
  - (a) If so,

- (i) When will the Government release this report?
- (ii) What recommendations from the report will be adopted?
- (iii) What is the time frame for implementing these recommendations?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing, the Hon Brad Hazzard, who administers the Going Home Staying Home program.

\*0651 COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the Government's response to the Commonwealth Government's reduction in funding to community legal centres, given the Productivity Commission has recommended an additional \$200 million in funding for the sector?
- (2) What was the outcome of your discussions to this effect with Attorneys General from the Commonwealth and other states and territories, held in May?
- (3) How does the Government plan to address both the shortfall in community legal centre funding and the Commonwealth Government's reduction in funding scheduled for 2017?

Answer—

Community Legal Centres play an important role in providing legal advice to the most vulnerable members of our community.

I wrote to the Commonwealth Attorney General in a joint letter with several other State and Territory Attorneys General advocating against the Commonwealth's proposed reduction in funding to Community Legal Centres across forward estimates.

The Government will fight to ensure the most vulnerable members of community have access to fast and fair justice.

\*0652 SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What are the total enrolment figures for each public and high school in the Summer Hill electorate for 2015?
- (2) What were the total enrolment figures for each public and high school in the Summer Hill electorate for 2014?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) School enrolment data is published on the Department of Education's website.

\*0653 SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many full time equivalent staff are employed by the Sydney Institute of TAFE as of 1 June 2015 at the:

- (a) West Street Campus;
- (b) Crystal Street Campus;
- (c) Enmore Design School?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive market and does not provide this data for individual colleges. 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>.

\*0654 ASHFIELD COMMUTER CARPARK—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the construction of Ashfield commuter carpark start?
- (2) How many stories high the carpark will be?
- (3) When is the expected completion date?

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

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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.

A new commuter car park at Ashfield Station with approximately 180 spaces is being delivered as part of the Transport Access Program, and is currently in the planning phase.

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

\*0655 SYDNEY METRO LINE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is the Government considering an extra stop on the Sydney Metro line between either Waterloo or Sydney University and Sydenham Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is seeking input into the proposed Sydney Metro City and Southwest concept and all submissions will be considered.

Subject to community input, it is proposed to build new metro stations at Barangaroo, Central, Pitt Street, Martin Place, Victoria Cross (North Sydney) and the St Leonards/Crows Nest area.

Additional metro stations are also being investigated at Artarmon Industrial Area and either the University of Sydney or Waterloo.

\*0656 M4 EAST TUNNEL PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen 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 number of homes, by suburb, being acquired for the M4 East tunnel project?
- (2) When does the Government expect to require vacant possession of all homes acquired for the M4 East tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

More than 50 percent of WestConnex will be built in-tunnel to minimise land acquisitions.

WestConnex Delivery Authority has been contacting property owners of 182 properties which are required for the M4 East. These properties are a mix of commercial, residential and council-owned land, located in Homebush, North Strathfield, Concord, Ashfield and Haberfield.

The Government will continue to work with owners to accommodate their needs wherever feasible. Generally, property will be required in the first half of 2016. The property acquisition process has started and owners will be given as much notice as possible.

\*0657 CHILDCARE PLACES AT WETHERILL PARK TAFE—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many childcare places are available to the community at Wetherill Park TAFE?

Answer—

The Children's Centre at Wetherill Park College has the licensed capacity for 39 children. Students and staff have first priority, with remaining places available to the community. The number of places available to the community will change depending on student and staff demand.

\*0658 CHILDCARE STAFF REALLOCATION—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

What is the process of childcare staff reallocation from Wetherill Park TAFE to Granville TAFE if the 'self-nomination' process is not achieved?

Answer—

TAFE NSW Institute Directors are responsible for the employment of staff at individual campuses. Changes impacting staff are managed in accordance with the relevant legalisation and policies, including the Managing Excess Employees policy.

\*0659 CHILDCARE CENTRE AT WETHERILL PARK TAFE—Dr Hugh McDermott asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the advertising strategy for the childcare centre at Wetherill Park TAFE?  
 (2) How much money has been spent as part of the advertising strategy in the 2014-15 financial year?

Answer—

(1) The Wetherill Park Children's Centre are a service for TAFE South Western Sydney Institute students and staff and are therefore promoted through the same channels as TAFE South Western Sydney Institute student services.

(2) There is no separate budget for advertising the Wetherill Park Children's Centre.

\*0660 NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) In the 2015-16 Budget, \$9,859,000 has been allocated to "planning and site preparation" for the new Maitland Hospital. How will that money been spent given that \$7,843,000 has already been spent on the site, and the Minister said the rest of the \$20 million promised in 2011 would be spent on construction rather than on planning and site preparation?  
 (2) When will construction of the new Maitland Hospital begin?  
 (3) How many beds will be at the new Maitland Hospital?  
 (4) When will a decision be made on a new or upgraded ambulance station for Metford or Rutherford?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (4) The Member is referred to the response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice LA0527.

\*0661 BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

When will the 2015 election promise of a \$5 million upgrade to Bolwarra Public School be fulfilled?

Answer—

Timeframes for delivery of the project at Bolwarra Public School will be determined as part of the planning process.

\*0662 MAITLAND SHOWGROUND GRAND STAND REPAIRS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

When will the election promise of \$250,000 for repairs to the Maitland Showground Grand Stand be fulfilled?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to 0533.

\*0663 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT RUTHERFORD—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—

Why has only \$100,000 of a planned \$7,000,000 cost been allocated in the 2015-16 Budget for the additional two lanes on the New England Highway between Racecourse Rd and Anambah Rd, Rutherford?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2015-16, \$100,000 has been allocated for Roads and Maritime Services to start the planning work required for the project.

This project is part of the Rebuilding NSW program for the Hunter Region. Information on the \$7 million Rebuilding NSW investment is available on the Government's website.

\*0664 VICTORIA STREET TRAIN STATION ACCESS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is Victoria Street Railway Station included in Railcorp's 2015-16 funding for mobility access upgrades?

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

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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. Mobility access upgrades at Victoria Street 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.

\*0665 MAITLAND RAILWAY ROUNDABOUT—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) The new highway overpass near the Maitland Railway Station Roundabout has gone \$6 million over budget and based on the 2015 budget there is still \$3,400,000 to be spent. Can you advise when this money will be spent?
- (2) When will the overpass be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Detailed breakdowns of financial investment are contained in the Budget Papers.
- (2) This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*0666 MAITLAND PCYC—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

When will the 2015 election promise of a \$1 million upgrade to Maitland PCYC be fulfilled?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Sport, the Hon Stuart Ayres MP.

\*0667 GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP FUNDING CUTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Considering that the Commonwealth Government's changes to funding under the Department of Social Services grants has meant funding will cease for the sole worker in the Hunter who liaises with grandparent support groups, will the Government provide funding to enable this service to continue?
  - (a) If the Government will not provide funding for this service (which is currently funded through the Samaritans), what alternative support services are available to support grandparents raising grandchildren in Maitland and the Hunter?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) funds over 20 different accredited non-government organisations (NGOs) to deliver out-of-home care services within the Hunter New England District through the Out-of-Home Care Contract Care Funding program. FACS also provides direct case management and financial support to children and young people who are placed with kinship and relative carers and who are subject to Children's Court Orders of Parental Responsibility to the Minister.

\*0668 RUTHERFORD AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Given that prior to the 2015 election the Government committed \$3.8 million for a new and/or upgraded ambulance station in Maitland, will the money be spent on a new ambulance station or will it be spent upgrading an existing ambulance station?
- (2) If upgrading an existing station, will this money be spent to upgrade the Rutherford ambulance station?
  - (a) If so, will this include extra ambulance vehicles, and if so how many?
- (3) When will this work commence?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Health.

\*0669 CESSNOCK AND MAITLAND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) With regard to the Cessnock Hospital emergency department on 25 April 2015 between 12 noon and 12 midnight:
  - (a) How many doctors and nurses were rostered on at any one time?
  - (b) Were there any unexpected nurse or doctor staffing absences during this day and times?
    - (i) If so, were the absences replaced or covered by calling in other staff?
  - (c) How many patients presented to this department during this day and times?
    - (i) What percentage of these patients were treated within the 4 hour benchmark?
- (2) With regard to the Maitland Hospital emergency department on 25 April 2015 between 12 noon and 12 midnight:
  - (a) How many doctors and nurses were rostered on at any one time?
  - (b) Were there any unexpected nurse or doctor staffing absences during this day and times?
    - (i) If so, were the absences replaced or covered by calling in other staff?
  - (c) How many patients presented to this department during this day and times?
    - (i) What percentage of these patients were treated within the 4 hour benchmark?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Local Health Districts have in place programs and strategies to manage this increased demand on services, with the most seriously ill patients always given priority.

The record \$21 billion NSW health budget for 2015-16 includes \$325 million for increased hospital activity, including 90,000 extra emergency department attendances and 40,000 extra admissions.

The Government is rebuilding the state's ageing hospitals.

We will spend a record \$5 billion on health capital works in our second term of government. This is on top of the record \$4.8 billion in capital works in our first term of government.

\*0670 NEW SOUTH WALES DENTAL SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the total budget allocation to New South Wales Dental Services for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
- (2) What was the total budget for school aged children dental health programs for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
- (3) What is the total budget allocation to New South Wales Dental Services for 2015-16 financial year?
- (4) What is the total budget for school aged children dental health programs for 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Dental Health is the responsibility of the Assistant Minister for Health – 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.

\*0671 STAFFING AT TAFE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What were the full time equivalent staff (FTE) numbers and in what positions they were employed the Cessnock TAFE Campus as at 30 June each year from 2011 to 2015?
- (2) What were the FTE numbers and in what positions they were employed at the Glendale TAFE Campus as at 30 June each year from 2011 to 2015?
- (3) What were the FTE numbers and in what positions they were employed at the Kurri Kurri TAFE Campus as at 30 June each year from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

(1) to (3) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide data on staffing as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

\*0672 STUDENT ENROLMENTS DATA—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

With reference to student enrolments by campus no longer being published and considered commercial in confidence (Q.0215):

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- (1) When did student enrolments by campus cease being published and why?
- (2) Why is this information now considered 'commercial in confidence'?
- (3) Has the Minister taken advice as to whether or not the 'commercial in confidence' decision contravenes the Government Information Public Access Act?
- (4) Are decisions about the staffing, budget and future of TAFE Campuses, such as Cessnock or Kurri Kurri, made with consideration of enrolment numbers?
  - (a) If so, how will this be resolved in the future if individual campus enrolment numbers are no longer kept?
- (5) Why is the information not available in 'real time'?
- (6) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff positions currently exist at the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri TAFE campuses?
- (7) What is the total 2015 calendar year budget for the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri TAFE campuses?
- (8) When is the close of reporting for the TAFE NSW Annual Report and how long after the close of reporting is the Annual Report published?
- (9) How regularly is the Minister informed of enrolment numbers prior to the Annual Report being issued eg monthly, quarterly or half yearly?

Answer—

1-3. TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

4-5. TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust their delivery and course offerings to ensure they are meeting the needs of industry and the communities they serve. These changes are informed by research, data and other relevant information, including consultation with key stakeholders.

6. TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

7. Details of the TAFE NSW budget are outlined in the 2015-16 Budget Papers available at <http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/>.

8. Dates vary from year to year.

9. As required.

\*0673 APPRENTICES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many apprentices were employed by and across the New South Wales public sector including State Owned Corporations at 1 July each year from 2010 to 2015?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet vis the Public Service Commissioner is responsible for the employment of apprentices by the NSW Government and State Owned Corporations and as such, this question should be directed to the Premier.

\*0674 BATHURST MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many full time equivalent (FTE) positions existed at the former Bathurst motor registry prior to its refurbishment as a Service NSW centre?
- (2) How many FTE positions existed at the former Bathurst Fair Trading Centre prior to its closure?
- (3) How many FTE positions are now at the Bathurst Services NSW Centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided for LC 2056 asked by the Hon Peter Primrose MLC on 25 June 2015.

\*0675 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS COMMITTEE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) When will the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Committee be renewed?
- (2) When did the Committee expire?
- (3) What avenues have been open to workers and employers for appeals lodged during the expired period?
- (4) Why was the Committee not renewed at or prior to its expiry date?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Committee appointments will be formalised following appropriate industry consultation and due diligence completion. The Corporation continues to provide support to appellants and responses to enquiries.

\*0676 PREVIOUSLY FORECAST BUDGET DEFICITS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to your response to a Question Without Notice asked by the Member for Holsworthy in the Legislative Assembly on 23 June 2015;

- (1) Did you refer to a range of forecasted budget deficits or was the suggestion of 2 different figures, \$4.4 billion and \$5.2 billion, a minor error?
  - (a) Which figure is most accurate?
- (2) What is the source or reference point for the forecast deficits left prior to 2011-12 that you referred to?
  - (a) Is this source or reference point a public document?
- (3) Is the source of the \$3 billion infrastructure backlog that you referred to in your answer a public document and where can it be found?
- (4) With regard to the \$3 billion infrastructure backlog that you referred to can you provide a list of the individual projects that were considered 'undone' and the value of each project?

Answer—

- (1) The calculation of both the \$4.4 billion and \$5.2 billion figures is set out in Table 1.1 Chapter 1, 2011-12 Budget Paper No. 2: Budget Statement. The \$4.4 billion figure refers to the 4-Year Total budget result estimate at March 2011, while the \$5.2 billion figure refers to the turnaround as a result of the 2011-12 Budget.
- (2) The source is as set out in (1) above.
- (3) The infrastructure backlog left by Labor Government was \$30 billion.
- (4) See (3).

\*0677 NO SMOKING SIGNAGE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the minimum number of 'no-smoking' signs to be displayed at each public transport station such as railways, bus or ferry stations?
- (2) Is there a standard plan, template or format for the location of the signage?
- (3) Who is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the signs?
- (4) Are there any circumstances in which there would be no no-smoking signage displayed?
- (5) Has there been an instruction or approval to cover no-smoking signs with Opal Card signage?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) This question is better directed to the Minister for Health.
- (5) No.

\*0678 VULNERABLE CLIENTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Does Housing NSW have a policy, procedure and/or protocol for working with vulnerable clients?

- (a) If so, how does Housing NSW define a vulnerable client?
- (b) If so, why is the document regarding vulnerable clients not publicly available?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

Every applicant seeking housing assistance is individually assessed to determine that person's particular housing needs and the most appropriate product or service to meet those needs.

Further information on determining eligibility and assessing client needs is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au)

\*0679 SPEEDING FINES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- (1) What does 'fines, regulatory fees and other revenue' identified in the 2015-16 Budget Paper No. 1 include?
- (2) What is the expected revenue from speeding fines for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer—

- (1) The inclusions in the revenue line 'Fines, Regulatory Fees and Other' are described in 2015-16 Budget paper No. 1, Appendix B2 (Statement of Significant Accounting Policies and Forecast Assumptions) page B2-6.
- (2) This question would be more appropriately directed to Minister Perrottet given that the Office of State Revenue is a division within the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.

\*0680 REST AREAS ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—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—

What is the Government's policy on rest areas on New South Wales roads?

- (a) Is the policy publicly available?
- (b) How many rest areas are there in New South Wales?
- (c) How many rest areas allow camping on site?

Answer—

I am advised:

Rest areas are not camping grounds or caravan parks. The intended use of a rest area is to provide an area for drivers to break a journey and combat fatigue.

There are 528 rest areas in New South Wales. Information about rest areas is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*0681 BOSTON CONSULTANCY GROUP—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What specific work is the Boston Consultancy Group currently undertaking within the department?
- (2) How much is that work costing?
- (3) What is the engagement period for all work undertaken by the Boston Consultancy Group?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW engages external consultancy services when the required professional expertise is not available internally or cannot be provided in a cost effective manner.

Details on payments to consultants and the purpose of their engagement are published in Transport for NSW's annual reports.

\*0682 INNER WEST TRAIN LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister review the decision to remove the inner west train line from the Sydney Trains timetable given the negative impacts it is having on the local communities?

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.

\*0683 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What projects have received either full or partial funding as part of the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund announced in 2013?

Answer—

This information is publically available on Infrastructure NSW's website.

\*0684 WOY WOY ROADS—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What proposals are there to examine state of local roads on the Woy Woy Peninsula?
- (2) What is the Government doing to work with Gosford Council to begin a remedial program to improve local roads in Woy Woy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local roads are the responsibility of local councils, however Roads and Maritime Services provides grants to assist councils in this task.

Councils can also apply for road safety funding under the NSW Safer Roads Program and the Active Transport Program for improvements to pedestrian and cycle facilities.

\*0685 CANCER CARE CO-ORDINATORS—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Health—

What measures are being taken to remedy the effect of a reduction in the number of Cancer Care Coordinators in New South Wales, after the responsibility of funding these positions transferred from The Cancer Institute NSW to individual Local Health District's budgets?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts are responsible for providing cancer care coordination, consistent with the devolution to local decision-making. The Cancer Institute works with local health districts to develop a system of care coordination that transcends single point dependencies.

It is the responsibility of every health professional to ensure every interaction with a cancer patient is an opportunity to improve the coordination of their care, and the flow of information in managing their treatment.

\*0686 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AT MOUNT PENANG PARKLANDS—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Planning—

What is the current status of development plans for Mount Penang Parklands to include residential properties?

Answer—

I am advised that Mt Penang Parklands is zoned SP1 Special Activities under the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014. Residential development is not a permissible use under the SP1 zone.

\*0687 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) Was the Department of Planning and Environment (then the Office for Planning and Infrastructure) consulted before the lease (no. RE455699) over Crown Reserve (59360) was transferred to Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd on 18 October 2013 for the purposes of future airport infrastructure and land management?

- (a) If not, why not, considering the land is covered by SEPP14 Coastal Wetlands and includes Endangered Ecological Communities of Coastal Saltmarsh Subtropical Floodplain Forest, Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest and Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains, and that it adjoins the important Cobaki Broadwater?
- (b) If yes, what was the advice provided by the Department of Planning and Environment?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Water.

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\*0688 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE TRANSFER—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Was the Office of Environment and Heritage consulted before the lease (no. RE455699) over Crown Reserve (59360) was transferred to Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd on 18 October 2013 for the purposes of future airport infrastructure and land management?
- (2) If not, why not, considering the land is covered by SEPP14 Coastal Wetlands and includes Endangered Ecological Communities of Coastal Saltmarsh Subtropical Floodplain Forest, Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest and Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains, and that it adjoins the important Cobaki Broadwater?
- (3) If yes, what was the advice, (if any) provided by the Office of Environment and Heritage?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Office of Environment and Heritage has no record of consultation on this matter.
- (2) This is a matter for consideration by the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water.
- (3) Not applicable.

\*0689 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE TRANSFER—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Was the Department of Primary Industries consulted before the lease (no. RE455699) over Crown Reserve (59360) was transferred to Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd on 18 October 2013 for the purposes of future airport infrastructure and land management?
- (2) If not, why not, considering the land is covered by SEPP14 Coastal Wetlands and that it adjoins the important Cobaki Broadwater which, as outlined in the Coastal Zone Management Plan for the area, is considered to provide Class 1 or major fish habitat under NSW Fisheries Guidelines?
- (3) If yes, what was the advice, (if any) provided by the Department of Primary Industries?

Answer—

I refer the Member to comments I have made in the House on this matter.

\*0690 CAR PARKING SPACE AT CAMPBELLTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister provide a clear timeline and completion date for the 450 new car parking spaces at Campbelltown Railway Station as promised during the 2015 election campaign?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new Campbelltown Station commuter car park will be delivered in this term of government.

\*0691 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Minister provide a clear outline of the promised \$1 million commitment to the integrated transport action plan as announced during the 2015 election campaign?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking a strategic investigation of the Campbelltown-Macarthur region to identify infrastructure and services required to cater for current and potential growth in the wider region. The investigation considers how people move around the region and connect to work, education and recreation.

The investigation will integrate with the Department of Planning and Environment for the South West Growth Centre, Western Sydney Airport, Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor and investigation into Greater Macarthur as a potential priority growth area.

It will also complement the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, the Outer Sydney Orbital and South West Rail Link Extension Corridor Preservation Studies, Roads and Maritime Services' proposed Spring Farm Link Road scoping study, as well as building on the current Narellan Road upgrades.

\*0692 SAFETY ALONG APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren 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 provide a clear timeline and completion date for the promised \$5.5 million to improve road safety along Appin Road as announced during the 2015 election campaign by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*0693 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY NEAR KULGOA STREET—Mr Greg Warren 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 provide a clear timeline and completion date for the promised \$200,000 for Rudd Road to improve pedestrian safety near Kulgoa Street as announced during the 2015 election campaign?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is working with Campbelltown City Council to identify proposals for pedestrian safety improvements on Rudd Road, in the vicinity of Kulgoa Street.

\*0694 STAGE 2 EXPANSION OF CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Health—

Will the Minister provide a clear timeline and completion date for the promised and planned stage 2 expansion of Campbelltown Hospital as announced during the 2015 election campaign?

Answer—

The Government is proud to have delivered the \$134 million Stage 1 redevelopment of Campbelltown. Patients are now receiving care in the new multi-storey clinical services building.

The Government will deliver on its commitment of a \$300 million injection of funds to kick start the Stage 2 major redevelopment.

\*0695 RECYCLING CENTRE AT JUNCTION ROAD IN LEUMEAH—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Will the Minister provide a clear timeline and completion date for the promised \$276,000 commitment to building a new community recycling centre at Junction Road in Leumeah as announced during the 2015 election campaign?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

Campbelltown City Council has committed to the construction of the new Community Recycling Centre in Leumeah by 29 February 2016, with finalisation and official opening to be completed by 30 April 2016.

\*0696 FENCING AT ROSEMEADOW PLAYING FIELDS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

Will the Minister provide a clear timeline and completion date for the promised fencing at Rosemeadow playing fields as announced during the 2015 election campaign?

Answer—

\$100,000 has been awarded to Campbelltown City Council to upgrade Rosemeadow Playing Fields.

The construction and completion of the project is a matter for the Council.

\*0697 STABLING OF DIESEL TRAINS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What measures has the Government taken to reduce the excessive noise generated by the trains that are left idling between scheduled services, including overnight as a result of temporary stabling of

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diesel trains between Hamilton and Wickham Railway Stations since the truncation of rail services into Newcastle Railway Station?

- (2) Were residents consulted about the impact of this new system of stabling?  
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Noise modelling was undertaken as part of the Wickham Transport Interchange Review of Environmental Factors (REF), which was publicly displayed for consultation in 2014. The modelling determined additional noise mitigation is not required.

Residents and businesses in the area were advised of the operational and stabling changes during REF consultation in August 2014, prior to truncation of the rail line. Meetings were held with residents and businesses in the lead up to truncation to advise of the operational changes and to answer any questions.

- \*0698 NEWCASTLE SHUTTLE BUSES (ROUTE 110)—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What has been the cost to 25 June 2015 of Newcastle Shuttle Buses (Route 110) replacing train services between Hamilton and Newcastle stations, factoring in extra wages, provision of extra buses and fuel?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW invited tenders to determine the most cost effective way of providing interim public transport services while light rail is being constructed.

- \*0699 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

The 2015-16 Budget commits \$103 million to 'Newcastle Light Rail to revitalise Newcastle through the truncation of the heavy rail line and introduction of light rail services'. Given that previous Government estimates for the project's completion cost were \$460 million, what specific items will the \$103 million allocation be spent on?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government committed \$460 million to revitalise Newcastle, through the truncation of the heavy rail line and the introduction of light rail services.

The 2015-16 Budget includes \$103 million towards the revitalisation of the Newcastle city centre, including delivery of light rail.

For light rail, this will include design, environmental assessment and early works including geotechnical investigations. Early works are planned to start at the end of 2015 in preparation for the construction of the new light rail.

For heavy rail, this will include progress on the design and construction of the Wickham Transport Interchange. Construction is expected to start later this year.

The community will have the opportunity to have their say on the final light rail solution, as part of the environmental assessment process later this year.

- \*0700 PRELIMINARY COSTS FOR NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How much of the \$460 million allocated for light rail into Newcastle has been spent on preliminary work as at 25 June 2015?

- (a) On what items has this amount been spent, including on the removal of electric wires, station closures, building infrastructure around Hamilton and Wickham Stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government committed \$460 million to revitalise Newcastle, through the truncation of the heavy rail line and the introduction of light rail services.

The Government is getting on with the job of revitalising Newcastle and announced in December 2014 that a \$73 million contract has been awarded to design and build the new transport interchange at Wickham.

Transport for NSW has also engaged the Novo Rail alliance to undertake early work for the Wickham Transport Interchange Project.

Early work includes utility relocation (gas, electricity, water, telephone and cable services), upgrades to the rail line and minor station upgrades. The early work does not include the construction of the new interchange building or light rail project.

\*0701 CAP ON CONTAINER MOVEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does a cap on container movement currently apply to the Port of Newcastle?

(a) If so, does the Government charge a fee for each container shipped through the Port of Newcastle above the prescribed cap?

(i) Is that fee paid as compensation to the operator of Port Botany?

Answer—

Given this question relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, I have referred this question to Minister Gay.

\*0702 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—

(1) Are the tanks located on the Stockton service station site (147 Fullerton Street, Stockton) able to be used again for fuel storage?

(2) Is the building on this site able to be repaired?

(3) Are there formal orders for remediation of the site? If so, what are they, and who will be required to meet these costs?

Answer—

Regulatory authorities have been working to assess the condition of the site.

\*0704 HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) How much of the \$400 million announced in the 2015-16 Budget for a Housing Acceleration Fund will be spent in the electorate of Newcastle, and on what projects?

(2) How much of this funding will be spent across the wider Hunter area, and on what projects?

Answer—

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(1) The \$400 million reservation from Restart NSW for the Housing Acceleration Fund aims to support new housing and address the challenge of housing affordability.

(2) This largest ever single contribution to the Housing Acceleration Fund will ensure faster land releases across New South Wales. This will include projects that help facilitate new housing investment, while improving the infrastructure and amenity of existing areas.

\*0705 REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT OF SCHOOLS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

Why has the Government not provided the pre-election funding commitments for the repairs and refurbishment of Newcastle schools in the 2015-16 Budget, such as Hunter School of Performing Arts, Merewether High School and Mayfield East Public School?

Answer—

The Government will honour all election commitments, as outlined in the document "Election Commitments 2015-2019" released at the time of the 2015-16 budget.

\*0706 TRANSLATION SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What translation support is available for public housing tenants who do not read or speak English as their first language?

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- (2) How much was spent on translation support for public housing tenants who do not read or speak English as their first language in:
- 2012-13;
  - 2013-14;
  - 2014-15?
- (3) How much is projected to be spent on translation support for public housing tenants who do not read or speak English as their first language in 2015-16?
- (4) What changes have there been to Government policy in relation to these services in the past five years?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) provides a range of language services that include face-to-face and telephone interpreting services as well as Auslan services for the hearing and speech impaired.

(2) and (3) On average, \$1.5 million has been spent in each of the years indicated and budgeted in 2015-16.

(4) There has been no change in Government policy relating to the provision of translation and interpreting services in the past five years.

\*0707 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- What was the cost of employing members of the Police Transport Command in Local Area Commands within the electorate of Newtown in 2013-14 and 2014-15?
- What is the projected budget for the Police Transport Command for Local Area Commands within the electorate of Newtown in 2015-16?
- By what criteria are decisions made by Police Transport Command about which stations and bus stops are targeted and when?
- What are the measures of effectiveness of this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Officers attached to the Police Transport Command are not part of Local Area Commands, but the dedicated Police Transport Command (PTC).

For further information on the PTC, I refer the Member to my response to Written Question No. 0539.

\*0708 DRUG DETECTION DOGS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- Which train stations across New South Wales have the NSW Police Force and one or more drug dogs been present at as part of the Drug Dog Detection Program in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?
- What is the total number of hours spent by NSW Police Force and one or more drug dogs at New South Wales train stations as part of the Drug Dog Detection Program in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?
- What is the total number of hours spent by NSW Police Force and one or more drug dogs at train stations within the electorate of Newtown as part of the Drug Dog Detection Program in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?
- What is the average hourly cost of deploying a team of police and one or more drug dogs to a train station?

Answer—

Drug dogs are an integral part of the NSW Police Force. There are appropriate guidelines for their use.

I am advised the information requested cannot be provided in the terms specified. Drug Dog Deployment teams attend a variety of locations and NSW Police Force officers are not deployed according to electorate boundaries.

I encourage all Members to continue to support the NSW Police Force as they work hard to tackle the scourge of illegal drugs in our society.

\*0709 PRESCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What funding did the Government provide to community-based preschools in the electorate of Newtown in 2013-14 and 2014-15?
- (2) How much is projected to be provided to community-based preschools in the electorate of Newtown in 2015-16?
- (3) What is the average amount of funding provided by the Government to community-based preschools in 2013-14 and 2014-15?
- (4) On average, how much funding is projected to be provided to community-based preschools per electorate in 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) Up until the end of 2013, the Government primarily provided ongoing funding to community preschools through the Resource Allocation Model. From 1 January 2014 onwards, this support has been provided through the Preschool Funding Model (PFM). Every community preschool in the Newtown Electorate received an increase in funding under the PFM.
- (2) and (4) Funding allocations for community preschools under the Preschool Funding Model are calculated based on the preschool census conducted in August of each year.
- (3) The PFM was implemented in January 2014 and provides \$150 million to community based preschools, a 20 percent increase on previous funding levels.

\*0710 SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION PTY LIMITED (SMC)—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What governance and risk management policies and practices are in place for the Sydney Motorway Corporation Pty Limited (SMC) Group responsible for handling the State's investment in the WestConnex project?
- (2) Who is on the board of directors for SMC Group?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Treasury manages the State's investment in SMC through the State Budget process and the NSW Treasury Commercial Policy Framework. Under this Framework, Government businesses like SMC must disclose their strategy, objectives, risk management framework and performance targets which is updated annually, and provide quarterly performance reports to NSW Treasury as the financial agent for the Government.
- (2) See [www.westconnex.com.au](http://www.westconnex.com.au).

\*0711 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What measures are undertaken by the Treasurer to ensure that large infrastructure projects like WestConnex do not continue to increase costs from year to year?
- (2) Why was the budget for WestConnex increased by \$500 million in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (3) Did the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight provide detailed information regarding why the WestConnex budget needed to be increased by \$500 million?

Answer—

- (1) and (3) Major projects, including WestConnex, are subject to regular reporting requirements to senior inter-departmental committees and Cabinet on project delivery and costs. Major projects are also subjected to Gateway Reviews and the Infrastructure Investment Assurance Framework managed by Infrastructure NSW.
- (2) See 2015-16 Budget Paper 2, page A- 13.

\*0712 WESTCONNEX CONTRACTORS—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 was the cost of engaging Goldman Sachs to secure private sector debt for the WestConnex project?
- (2) How many private consultants are currently working for the WestConnex Delivery Authority as at June 2015?
- (3) What amount of the 2015-16 Budget is for consultants for the WestConnex Delivery Authority?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details of consultant engagement will be disclosed in line with annual reporting requirements.

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\*0713 FUNDING FOR REDFERN LEGAL CENTRE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How much funding is allocated to support the work of the Redfern Legal Centre in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) Is this amount an increase or decrease of funding from previous years?

Answer—

Community Legal Centres play an important role in providing legal advice to the most vulnerable members of our community.

I am advised by the Department of Justice that total funding for Community Legal Centres in 2015-16 will be \$19.5 million.

I am advised by the Department of Justice that funding for the Redfern Legal Centre under the Community Legal Centre Program has increased every financial year since 2011.

\*0714 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Why has the Government committed 22 percent less funding to Community Support for people with disability, their family and carers in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) How will the reduction in funding impact on service delivery?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism.

\*0715 FUNDING FOR SUPPORTED ACCOMODATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Why has the Government committed 22.2 percent less funding for supported accommodation for people with disability in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) How will this reduction in funding directly impact on service delivery?

Answer—

This question should be referred to my colleague, the Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism.

\*0716 DEPARTURE OF NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Considering that since 2012 the number of newly appointed teachers resigning from the Department of Education within their first five years has been between 7.7 to 8.1 percent, what changes have been implemented by the Department of Education and Communities to support the forecast that the numbers will drop to 3.5 percent in 2015?

Answer—

- (1) In May 2015, as part of an update to budget papers (BP3 service groups) the Department incorrectly stated the projected resignation as 3.5 percent.
- (2) The resignation rate of beginning teachers who are in their first five years of teaching is projected to be 8.1 percent over the whole of 2015. This is within the range that it has been over the past several years.

\*0717 HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health—

What new health facilities and health services are going to be made available for residents of the Fairfield electorate within the next 12 months following 25 June 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health resources are not allocated by electorate. The Treasurer's Budget Speech of 23 June 2015 announced a record 21 billion budget for health in 2015-16. The 2015-16 Budget includes investment of a record \$1.4 billion on health infrastructure for New South Wales. The budget also includes funding for extra surgeries, more admissions and more staff caring for patients.

Local Health District Chief Executives and Boards are responsible for managing budgets in accordance

with requirements of the Services Agreement between the Ministry of Health and the District.

\*0718 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many reports have been made to the Graffiti Hotline since its inception?
- (2) What are the operating costs for the Graffiti Hotline per annum?

Answer—

I am advised the hotline has received 3604 calls. Detail regarding the NSW Budget can be found at: <http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/>

\*0719 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS AT PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

Has any funding been allocated in the 2015-16 Budget for any minor or major infrastructure works at any Government-run primary and secondary schools within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

Yes.

\*0720 COMMUTER CARPARKS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Over the next year, will any commuter carparks in the Fairfield electorate receive funding for:

- (a) Additional parking spaces;
- (b) Better lighting conditions;
- (c) Greater security presence?

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. Additional parking, better lighting and security for commuter car parks in the Fairfield electorate 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.

\*0721 EASY ACCESS UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will Yennora, Carramar, Villawood or Canley Vale Railway Stations receive Easy Access upgrades to facilitate the needs of residents in the area who are either elderly, mobility impaired or parents with prams over the next year?

Answer—

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Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Easy Access upgrades at Yennora, Carramar, Villawood and Canley Vale railway stations will be considered as part of this assessment process.

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\*0722 TAFE NSW, WETHERHILL PARK CAMPUS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

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- (1) How many courses are on offer to students at TAFE NSW, Wetherill Park campus?
- (2) How many students are presently enrolled at this campus?
- (3) How many students were enrolled at this campus for each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

- (1) 54.
- (2) and (3) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of the annual reporting process which is available at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

\*0723 REPLACEMENT BUSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many of the 29 new replacement buses acquired by the Government for private operators will operate on bus routes in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

20 new and replacement buses in the Bankstown area over 2014-15 and 2015-16.

\*0724 STAFF AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many full time and part time staff were employed at Bankstown TAFE in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

\*0725 ENROLMENTS AT BANKSTOWN TAFE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many students were enrolled at a course at Bankstown TAFE in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?
- (2) How many courses were offered for enrolment at Bankstown TAFE in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

- (2) With the frequent changes to Training Package qualifications, it is not possible to provide an accurate list of courses at Bankstown College between 2011 and 2015.

Information on the number and name of qualifications offered by TAFE South Western Sydney Institute is available on their website at <https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au/>.

\*0726 FUNDING FOR BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

Why did the Government not allocate funding in the 2015-16 Budget to upgrade the parking capacity at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital has 560 on-site parking spaces across three car parks.

\*0727 STATUTORY CHILD PROTECTION BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Why has the Government reduced the Statutory Child Protection budget by almost \$3 million dollars in light of the growing number of children and young people concern reports? (Budget Paper Number 3, 2015-16, p 3-10)
- (2) What are the details relating to the location and type of positions of the 82 full time equivalent employees that have been removed in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

The reduction in the 2015-16 Statutory Child Protection Budget including 82 full time equivalent employees, relates to a reduction in the number of non-frontline roles and will have no impact on front-line service delivery.

\*0728 STAFF AT OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Why has the number of full time equivalent (FTE) staff in Out-of-Home Care for Vulnerable Children and Young People dropped from 1228 FTE in the revised 2014-15 Budget to 1202 FTE in the 2015-16 Budget forecast?

Answer—

The reduction in full-time equivalent staff in 'Out-of-Home Care Vulnerable Children and Young People' in the 2015-16 Budget forecast relates to a reduction in the number of non front-line roles and will have no impact on front-line service delivery.

\*0729 SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Considering the increase in stamp duty revenue to a record \$7.29 billion, why has the Government not committed more than 4.7 percent of this windfall to fund new capital works to increase the supply of social housing in New South Wales?

Answer—

In 2015-16, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation will invest \$551 million in capital expenditure for new social housing and the upgrade of existing housing. The Aboriginal Housing Office will spend \$46.6 million in capital expenditure on Aboriginal social housing assistance.

The Premier has announced a Memorandum of Understanding with Infrastructure Partnerships Australia and the NSW Council of Social Services to facilitate up to \$1 billion in new social and affordable housing stock to support vulnerable households.

\*0730 STAFF AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Why has the number of full time equivalent (FTE) positions in the Office of the Children's Guardian dropped from 123 FTE in the revised 2014-15 Budget to 112 FTE in the 2015-16 Budget forecast?

(2) Will the Minister reinstate these positions in light of the growing workload of the Office of the Children's Guardian?

(a) If not then why not?

Answer—

(1) During 2014-15, the Office of the Children's Guardian engaged additional temporary staff to process the higher than projected demand for the Working With Children Check.

\*0731 OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN OPERATING EXPENSES BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Why has the Government reduced the operating expenses budget of the Office of the Children's Guardian by \$2.52 million dollars, given the growing workload of the Children's Guardian? (Budget Paper Number 3, 2015-16, p 3-32)

Answer—

The increase in expenses in 2014-15 was associated with the higher than projected demand for the Working With Children Check.

The budget for 2015-16 reflects expenditure associated with processing 240,000 checks.

\*0732 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Why there is a need to refine the business case for the Shellharbour Hospital upgrade?

(2) On what date will the final business case for the upgrade be endorsed by the Ministry of Health?

(3) Does the final business case require an assessment by the Treasury?

(a) If so, on what date will the business case be assessed by Treasury?

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- (4) Will the services and facilities outlined by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District and published in its Asset Strategic Plan 2013-14-2023-24 Capital Investment Plan remain the same as those to be specified in the refined business case?
- If so, what services and facilities will remain the same?
  - If not, what services and facilities will be altered?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to LA0047.

\*0733 RELOCATING PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- Does the Government policy of relocating 1,500 public sector jobs from the Sydney CBD to metropolitan and regional areas still stand?
- How many public sector jobs have so far been relocated from the Sydney CBD to metropolitan and regional areas since March 2011?
  - Which departments and agencies have been relocated from the Sydney CBD since March 2011?
  - What is the current location of each of these bodies?
  - How many jobs are attached to each of these bodies?
- Does the Government have targets for relocating public sector jobs to specific metropolitan and regional areas?
  - If not, why not?
  - If so, what are the targets and the specific locations in metropolitan and regional areas?
- Which departments and agencies have been relocated to the Illawarra region since 2011?
- How many public sector jobs have been relocated to the Illawarra region since 2011?
- With regards to the answer to LA Question 6332 which stated: 'second phase of work is underway to identify at least 1,500 public sector positions that could be relocated from Sydney to regional New South Wales', what is involved in this 'second phase of work'?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to relocating 1,500 public sector jobs from metropolitan Sydney to regional NSW by 2021.

I am advised that the NSW Government so far has relocated 235 public sector jobs from metropolitan Sydney to regional NSW, including 38 positions to the Illawarra from the Department of Industry cluster commitments, including:

- The relocation of 300 positions to Gosford from the Office of Finance and Services to Gosford over the next four years;
- The relocation of up to 50 positions from the Office of Finance and Services to Queanbeyan over the next three years;
- To investigate locating the maintenance facilities of a new XPT rail fleet outside of Sydney; and
- In addition, 50 jobs will be created in Queanbeyan to establish a Rural Education Hub.

Each cluster will put forward proposals for relocations as well as identifying new positions for creation in regional NSW.

\*0734 YEAR SIX STUDENTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

- How many students completed year six at Medowie Public School and Wirreanda Public School in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
- How many students who completed year six at Medowie Public School and Wirreanda Public School enrolled to attend secondary school at Irrawang High School in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
  - How many continue to enrolled at Irrawang High School as at 30 April 2015?
  - If the students did not enrol at Irrawang High School, at which schools did they enrol for their secondary education and how many of the students attended each of the schools?
- Is Irrawang High School the feeder secondary school for primary school students at Medowie Public School and Wirreanda Public School?
- What is the New South Wales average of students who complete year six in New South Wales public schools, and who attend their feeder public secondary school in year 7, expressed as a percentage of the total number of students who complete year six in public schools?

Answer—

(1) Students completing Year 6 in 2011-2014.

School where students completed Year 6	Completed in 2011	Completed in 2012	Completed in 2013	Completed in 2014
Medowie Public School	40	38	48	39
Wirreanda Public School	73	69	73	63

(2) Students completing Year 6 in 2011-2014 who enrolled at Irrawang High School for Year 7 the following year

School where students completed Year 6	Y6 2011 into Y7 2012	Y6 2012 into Y7 2013	Y6 2013 into Y7 2014	Y6 2014 into Y7 2015
Medowie Public School	18	21	22	25
Wirreanda Public School	39	39	38	27

(3) Yes.

(4) 79 per cent of all students completing Year 6 at a NSW government school in 2014 enrolled at a government school for Year 7.

\*0735 FUNDING FOR KOALA HABITAT—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Why was the pre-election commitment of \$100,000 funding for koala habitat trees in Port Stephens not included in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) When will this funding be made available?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

Port Stephens Council has been awarded a \$100,000 grant over the period 2015-16 to 2017-18 from the Environmental Trust Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation government grants program for the Tomaree Peninsula urban koala corridor enhancement planting project.

\*0736 KINSHIP CARE WORKERS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Considering the Hunter region is home to the highest number of children in out-of-home care, why has funding been cut for Hunter based kinship care worker Karen Lizasoain?
- (2) How is the Government supporting the work of kinship care workers?
- (3) How is the Government supporting the increasing number of grandparent carers?

Answer—

- (1) Questions regarding the Samaritans Foundation auspiced project 'Kinship Carer Support' should be directed to the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) funds over 20 different accredited non-government organisations (NGOs) to deliver out-of-home-care services within the Hunter New England District through the Out-of-Home-Care Contract Care Funding Program.
- (3) FACS provides direct case management and financial support to children and young people who are placed with kinship and relative carers and who are subject to Children's Court Orders of Parental Responsibility to the Minister.

FACS currently funds more than 190 projects within the Targeted Earlier Intervention Stream within the Hunter New England District to provide mainstream and/or universal support services, including parenting support, which are available to grandparents as carers raising their grandchildren as kinship carers.

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\*0737 RAYMOND TERRACE MENS SHED—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Why was the \$5,000 funding promised to the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed not included in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) When will the money be made available?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Mental Health.

\*0738 FUNDING FOR SEWERAGE PROBLEMS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Why was the pre-election commitment of \$8 million to clear a backlog of sewerage problems in Bundabah, Nerong, North Arm Cove and Pindimar not included in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) When will funding for these sewerage problems be committed?
- (3) When will work begin?

Answer—

- (1) Bundabah, Nerong, North Arm Cove and Pindimar sewerage projects are amongst the 71 projects recently announced in the 2015-16 Budget, under the new \$110 million Regional Water and Waste Water Backlog program.
- (2) MidCoast Water, the local water utility responsible for these projects, has been invited to submit applications for funding for the works. If its applications are successful, funding will be available in the current financial year.
- (3) The timing for commencement of these projects, if MidCoast Water's application for funding is successful, will be a matter for MidCoast Water to determine as part of its forward capital works program.

\*0739 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Why was funding for the two Service NSW centres to be located at Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace not included in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) When will the Service NSW centres be built in Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace?

Answer—

Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay have been identified as suitable locations for a Service NSW presence due in 2016. The motor registries in those locations will continue to operate until such time as we expand the Service NSW network.

\*0740 DREDGING OF THE MYALL RIVER—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

With regards to the Myall River Dredging Project;

- (1) Why was the combined \$1.5 million commitment from the Government and the Commonwealth Government for the project not in the 2015-16 Budget?
- (2) When will funding be committed?
- (3) When will work begin?

Answer—

- (1) Funding for the Myall River Dredging Project is held within the respective budgets of Department of Primary Industries and Office of Environment and Heritage and are not detailed as discrete line items within the 2015-16 State Budget.
- (2) Funding was committed in 2014-15.
- (3) Preliminary site works have commenced.

- 0741 MAITLAND PCYC—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—  
When will the 2015 election promise of a \$1 million upgrade to Maitland PCYC be fulfilled?
- 0742 MAITLAND PCYC—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- (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?
- 0743 RUTHERFORD AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Given that prior to the 2015 election the Government committed \$3.8 million for a new and/or upgraded ambulance station in Maitland, will the money be spent on a new ambulance station or will it be spent upgrading an existing ambulance station?
  - (2) If upgrading an existing station, will this money be spent to upgrade the Rutherford ambulance station?
    - (a) If so, will this include extra ambulance vehicles, and if so how many?
  - (3) When will this work commence?
- 0744 STORM IN THE ELECTORATE OF MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—  
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?
- 0745 GONSKI FUNDING—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Education—  
What action has been taken by the Government to ensure that the Commonwealth Government continues to fund the Gonski reforms for years 5 and 6 (2018 and 2019) of the agreement for New South Wales?
- 0746 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) How many Housing NSW properties in the Mount Druitt electorate were awaiting maintenance repairs as at 30 June 2015?
    - (a) What is the financial cost of these repairs?
- 0747 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Local Government—  
What action has been taken by the Government to oppose the Commonwealth Government's freeze of the annual indexation of the Financial Assistance Grant for three years at the 2014 level?
- 0748 AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR AND REFINISHING TECHNOLOGY COURSE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—  
Are there any plans to relocate the Automotive Body Repair and Refinishing Technology Courses from Mount Druitt TAFE to another campus?
- 0749 GOVERNMENT LAND RELEASED FOR SALE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—  
What percentage of Government land released for sale to the public (by agencies other than UrbanGrowth NSW) is accessible and affordable to first home buyers who are receiving the minimum wage?
- 0750 FUNDING FOR MOUNT DRUITT POLICE STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—  
When will funding be allocated for the rebuilding of Mount Druitt Police Station as committed by the

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- Premier during the pre-election campaign?
- 0751 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (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?
- 0752 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL MRI MACHINE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- When will Mount Druitt Hospital receive a MRI machine as announced by the Government during the pre-election campaign?
- 0753 CARDIOLOGY SERVICES AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Will the Government review its decision and reinstate inpatient cardiology services at Mount Druitt Hospital, considering the growth of residential properties around Marsden Park near the Mount Druitt Hospital and the recent bed block experienced by neighbouring hospitals?
- 0754 PARKING FEES AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Are there any signs displayed at the entrance to public hospital parking areas which notify users of the parking fees applicable to concessional permit holders?
    - (a) If not, why are these fees not being displayed?
- 0755 NO SMOKING SIGNAGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the minimum number of 'no-smoking' signs to be displayed at each public transport station such as railways, bus or ferry stations?
  - (2) Is there a standard plan, template or format for the location of the signage?
  - (3) Who is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the signs?
  - (4) Are there any circumstances in which there would be no no-smoking signage displayed?
- 0756 APPRENTICES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- How many apprentices were employed by and across the New South Wales public sector including State Owned Corporations at 1 July each year from 2010 to 2015?
- 0757 NEW SOUTH WALES DENTAL SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- (1) What was the total budget allocation to New South Wales Dental Services for each of the the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
  - (2) What was the total budget for school aged children dental health programs for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
  - (3) What is the total budget allocation to New South Wales Dental Services for 2015-16 financial year?
  - (4) What is the total budget for school aged children dental health programs for 2015-16 financial year?
- 0758 DEPARTING STAFF ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (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?
  - (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?
- 0759 DRIVER TESTERS AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Heavy Vehicle Driver Testers were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
- As at 1 January 2013;
  - As at 1 January 2014;
  - As at 1 January 2015?
- (2) How many Disability Driver Testers were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
- As at 1 January 2013;
  - As at 1 January 2014;
  - As at 1 January 2015?
- (3) How many Aged Testing Driver Testers were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
- As at 1 January 2013;
  - As at 1 January 2014;
  - As at 1 January 2015?
- (4) How many Driver Testing Coordinator/Compliance staff were employed by Roads and Maritime Services across New South Wales:
- As at 1 January 2013;
  - As at 1 January 2014;
  - As at 1 January 2015?
- 0760 AVERAGE TIME AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- With regard to Driver Tests conducted by Roads and Maritime Services:
- What was the average wait time for persons hoping to sit for their driving test across all RMS outlets during May 2013?
  - What was the average wait time for persons hoping to sit for their driving test across all RMS outlets during May 2014?
  - What was the average wait time for persons hoping to sit for their driving test across all RMS outlets during May 2015?
  - Is there a limit to the period/time forward in which a booking for a driver test can be made?
  - 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?
- 0761 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- Are there any domestic violence refuges in New South Wales that are Government funded?
    - If yes, how many and in which towns are these located?
  - Is there any Government funding available to non-government domestic violence refuges?
  - How do non-government domestic violence refuges access avenues of Government funding?
- 0762 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL REPLACEMENT—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- What steps has the Government taken to advocate for a New South Wales share of Commonwealth Government investment in the replacement of Royal Australian Navy vessels?
- 0763 INGLEBURN ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 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?
- 0764 CYCLE AND WALKING PATHS PROJECT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Will the Government provide funding for the Newcastle City Council's cycle and walking paths project in 2015-16 Budget?

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- 0765 CAP ON CONTAINER MOVEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Does a cap on container movement currently apply to the Port of Newcastle?
    - (a) If so, does the Government charge a fee for each container shipped through the Port of Newcastle above the prescribed cap?
    - (b) Is that fee paid as compensation to the operator of Port Botany?
- 0766 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) What is the current waiting time for a driving test at:
    - (a) The Merrylands motor registry;
    - (b) The Parramatta motor registry?
- 0767 MERRYLANDS MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- Will the Merrylands Motor Registry continue to operate solely as a motor registry and continue to perform driving tests until 2019?
- 0768 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE FINES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- How many fines were issued to residents of the Granville electorate for driving unregistered vehicles in each of the calendar years from 2012 to 2014?
- 0769 RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What future plans are there to ensure that the railway overbridge from York Street, Merrylands (near Merrylands East Public School) is safe and can be used by students walking to and from the school?
- 0770 POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED AT THE ROSEHILL AND HOLROYD LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the current number of authorised and actual full time equivalent (FTE) police officers employed at:
    - (a) The Rosehill Local Area Command;
    - (b) The Holroyd Local Area Command?
  - (2) What was the number of authorised and actual FTE police officers employed at the Rosehill Local Area Command:
    - (a) At 31 December 2014;
    - (b) At 31 December 2013?
  - (3) What was the number of authorised and actual FTE police officers employed at the Holroyd Local Area Command:
    - (a) At 31 December 2014;
    - (b) At 31 December 2013?
- 0771 INNER CITY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—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—
- (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?

- 0772 SUSTAINABLE UPGRADES TO GOVERNMENT OWNED OFFICE BUILDINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Over the last five years, what proportion of Government owned office buildings have had environmentally sustainable retrofits to:
    - (a) Install solar panels on roofs;
    - (b) Upgrade light fittings to increase lighting efficiency;
    - (c) Collect rainwater for use in the building such as in toilets;
    - (d) Introduce water re-use or recycling;
    - (e) Upgrade taps for water efficiency and
    - (f) Upgrade toilets for water efficiency?
  - (2) What targets has the Government set for sustainable retrofits to Government owned office buildings?
- 0773 BALLAARAT PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (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?
- 0774 SPECIALIST WOMEN'S REFUGES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) What was the forecast budget for the operation of specialist women's refuges in:
    - (a) 2014-15;
    - (b) 2013-14?
  - (2) What was the revised budget for the operation of specialist women's refuges in:
    - (a) 2014-15;
    - (b) 2013-14?
- 0775 KPMG EVALUATION OF GOING HOME STAYING HOME—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) Has the Government received the KPMG evaluation of Going Home Staying Home?
    - (a) If so, when will the Government be releasing this report?
    - (b) What recommendations from the report will be adopted?
      - (i) What is the time frame for implementing these recommendations?
- 0776 PRESCHOOL FUNDING PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) What caused the delay in payments of funds from the Preschool Funding Program in July 2015?
    - (a) How many preschool centres were effected by this delay?
    - (b) How were preschools notified of this issue?
- 0777 TEMPORARY GAOL FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- Are there any incidents where people are being kept in temporary gaol facilities with no natural light and limited shower access in the Hunter?
- (a) If so, where?
  - (b) If so, how many?
- 0778 GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask 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 provide funding for the subsequent stage of the Glendale Transport Interchange after the construction of Stage 1, Section 1?
    - (a) If so, when and how much will be allocated?
    - (b) If not, why not?

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- 0779 HOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—
- (1) How many homes are there in New South Wales for people with a disability that are owned by the Government?
    - (a) How many people are housed in these homes?
    - (b) How many of these homes are located in the Hunter?
  - (2) How many homes are there in New South Wales for people with a disability that are owned by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care?
    - (a) How many people are housed in these homes?
    - (b) How many of these homes are located in the Hunter?
- 0780 WOMEN'S CENTRES—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—
- (1) How much money was spent by the Government in the 2014-15 financial year on women's centres in:
    - (a) The Hunter;
    - (b) The Wallsend electorate?
- 0781 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General—
- Will the Government establish a specialised domestic violence court in order to address the domestic violence crisis?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 0782 LIQUOR LICENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How many licence fee applications are currently waiting to be assessed under the new Annual Licence Fee Scheme for liquor licences?
    - (a) How many of these applications have paid the full risk loading of \$5000?
    - (b) How many of these applications have applied to have the full risk loading waived?
  - (2) When will refunds be given for those eligible for the waiver of the risk loading fee?
  - (3) When will the applications submitted prior to the due date of June 2015 be finalised?
- 0783 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL SHUTTLE BUS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What was the cost of running the John Hunter Hospital shuttle bus in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?
  - (2) What amount of revenue was raised by car parking fees in the John Hunter Hospital grounds in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?
  - (3) Will the Government increase funding to the John Hunter Hospital to enable the continued operation of the free shuttle bus service?
- 0784 PARAMEDICS WAITING WITH PATIENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What system is in place at John Hunter Hospital and other public hospitals across the state to accommodate peaks of demand in emergency departments due to closures of GP services during periods such as long weekends?
  - (2) What is the Government's policy on paramedics staying with patients who are still on trolleys, in hallways, waiting for extended periods for these patients to be triaged?
- 0785 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE PAY LEVELS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Is there any evidence of disparity between the pay of male and female professional athletes in New South Wales?
  - (2) Are there any mechanisms in place to ensure parity or address any disparity between the pay of male and female professional athletes?
- 0786 LAMBTON GARDENS ESTATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- What will the Government do to ensure that homes in the Lambton Gardens Estate that have been extensively damaged due to mine subsidence are repaired as soon as possible, considering prior delays in fixing and rebuilding the homes to their pre-damaged state?
- 0787 STORMS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- (1) What will the Government do to assist the 130,000 Hunter customers and 70,000 more customers across the state who were charged by Ausgrid despite being without power for up to a week after the April super storm?
  - (2) Will the Government call for a refund for effected customers in light of the financial hardship and distress many face in the aftermath of this disaster?
    - (a) If not, why?
- 0788 ELECTRICITY NETWORK LEASING PROCEEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- (1) What percentage of the electricity network leasing proceeds has the Government committed to regional areas of New South Wales?
    - (a) For the purposes of this fund allocation, what is the definition of a 'regional' area?
- 0789 IMPACT OF CLEARWAYS ON SMALL BUSINESS—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—
- (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?
- 0790 AL MAHA PTY LTD COMPLAINTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (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?
- 0791 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN—Dr Hugh McDermott to ask the Minister for Health—
- What funding will the Government allocate to implement the recommendations in the Fairfield Hospital Master Plan?
- 0792 INSTANCES OF HARM TO PARAMEDICS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Health—
- How many instances of harm to paramedics involved an individual on 'ice' in 2014 and between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- 0793 SPEEDING FINES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- What is the expected revenue from speeding fines for each year over the forward estimates?
- 0794 LEASE SCOPING STUDIES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Were scoping studies prepared for the transactions to lease Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If so, will the Minister release the scoping studies considering that the transactions have now been completed?
- 0795 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING UPGRADE—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—
- When will work begin on the safety upgrade of the pedestrian crossing at St Martha's Catholic School, Strathfield?

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- 0796 GOVERNMENT COMPENSATION—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- What was the amount of money paid in compensation by the Government to people wrongfully detained by the NSW Police Force (excluding any amounts paid as part of the PIAC/Maurice Blackburn Juvenile Justice Class Action settlement) in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- 0797 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Where will the 24 domestic and family violence liaison officers announced in the Budget be located?
  - (2) How will these officers assist Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs)?
  - (3) Which Local Area Commands have full-time DVLOs?
  - (4) Which Local Area Commands have part-time DVLOs?
- 0798 MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE—Ms Jodi McKay 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—
- (1) How many calls were made in New South Wales to the Men's Referral Service in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
    - (a) Of those calls, how many men were referred to other services in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
  - (2) From the time of contact with the Men's Referral Service, what was the waiting time for appointments with other services and specialists in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
- 0799 PADSTOW AND BANKSTOWN PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 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?
- 0800 WIDENING OF ALLAWAH BRIDGE—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) When will construction begin on the widening of Allawah Bridge?
  - (2) How long will the bridge be closed?
  - (3) When will the widened bridge open?
- 0801 INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM ON TRAINS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the total number of recorded incidents of vandalism on all rail lines for each of the financial years from 2010-2011 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?
    - (a) What is the breakdown of these incidents for each of those financial years per rail line?
  - (2) What is the total number of recorded incidents of vandalism on all trains for each of the financial years from 2010-2011 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?
  - (3) What is the number of recorded incidents of vandalism on all stations for each of the financial years from 2010-2011 to 2014-15 (to 24 June 2015)?
- 0802 LEASE OVER CROWN RESERVE—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1) Was the Department of Planning and Environment (then the Office for Planning and Infrastructure) consulted before the lease (no. RE455699) over Crown Reserve (59360) was transferred to Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd on 18 October 2013 for the purposes of future airport infrastructure and land management?
    - (a) If not, why not, considering the land is covered by SEPP14 Coastal Wetlands and includes Endangered Ecological Communities of Coastal Saltmarsh Subtropical Floodplain Forest, Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest and Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains, and that it adjoins the important Cobaki Broadwater?
    - (b) If yes, what was the advice provided by the Department of Planning and Environment?

- 0803 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES, CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Is the Government planning to close Roads and Maritime Services offices at Campbelltown and Ingleburn in favour of a Service NSW centre at Gregory Hills?
    - (a) If so, what steps will the Minister take to ensure that Campbelltown will not lose any services and that services provided by Roads and Maritime Services will be available and based in the Campbelltown local government area?
  - (2) Will the Minister acknowledge the importance of accessible and essential services for the City of Campbelltown as a regional city?
- 0804 RAYMOND TERRACE MEN'S SHED—Ms Kate Washington 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—
- (1) Why was the \$5,000 funding promised to the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed not included in the 2015-16 Budget?
  - (2) When will the money be made available?
- 0805 CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- (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?
- 0806 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WAITING LISTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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?
- 0807 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- (1) Why has the Government committed 22 percent less funding to Community Support for people with disability, their family and carers in the 2015-16 Budget?
  - (2) How will the reduction in funding impact on service delivery?
- 0808 FUNDING FOR SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- (1) Why has the Government committed 22.2 percent less funding for supported accommodation for people with disability in the 2015-16 Budget?
  - (2) How will this reduction in funding directly impact on service delivery?
- 0809 RELOCATION OF FAIRFIELD MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (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?
- 0810 PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY MR FLUFFY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- Considering properties impacted by Mr Fluffy have been found in Parramatta, Manly, Ku-ring-gai and Bankstown Local Government areas, but not North Sydney, The Hills Shire and Warringah Local Government areas, why have Manly, Ku-ring-gai, The Hills Shire, North Sydney and Warringah been

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- included among the Local Government areas eligible for free testing services but Parramatta and Bankstown Local Government areas have not?
- 0811 STEVEN BYE CASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Why did police prefer charges against Steven Bye in September 2013 when they had no independent evidence to support allegations against him?
  - (2) Why did the police take so long to notify the Court, and the defendant, that charges would not be proceeded with?
  - (3) Why did police arrest Steven Bye rather than pursuing other courses of action, especially bearing in mind his disabilities and his vulnerability?
  - (4) What training is provided to police to interview people such as Steven Bye?
  - (5) Why did the police take as long as they did to obtain relevant CCTV footage from the Bus Company (which revealed the allegation to be without substance)?
- 0812 APPLICATION TO TRANSFER THE PROSECUTION OF ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Who made the application to transfer the prosecution of Rod Blackman from the Local Court at Dubbo to Central Local Court?
    - (a) When was the application made?
    - (b) Was the application made in Open Court?
    - (c) Why was the application made?
    - (d) What was the basis of the application?
- 0813 NSW BUSINESSLINK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 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?
- 0814 NSW BUSINESSLINK STAFF AND CONTRACTORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (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?
- 0815 APPLICATION TO TRANSFER THE PROSECUTION OF ROD BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Who made the application to transfer the prosecution of Rod Blackman from the Local Court at Dubbo to Central Local Court?
    - (a) When was the application made?
    - (b) Was the application made in Open Court?
    - (c) Why was the application made?
    - (d) What was the basis of the application?
- 0816 EAGLE TOURS AND BORE AND SLAVICA SAVIC—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Was Eagle Tours or any company run by Bore and Slavica Savic contracted by Sydney Trains to transport employees of Sydney Trains?
    - (a) In relation to any such contracts did Eagle Tours:
      - (i) Pay correct rates of pay, including overtime and weekend rates to the drivers?
      - (ii) Pay appropriate superannuation payments on behalf of the drivers?
      - (iii) Remit appropriate taxation payments in relation to the earnings of the drivers?
- 0817 RODNEY BLACKMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Who made the decision that resulted in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions announcing on Tuesday 13 July 2015 that seven charges against Rodney Blackman, including common assault and domestic violence allegations were withdrawn?

(a) What was the basis of the decision in (1) above?

0818 LISA KARAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What process is being pursued in relation to Lisa Karam, an employee of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages?
- (2) Have the Department's Grievance Policy and guidelines been followed in relation to Ms Karam's matter?
- (3) What guarantee of procedural fairness has been provided to Ms Karam?
- (4) When will supporting evidence of purported claims be provided to Ms Karam or her legal advisors?
- (5) When will allegations by Ms Karam be properly investigated?
- (6) When will the Deputy Secretary, Organisations Performance and Operations Division respond to correspondence from Ms Karam's legal advisors?

0819 PROJECT REMEDIATION PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning—

When will the details of the Project Remediation Plan for properties at Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill be available?