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\*1882 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES SITE AT MILLS STREET, LIDCOMBE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Why is the Government preparing to sell the former Roads and Maritime Services site at Mills Street, Lidcombe?
- (2) What investigation has the Government conducted with its departments into alternate use of this site?
- (3) Will this site be sold to developers ahead of community or Department of Education utilisation?
- (4) What is the current council zoning of this site?
- (5) Have any discussions been held with the Department of Education regarding incorporating this site into the grounds of Lidcombe Public School, considering that this school is currently at capacity?

Answer—

- (1) The site has been identified as surplus to the operational requirements of the Roads and Maritime Services. The site was vested to GPNSW for the purposes of disposal in 2014. Proceeds from sale will be directed towards funding the roll-out of new Service NSW Centres across NSW.
- (2) The Lidcombe RMS site adjoins the Lidcombe Public School. The Department of Education has reviewed the opportunity and confirmed that the land is not required for school purposes.
- (3) The property will be sold by public auction.
- (4) The property is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential.
- (5) The Lidcombe RMS site adjoins the Lidcombe Public School. The Department of Education has reviewed the opportunity and confirmed that the land is not required for school purposes.

\*1883 AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What services are provided at the Auburn Hospital Accident and Emergency Department to assist patients presenting to the hospital with a mental illness?
- (2) How many patients presented to the Auburn Hospital Accident and Emergency Department with a mental illness in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 10 November 2015)?
- (3) How many patients under the age of 18 presented to the Auburn Hospital Accident and Emergency Department with a mental illness in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 10 November 2015)?
- (4) How many patients over the age of 65 presented to the Auburn Hospital Accident and Emergency Department with a mental illness in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 10 November 2015)?
- (5) What are the plans to improve mental health services in the Auburn electorate for seniors, adolescents and children?

Answer—

I am advised:

The emergency department at Auburn Hospital has a mental health nurse practitioner on a rotating roster. The position is supported by psychiatrists and psychiatry registrars from Westmead Hospital and by the Auburn and Merrylands Community Mental Health teams.

The Western Sydney Local Health District has recently commissioned a review of the community mental health model of care to determine whether current models of care are meeting the immediate needs of the community and whether they are supporting the needs of the moderate to severe mental illness cohort of consumers. This is a holistic review that involves working in partnership with the NGO sector.

Proposed improvements will enable the Community Mental Health Teams to incorporate the objectives of the Strategic Plan of the NSW Mental Health Commission 2014 and the 'Strengthening Mental Health Care in NSW 2014' document.

\*1884 BULLYING AND WORKPLACE HARASSMENT—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many reports of bullying and workplace harassment have been reported at Auburn Hospital in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 10 November 2015)?
- (2) How many reports have been formally investigated and what actions were taken in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 10 November 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Information on bullying complaints in relation to NSW Health organisations is included in

the NSW Health Annual Report 2014-15 which is available on the NSW Ministry of Health website.

Complaints are handled through a range of actions depending on the situation, including facilitated discussion, management direction, mutual resolution, investigation or an alternative dispute resolution.

Local health districts continue to implement local strategies to enhance workplace culture, reduce the incidence of unacceptable behaviour, improve communication and increase information sharing.

The NSW Health policy Prevention and Management of Workplace Bullying in NSW Health is a robust framework that provides standards to prevent and manage bullying in NSW Health.

\*1886 PARKING AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Health—

Can the Minister confirm that paid parking will not be installed at Campbelltown Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Parking arrangements at Campbelltown Hospital comply with the NSW Health Policy Directive PD2013\_031 - Hospital Car Parking Fees Policy: Campuses which are subject to car parking development.

\*1887 INVESTIGATIONS INTO FRAUD—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) Was the Minister made aware of any investigations into fraud conducted by Roads and Maritime Services and not pursued between 1 January 2014 and 29 October 2015?

(a) If so, what action did the Minister take?

Answer—

I am advised:

Allegations of fraud are managed in accordance with public sector governance, legislative and annual reporting requirements. If the member is aware of any specific allegations of fraud they should be reported to the relevant agency for review and action or to integrity bodies such as ICAC.

\*1888 BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS—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) Has the Minister provided all information he received from his Departments in response to Budget Estimates 2015-16 Supplementary Questions?

(2) Does the Minister stand by his answers to the Budget Estimates 2015-16 Supplementary Questions?

Answer—

I am advised:

All answers provided to Budget Estimates 2015-16 are in accordance with the Standing Orders.

\*1889 SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION—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) Is the Sydney Motorway Corporation exempt from the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009?

(a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised :

Please refer to my answer provided in Question Time on 20 October 2015.

\*1890 M4 TOLL—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Will the M4 be tolled from 2016 or 2017?

Answer—

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I am advised:

WestConnex tolling arrangements are detailed in the updated WestConnex Strategic Business Case, which is available on the WestConnex website.

\*1891 POLICE STRENGTH—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What was the authorised strength and operational full-time equivalent strength in 2014 and 2015 (to 29 October 2015) of the:
  - (a) Commissioner's Office;
  - (b) Corporate Services;
  - (c) Field Operations;
  - (d) Specialist Operations;
  - (e) Police Transport Command;
  - (f) Traffic and Highway Patrol Command;
  - (g) Major Events and Incidents Group?

Answer—

Authorised, actual and operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

\*1892 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many police vehicles were fitted with cameras capable of checking the registration of passing cars in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
- (2) How many cars were checked for registration in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Police vehicles are continually being fitted with Mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition devices.

The number of 'reads' has been increasing in line with the continuous fit out.

\*1893 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health—

What construction milestones are planned for the completion of the Westmead Hospital Redevelopment project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The first early works for the redevelopment of Westmead Hospital have commenced on-site, with critical upgrades to power, and other essential services securing Westmead Hospital's infrastructure needs for the future. Construction works on a new at-grade car park and road realignments to improve traffic flow and safety are also underway.

Early works will continue through 2016 with main construction works to occur from 2017 – 2020.

\*1894 SERVICE NSW CALL CENTRE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the average weekday wait time for callers to the Service NSW call centre (137 788) before speaking to a consultant?
- (2) What proportion of callers to the Service NSW call centre are connected to a call centre consultant in less than:
  - (a) Five minutes;
  - (b) Ten minutes;
  - (c) 15 minutes;
  - (d) 20 minutes;
  - (e) 30 minutes?
- (3) What proportion of callers to the Service NSW call centre hang up without being connected to a call centre consultant?

Answer—

- (1) 1 minute 12 seconds.
- (2) This information is not available.
- (3) Eight per cent.

\*1895 M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What allocation has been put aside to pay for the acquisition of properties for the M4 Widening Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The property acquisition budget is included in the overall budget allocation for WestConnex .

\*1896 ON THE SPOT LICENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will the Government consider introducing on the spot licences from Service NSW Centres?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) When was the centralised licence printing location first established?
- (3) How many licences have had to be reprinted due to loss in the mail since the inception of the centralised licence printing?

Answer—

- (1) At Service NSW customers are enjoying quicker service and low waiting times. Part of this is due to expanding the centralised printing model which enables a faster service for customers, while reducing the cost to taxpayers. Service NSW is exploring options for a central pick up location for customers that may require a card in urgent circumstances.
- (2) Photo cards – such as driver licences – have been centrally printed in New South Wales for more than a decade for smaller motor registries or as back up for larger registries. This is in line with other states such as Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania as well as the private sector which has been mailing out bank cards for years.
- (3) I am advised analysis carried out in July 2015 based on two years of data indicated the rate of 'not received' cards was approximately 0.5 per cent.

\*1897 WALLSEND ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many driving instructors will be available for P1 Provisional Licence Driving Tests at the Wallsend Service NSW office opening later in 2015?
- (2) How many driving instructors were available for P1 Provisional Licence Driving Tests at the former Wallsend Roads and Maritime Services office in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 9 November 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) Wallsend Service Centre will have one full time driver tester and one part time driver tester.
- (2) Wallsend Motor Registry generally had one full time driver tester and one part time driver tester since 2011 to meet customer demand.

\*1898 PRISON POPULATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What measures is the Minister taking to address the increasing prison population in New South Wales?

Answer—

The prison population is subject to significant and sometimes dramatic fluctuations. Despite the increase in numbers, the inmate population continues to be safely managed in the State's correctional facilities.

The Government has already provided additional beds by re-opening Kirkconnell Correctional Centre and re-configuring Kariong from a juvenile to an adult correctional centre to accommodate 50 inmates.

In addition, Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) is working to implement a range of other strategies to increase accommodation. These include:

- more beds being brought on-line at Grafton Correctional Centre

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- expanding the inmate state at Glen Innes Correctional Centre
- progressing the modular beds program with 80 beds due to open at Parklea Correctional Centre, and another 80 beds at the Outer Metropolitan Multi-purpose Correctional Centre before the end of 2015.

Consideration is also being given to repurposing CSNSW facilities to accommodate inmates and to recommissioning previously closed facilities.

Further, in the longer term, additional capacity will be provided by the construction of a new correctional centre at Grafton, and a new addition to Parklea Correctional Centre.

\*1899 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many literacy and numeracy teachers who were appointed in 2010 are currently in Wallsend schools as at 31 October 2015?

(a) At which schools have these teachers been assigned?

(2) When will those teachers who have not been assigned a position be assigned a position?

Answer—

(1) None. The Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan commenced in 2012.

(2) N/A.

\*1900 COURSES AT GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) Will Glendale TAFE enrol students in:

(a) Metal Fabrication courses in Semester One, 2016?

(b) Welding courses in Semester One, 2016?

(c) Electro Technology courses in Semester One, 2016?

(d) Child Study courses in Semester One, 2016?

Answer—

(1) (a) No. From the beginning of 2014, delivery of Metal Fabrication at Glendale Campus ceased for new enrolments due to the decline in apprenticeships in this trade area.

(b) No. From the beginning of 2014, delivery of Welding at Glendale Campus ceased for new enrolments due to the decline in apprenticeships in this trade area.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

\*1902 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

(1) What is the Minister doing to address the need for more senior staff at the John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department?

(2) What is the Minister doing to ensure that adequate supervision is given to trainees at the John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Staffing levels, including the mix of staff and trainees, are a matter for Local Health Districts and will vary over time according to patient need.

\*1903 POWER NETWORKS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

What are the implications of the recent pricing decision by the Australian Energy Regulator on the Government's election commitment to sell long-term leases in the power networks?

Answer—

The Government is proceeding with the lease of the electricity networks as regulated businesses under the National Electricity Law and Rules. Short term, five-yearly variations in the network revenue determinations by the Australian Energy Regulator will be considered by bidders in the context of the proposed 99 year lease.

The boards and executive management of the electricity networks, including that of Essential Energy which will not be leased, will operate their businesses within the requirements of the determination until the next determination commences on 1 July 2019, after which the businesses will be operated in compliance with that and every subsequent five-year determination.

\*1904 SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELIEF SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How much of the \$20 million allocated to specialist homelessness and domestic violence relief services will be dedicated to the Hunter region?
- (2) How much of this amount will be made available to the Wallsend electorate for funding of Warlga Ngurra Women and Children's Refuge, which turns away an average of seven women each day, and further crisis centres?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Family and Community Services' Hunter New England District will receive \$2.1 million over two years.
- (2) Funding will be distributed to specialist homelessness service providers that are best placed to deliver the additional services and supports required.

\*1905 LOCAL COURT AT MURWILLUMBAH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Will you reinstate sitting days recently reduced at the Local Court at Murwillumbah?
- (2) Are there any plans to close the Local Court at Murwillumbah permanently?

Answer—

- (1) Local court sitting arrangements are a matter for the Chief Magistrate.
- (2) I am advised there are currently no plans to close court houses.

\*1906 VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Was the Victims Commissioner a part of the process of the recent reappointment of the Victims Advisory Board?
- (2) Was the Victims Commissioner consulted in relation to the reappointment of the Victims Advisory Board?

Answer—

I am advised the merit selection process used to select members of the Victims Advisory Board was in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Appointment Standards.

\*1907 VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What process was used to select the members reappointed to the Victims Advisory Board?
- (2) Did all members of the recently reappointed Victims Advisory Board make formal applications to be appointed?
- (3) Were any members of the recently reappointed Victims Advisory Board appointed on the recommendations of the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of the Department of Justice?
  - (a) If so, which members?

Answer—

I am advised the merit selection process used to select members of the Victims Advisory Board was in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Appointment Standards.

\*1908 REAPPOINTED VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Is there an Aboriginal person on the reappointed Victims Advisory Board?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the merit selection process used to select members of the Victims Advisory Board was in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Appointment Standards.

\*1909 HOMICIDE VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Was a representative from the Homicide Victims Support Group reappointed to the Victims Advisory Board?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the merit selection process used to select members of the Victims Advisory Board was in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Appointment Standards.



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\*1910 TEACHING POSITIONS IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many people in full-time teaching roles are currently employed at public schools in the Liverpool electorate?
- (2) How many people in part-time teaching roles are currently employed at public schools in the Liverpool electorate?
- (3) How many people in casual teaching roles are currently employed at public schools in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) This request would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources.

\*1911 SCHOOLS IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the average class size at primary schools in the Liverpool electorate?
- (2) What is the average size of secondary schools in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Average class sizes in government primary schools can be found on the Department of Education's website.
- (2) The average size of the seven secondary schools in the Liverpool electorate is 6.6 hectares.

\*1912 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Which persons or entities have been declared a deemed agency by regulation pursuant to Clause 5 of Schedule 4 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act?

Answer—

Entities declared to be agencies pursuant to clause 5 of Schedule 4 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 are set out in clause 11A of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009.

\*1913 HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY BRIDGE—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When were the tender documents for the inspection of the pylons of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge issued?
- (2) What was the closing date for the tender?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains maintains its infrastructure in accordance with strict standards to ensure the safety and reliability of rail services. On 13 November 2015, the Office of Transport Safety Investigations confirmed that independent inspections of the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge support that it is safe to run trains.

Maintenance is set to be carried out on the bridge early next year. Sydney Trains has gone to market to find the best organisation to complete the work. Tenders closed on 20 November 2015.

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\*1914 PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health—

What additional parking arrangements have been made available at the Westmead Hospital to compensate for the non-availability of parking during construction on the Western Sydney University campus grounds?

Answer—

I am advised:

Western Sydney University parking arrangements are independent of the Western Sydney Local Health District. There are no formal/informal arrangements between Westmead Hospital and Western Sydney University for provision of car parking for Westmead staff and visitors.

In February 2015, the Government announced \$72 million for car parking at Westmead which will include:

- 1,400 additional car parks
- A new multi-deck car park at Westmead Hospital
- A new modern car park management system
- Better security with improved lighting, footpaths and CCTV

The 2015-16 State Budget provided \$27.1 million to progress this work.

\*1915 STAFF AT SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many administrative staff were employed by the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE as at:
- (a) 1 January 2013;
  - (b) 1 January 2014;
  - (c) 28 March 2015?

(2) What proposals have been developed for the number of administrative staff to be employed in 2016?

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 reports which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annualreport> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annualreports>.
- (2) TAFE NSW Institutes regularly review and adjust their staffing requirements, to ensure they are meeting the needs of students, industry and the community.

\*1916 WESTCONNEX—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—

- (1) How many jobs have been created by the WestConnex Project as at 11 November 2015?
- (2) How many jobs have been created by the M4 Widening Project?
- (3) How many employees of the M4 Widening Project are residents in the Parramatta Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The economic benefits of WestConnex are detailed in the relevant Environment Impact Statements, which are available on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website.

\*1917 PARK AND SPORT FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Planning—

What park and sport facilities are being provided for residents of Wentworth Point that are accessible for public use, other than elite athlete facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

One-third or about 6 hectares of the Wentworth Point Priority Precinct has been allocated to parks, foreshore paths and a public plaza all of which will be accessible for public use, for the residents of Wentworth Point and surrounds.

The 18.6 hectare Wentworth Point Priority Precinct includes a new 3.9 hectare peninsula park to be delivered with funding from the Government's Precinct Support Scheme.

There will also be a 30 metre wide foreshore reserve to the west of the new park connecting to the parklands of Sydney Olympic Park, and a 20 metre wide foreshore promenade to the south, connecting to the rest of the Wentworth Point community. The promenade will adjoin a new 1,800 sqm maritime plaza.

The approved plans also require three pocket parks with a minimum area of 2,000 sqm each to provide smaller scale places for local residents. These parks will be distributed throughout the new residential neighbourhood.

It is also proposed that the playing fields associated with the new primary school will be available to the

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public and local sporting groups outside of school hours.

In combination, these new green spaces will form a green network of continuous pedestrian and cycle access from Homebush Bay and Rhodes (across the new bridge) around to the Parramatta River and parklands of Sydney Olympic Park.

\*1918 MACARTHUR SERVICE CENTRE AT GREGORY HILLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Are the premises of the Macarthur Service Centre at Gregory Hills leased by the Government?
  - (a) If not, are the premises owned by the Government?
  - (b) If so, how long is the lease?
  - (c) If so, how much is the rent per annum?
  - (d) If so, how much does the rent increase each year?
  - (e) If so, what options are available to extend the lease when it expires?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
  - (a) N/A
  - (b) Five years
  - (c) \$225,000 per annum
  - (d) 3.5 per cent fixed increase
  - (e) Five-year option to renew.

\*1919 DRIVER TESTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many driver tests were completed at the Ingleburn Motor Registry in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
  - (a) How many of these driver tests were for those aged over 85 in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Answer—

Year	Total practical driving tests	Practical tests for older drivers
2011-12	6,146	46
2012-13	6,501	72
2013-14	6,435	67
2014-15	5,481	52

Note that practical tests for older drivers are also carried out by external providers at a location of the customer's choosing.

\*1920 MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many motor registry offices have been closed in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15 across New South Wales?
  - (a) What were the locations of these motor registry offices?
- (2) How many motor registry offices are due to close in the 2015-16 financial year across New South Wales?
  - (a) What are the locations of these motor registry offices?

Answer—

- (1) Management of the motor registry network was transferred to Service NSW from 1 July 2014. No motor registries were merged with Service NSW centres in Financial year 2014-15. From 1 July 2015 to 30 November 2015, fifteen motor registries have been merged with Service NSW centres.
  - (a) Belmont, Campbelltown, Carrington, Fairfield, Five Dock, Ingleburn, Lidcombe, Maroubra Junction, Padstow, Narellan, North Ryde, Shellharbour, Thornleigh, Toronto and Woy Woy.
- (2) Service NSW continues to refine the site design of the network of one-stop shops across the State and will ensure staff and customers are kept informed of developments. Each motor registry will continue to operate until such time as the Service NSW network is expanded.

\*1921 CAR PARKING AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What plans are there to increase commuter car parking at Minto, Ingleburn, Macquarie Fields and Glenfield Railway Stations?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise that as part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 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. Parking at Minto, Ingleburn, Macquarie Fields and Glenfield stations 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.

\*1922 STAFF AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many full-time and part-time staff are employed at Glenfield, Macquarie Fields, Ingleburn, Minto and Leumeah Railway Stations as at 11 November 2015?

(2) How many full-time and part-time staff were employed at Glenfield, Macquarie Fields, Ingleburn, Minto and Leumeah Railway Stations in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14?

Answer—

I am advised:

Glenfield Station is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Macquarie Fields, Ingleburn, Minto and Leumeah stations' are staffed between 6am and 7pm on weekdays and 8am and 4pm on weekends. Staffing levels are determined by Sydney Trains to match the needs of our customers.

As a result of initiatives to improve customer service, and in order to assist customers and answer questions, staff are now more visible on these stations' platforms and concourses.

\*1923 MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What plans are in place or are being considered to increase the number of trains stopping at Macquarie Fields Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Services at Macquarie Fields on the T2 South, T2 Airport and T5 Cumberland Lines are currently meeting demand. Train load data is available online at the Bureau of Statistics website.

Transport for NSW regularly monitors patronage to ensure services reflect demand.

\*1924 LINE MARKING EXPENDITURE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What are the details of line marking expenditure on all State roads in the Auburn electorate during each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

(a) Which roads does this include?

(b) What is the total amount for each road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Total asset maintenance expenditure is reported in the NSW Budget Papers. Expenditure details are not broken down by electorate, individual road or by individual items, such as line marking.

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\*1925 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) In what streets have speed cameras been located in the Auburn electorate?
- (2) How often are these cameras tested for faults and accuracy?
- (3) What is the reason for installing the cameras at these locations?
- (4) How much revenue does each of these cameras raise annually?
- (5) For the two years prior to the speed camera being installed, how many traffic incidents occurred within 500 meters of each camera location?
- (6) For the two years following the installation of the speed camera, how many traffic incidents occurred within 500 meters of each camera location?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about speed camera locations, crash history and camera testing is available on the Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services websites. Information about speed camera fines is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Services.

\*1926 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What registered training organisations or institutions receive Government funding in the Auburn electorate?
  - (a) What training courses do they offer?
  - (b) Do any of the courses compete directly with TAFE run courses?
    - (i) If so, which ones?
- (2) How much Government funding has been provided to these institutions in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 11 November 2015)?
- (3) What is the course completion rate (by course) of each of these institutions in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 11 November 2015)?

Answer—

- (1) Only registered training providers who have a Smart and Skilled contract to deliver government subsidised training in the Sydney region are funded. Providers approved to deliver on the Sydney region can be found through the course finder at the Smart and Skilled website at <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/sands/find-a-course>.
  - (a) Smart and Skilled training providers deliver training for qualifications on the New South Wales Skills List and which are in their scope of registration.
  - (b) (i) Smart and Skilled extended the competitive training market, with TAFE NSW and private providers competing to deliver training under the Smart and Skilled entitlement, which includes qualifications up to and including Certificate III and all apprenticeships and selected traineeships.
- (2) Funding for registered training providers delivering government funded training for the period 2011–2014 can be found in the NSW Department of Education's Annual Reports located at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-weoperate/annual-reports>. Funding information for the 2015 period is not yet available.
- (3) It is too early to determine completion rates for 2015. However, qualification completion rates for publicly funded vocational education and training qualifications can be found on the National Centre for Vocational Education Research website at [www.ncver.edu.au](http://www.ncver.edu.au).

\*1927 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students in the Auburn electorate have been reported to the Department of Education or the NSW Police Force for not attending school over the four years prior to 11 November 2015?
  - (a) What action has been taken to ensure that these students attend school?
  - (b) How many days of school did these students lose for each school year?
  - (c) How many students have been repeatedly reported, and what action has been taken to ensure they attend school?
- (2) How many Home School Liaison Officers operate in the Auburn electorate?
- (3) What specialised support does the Government provide to help students attend school where there are ongoing concerns?

- (4) Where required, what enforcement operations have been carried out to ensure that parents send their children to school?
- (5) What data is available about the success of programs to ensure that students attend school?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase school attendance in order to ensure the best opportunities for learning?

Answer—

- (1) This detailed information is held by each school.
- (2) Four home school liaison officers operate in the Auburn electorate.
- (3) All teaching staff at the school level, including classroom teachers, advisors, school executive and the principal, are available to support students. Schools use a range of strategies and processes to address, support and improve school attendance. They regularly follow up unexplained absences with parents. Contact is made with parents by means such as telephone, email or SMS text message. Schools monitor school attendance and where there are concerns they work closely with parents and implement strategies to improve student attendance.

In addition, support can be provided by staff with specialist expertise such as the student support officers, school counsellors and learning and support staff. The Department employs over 4,000 specialist staff who work across New South Wales to support students with additional needs in learning and support, behaviour, wellbeing and school attendance.

- (4) Where school based strategies have not been successful in resolving attendance concerns, schools can make application to the Home School Liaison Program for support. Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers work with public schools, students and their families to address issues that may be contributing to the non-attendance of the child or young person: Where there is persistent ongoing school non-attendance issues, the Department can seek a Compulsory School Order through the Children's Court. This results in the Children's Court issuing parents an order of school attendance for their children. Once an order is issued, compliance is monitored by the school.
- (5) The comprehensive approach to school attendance is having an impact. School attendance rates have been improving over the past several years. In 2014 the school attendance rate was 92.1 percent, the highest rate recorded in the last 10 years.
- (6) The Government is making a substantial investment to support students in its schools. On 8 March 2015, the Government announced that it would provide a total of \$167.2 million over 5 years for the Supported Students, Successful Students initiative. This package includes:
  - \$80.7 million to employ 236 additional school counsellors
  - \$51.5 million of flexible funding for wellbeing services
  - \$8 million to provide over 500 graduate scholarships for school counselling and other wellbeing positions
  - \$8 million to support Aboriginal students, their families, staff and to assist in building community capacity
  - \$4 million to support refugee students who have experienced trauma and their families
  - \$15 million to support the implementation of positive behaviour for learning in public schools across New South Wales.

This will make a significant difference to the resourcing available to schools for wellbeing including where there are issues impacting on students who are not attending school regularly.

\*1928 BICYCLE ROUTE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What sections of the promised separated cycleway route between Bondi Junction and the Sydney CBD (referred to in LA Q 6441) have been:
  - (a) Completed;
  - (b) Planned and costed;
  - (c) Agreed and are being designed;
  - (d) Remain to be developed?
- (2) What proposals are agreed for Oxford Street through Woollahra, Paddington and Darlinghurst?
- (3) How does the Government intend to separate bike riders from fast-moving regional traffic including buses and trucks?
- (4) How will this route link to the noted City Centre Cycleway Network?
- (5) When will this safe separated route be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (4) Sections from Oxford Street- York Road to Lang Road, Centennial Park, and connecting to the new Castlereagh Street cycleway along Campbell Street are complete. The remaining stages are being delivered by the City of Sydney and Waverly Council.

(2) The Eastern Suburbs Link Cycleway alignment is currently in planning.

(3) Bicycle infrastructure is planned and designed in accordance with the Austroads Guidance and the NSW Bicycle Guidelines. The level of separation for a designated bicycle route is guided by the traffic speed and volumes of the road.

(5) This information is available in Sydney's Cycling Future.

\*1929 SMARTROLL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the automatic enrolment process through SmartRoll?
- (2) How many people does the Government estimate have been enrolled or have had their enrolment updated through this process?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to expand or further develop SmartRoll?
- (4) What liaison has occurred with the Australian Electoral Commission about extending automatic enrolment to Federal electoral enrolment?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to make electoral enrolment and updates easier?

Answer—

A comprehensive assessment of the SmartRoll program is set out in the NSW Electoral Commission's Report on the Conduct of the 2015 State General Election, which was provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on 1 September 2015 and published on the NSW Parliament website. The Commission advises that over 1.3 million eligible electors have been enrolled or had their details updated via SmartRoll since it commenced in 2010.

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has also introduced a direct enrolment and update program. The AEC uses NSW direct enrolment information to enrol or update elector details for federal purposes. Details are available on the AEC's website: [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

\*1930 NATIONAL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CURRICULUM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What states and territories have implemented the national digital technologies curriculum?
- (2) What steps are needed before New South Wales implements the curriculum in schools?
- (3) When are New South Wales schools expected to offer the curriculum?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made on the digital technology skills of New South Wales school graduates in comparison with other states and territories that have the curriculum?
- (5) What consultation has occurred between the Government and Australian tech companies and start-ups about implementing this curriculum?

Answer—

- (1) No state or territory has implemented the Australian Curriculum: Technologies, including the subject Digital Technologies.
- (2) BOSTES will begin the review of NSW K-10 Technology Education subjects in 2016. The review will aim to develop syllabus documents to meet New South Wales' needs in digital and other technologies.
- (3) Implementation will commence in NSW schools at a time determined by the Government after consultation with school principals and schooling sectors.
- (4) As other states have not implemented the Digital Technologies curriculum, there has been no comparative assessment of skills of school graduates. New South Wales already has several subjects in digital technologies such as Multimedia, Information Processes and Technology, Information and Digital Technologies and most significantly Software Design and Development. Graduates from these courses find employment, proceed to tertiary study and/or make significant contribution to Australia's digital future.
- (5) I am advised that the BOSTES has been in consultation with major technology and engineering companies, academics and industry in NSW and is fully aware of the issues surrounding digital technologies.

\*1931 INNER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which primary schools serving the Sydney electorate are expected to be at capacity by 2020 if no upgrades occur?

- (2) Do the Department of Education's plans show that seven inner city schools need to find places for an extra 300 students by 2020?
  - (a) If not, how many extra students are expected in inner city schools that serve the Sydney electorate?
- (3) How many students are expected to attend Fort Street Primary School from the Barangaroo development by 2020?
- (4) Will Fort Street Primary School have to double current classrooms to accommodate 340 students by 2020?
- (5) How will Fort Street Primary School capacity be increased?
- (6) How many extra students are expected to enrol in Darlinghurst Public School by 2020?
- (7) Will Darlinghurst Public School need 12 classrooms to cope with increased enrolments by 2020?
- (8) How many extra students are expected to enrol at Crown Street Public School by 2020?
- (9) What spare capacity does Crown Street Public School have to cope with this increase?
- (10) What plans does the Government have to manage this growth?

Answer—

The Department of Education uses numerous strategies to address enrolment growth including:

- reviewing school catchment boundaries to improve utilisation across clusters of schools
- providing demountable accommodation where necessary
- expanding existing schools through capital works projects
- providing new schools where necessary.

The Department is in the process of preparing cluster plans for groups of schools across metropolitan Sydney to meet enrolment demand anticipated by 2031. The cluster planning will ensure enrolment demand in the Sydney electorate is met.

\*1932 CONSTRUCTION NOISE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) When was the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline last updated?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to update this guideline?
- (3) What changes have been introduced in recognition of the increasing number of residents living in densely populated precincts including the Sydney CBD?
- (4) What changes have been introduced in recognition of different noise impacts for homes in high-rise apartment buildings?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that inner city residents are protected from protracted intrusive construction noise?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that major construction projects take all needed measures to prevent intrusive construction noise?
- (7) How does the Government ensure that there is practical enforcement of intrusive construction noise?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to protect residential amenity during major construction projects?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Interim Construction Noise Guideline published in 2009 has not been updated.
- (2) The NSW EPA is currently reviewing the Interim Construction Noise Guideline.
- (3) See Answer 2.
- (4) See Answer 2.
- (5) The consent authority (the Department of Planning or the Office of Local Government) consider noise impacts associated with development proposals and apply necessary controls through conditions of consent. Questions on the application of planning controls should be directed to the Minister for Planning or the Minister for Local Government. Where infrastructure construction requires an environment protection licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the EPA may include noise management conditions on the licence.
- (6) The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 provides for strong, appropriate regulatory action in response to non-compliance with requirements aimed at preventing noise impacts from construction noise.
- (7) Environmental legislation provides powers that allow enforcement of noise requirements, using a range of regulatory approaches to ensure that noise requirements are met. These include inspections and audits and may also require monitoring and reporting of noise levels.



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The EPA also maintains the Environment Line to which the community can report noise issues and complaints are dealt with by either the EPA or Council using a range of tools to enforce compliance such as warnings, statutory notices and if necessary prosecution.

- (8) Compliance and enforcement activities on infrastructure construction will continue. The EPA will consult on any amendments to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline.

\*1933 NATIVE GAME BIRD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Since the Native Game Bird Management Program began:

- (1) How many land owners and occupiers have participated or are participating in the Native Game Bird Management Program?
- (2) How many game hunting licences have been issued?
- (3) Which native game bird species are, or have been, subject to a native game bird management licence or game hunting licence?
- (4) What annual quotas have been set for each species that is, or has been, subject to a licence?
  - (a) For each of these species and its corresponding annual quota, how many birds were killed according to records?
  - (b) For each of these species, what limits have been set on when and where birds can be hunted?
  - (c) What tagging requirements are in place for each of these species?
- (5) How often has the Native Game Bird Management Committee met?
- (6) How have the quotas and conditions of game hunting licences been audited?
- (7) What assessment has been made with regard to compliance with conditions?

Answer—

- (1) A total of 311 land owners have been issued a native game bird management license since the Native Game Bird Management Program began.
- (2) A total of 3,243 game hunting licences have been endorsed for native game bird hunting since the Native Game Bird Management Program began.
- (3) An annual quota is set for native game bird species based on the best scientific information available of the estimated regional population of native game birds. Only native game birds that have a quota approved each year can be hunted as part of the Native Game Bird Management Program. Native game bird quotas for 2014-15 and 2015-16 were set for the following duck species:
  - Australian Shelduck or Mountain Duck (*Tadorna tadornoides*).
  - Australian Wood Duck or Maned Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*).
  - Black Duck or Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*).
  - Blue-winged Shoveler or Australasian Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*).
  - Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*).
  - Grass Whistling Duck or Plumed Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna eytoni*).
  - Grey Teal (*Anas gibberifrons*).
  - Hard head Duck or White-eyed Duck (*Aythya australis*).
  - Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*).
  - Water Whistling Duck, Wandering Whistling Duck or Whistling or Wandering Tree Duck (*Dendrocygna arcuata*).
- (4) In 2014-15 a combined quota of 200,000 was set for all 10 duck species.

In 2015-16 a combined quota has been set of 119,990 for all 10 duck species.

- (a) For 2014-15 the following numbers of native game birds (ducks) were harvested:

Native game bird species	Numbers harvested
Australian Shelduck or Mountain Duck	99
Australian Wood Duck or Maned Duck	6,434
Black Duck or Pacific Black Duck	8,398
Blue-winged Shoveler or Australasian Shoveler	8
Chestnut Teal	147
Grey Teal	5,470
Hard head Duck or White-eyed Duck	432
Pink-eared Duck	107
Water Whistling Duck, Wandering Whistling Duck or Whistling or Wandering Tree Duck	9

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Grass Whistling Duck or Plumed Whistling Duck	377
Total native game bird species harvested	21,481

For 2015-16 to date the following numbers of native game birds (ducks) have been harvested:

Native game bird species	Numbers harvested
Australian Shelduck or Mountain Duck	7
Australian Wood Duck or Maned Duck	1,017
Black Duck or Pacific Black Duck	1,647
Blue-winged Shoveler or Australasian Shoveler	0
Chestnut Teal	8
Grey Teal	940
Hard head Duck or White-eyed Duck	199
Pink-eared Duck	213
Water Whistling Duck, Wandering Whistling Duck or Whistling or Wandering Tree Duck	0
Grass Whistling Duck or Plumed Whistling Duck	96
Total native game bird species harvested	4,127

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- (b) Native game birds can only be hunted on a property that has a current Native Game Bird Management Licence and when these properties have an active native game bird property quota.
- (c) NSW Game Hunting License Holders who are eligible to hunt under the program are required to record the number of native game birds harvested before they leave a property in a Native Game Bird Hunter Diary issued to them by the Department. Hunter diaries are audited in the field by Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Compliance staff.

Hunters must also provide the details of their harvest (number of birds of each species harvested) no more than 14 days after attending a property to hunt native game birds. Harvest reports can be completed online or by filling in a Native Game Bird harvest Return Form and returning it to the Department. These arrangements constitute the requirements for the tagging or other identification, and notification to the Department of native game birds killed under a Native Game Bird Management Licence.

- (5) No such committee exists.
- (6) Both the native game bird State quota and individual property quotas are carefully managed by the Department in conjunction with landholders. The game hunting database provides real time tracking of all quotas and a dedicated Native Game Bird Management Team based in the Riverina ensures that both property quotas and the State quota are not exceeded.

Game Hunting licence conditions are audited by the DPI through compliance operations conducted throughout the Riverina on properties with a Native Game Bird Management Licence. These operations allow for regular checks of game hunting licence holders activities in the field and their compliance with the requirements in the Native Game Bird Hunter Diary.

- (7) An assessment of compliance with native game bird hunting licence conditions is conducted after each compliance operation through the production of an operational report. Compliance reports are used to adapt the Department's compliance strategy for the program through adjustments to communication and education initiatives in key areas as well as to inform planning for future overt and covert compliance activities.

An annual review of the Native Game Bird Management Program is also conducted by the Department which includes an assessment of the compliance strategy for the program.

\*1934 SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many homes in Millers Point and The Rocks meet the size and accessibility needs of people of the housing pathways waiting list?
- (2) How many social housing homes in Millers Point and The Rocks were built after 1970?
- (3) What Social Impact Assessment was carried out on public housing in The Rocks before it was determined to sell and relocate tenants?
- (4) Were properties on Cumberland and Gloucester Street, The Rocks not included in the independent Millers Point Social Impact Assessment released in 2014?
- (5) Did Gloucester Street properties receive major upgrades to bring them up to housing standard in the

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two years prior to the decision to sell?

- (a) If so, what funds were allocated to these upgrades;
- (6) How many social housing homes in The Rocks and Millers Point are currently vacant?
  - (a) How many of these vacant properties meet the accessibility and size needs of people on the waiting list?
- (7) What consideration has been given to using suitable vacant properties in this precinct as temporary and emergency accommodation for people in urgent need of a home?
- (8) What consideration has been given to transferring properties built after 1970 to a community housing provider to ensure some social housing remains available in this precinct?

Answer—

The Government is selling public housing properties in Millers Point and The Rocks as they are no longer suitable for people on the social housing waiting list. Once properties in Millers Point become vacant they are progressed for sale. The Government is also deferring the sale of a small number of non-heritage listed properties to allow some existing tenants to stay in the area.

Only the Sirius Building and a small number of modern infill dwellings have been built for social housing in Millers Point after 1970.

Proceeds from the Millers Point sales program are being reinvested in new social housing across the state.

The Millers Point Social Impact Assessment is available on the department's website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*1935 RELEASE OF A PRIVATE LETTER—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that on 27 October 2015 Mr Bryan Doyle, a senior employee of the Department of Industry, publicly released a private letter from the Deputy Premier (reference number A561282) addressed to the then Acting General Manager of Campbelltown City Council?
- (2) Did the Minister or any of his staff authorise the release of this private letter?
  - (a) If so, who?
- (3) If there was no authorisation of the release of this letter is Mr Doyle's action a breach of Section 5.1 of the NSW Government's Code of Conduct and Ethics for Public Sector Executives, which states that "an executive should not disclose confidential information or documents acquired in the course of his or her employment"?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. I became aware of the release of the private letter upon receipt of this question from the Member for Campbelltown who in this instance is attempting to take credit for the good work of the former Member for Campbelltown in securing a grant for a local playing field.
- (2) No.
- (3) As the Member for Campbelltown, Mr Doyle was provided with a copy of the letter when it was issued by the Deputy Premier to the Acting General Manager Campbelltown City Council in March 2015. The content is unrelated to his duties with the NSW Department of Industry and was not released using any Departmental facilities or email accounts. As such, the release of the letter by Mr Doyle is not considered to be in breach of any applicable Code of Conduct.

\*1936 RELEASE OF A PRIVATE LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY PREMIER—Mr Greg Warren asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Is the Deputy Premier aware that on 27 October 2015 a private letter (reference number A561282) addressed to the then Acting General Manager of Campbelltown City Council from the Deputy Premier was publicly released?
- (2) Who released the letter?
- (3) Did the Deputy Premier or any of his staff authorise the release of this private letter?
  - (a) If so, who?

Answer—

All correspondence from my office is dealt with professionally and I invite the Member for Campbelltown to raise any perceived issues directly with my office rather than through this process.

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\*1937 TELARAH FIRE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Are there any plans for the Telarah Fire Station site once it becomes vacant?
- (2) If so, what is the expected timeframe for a decision to be made?

Answer—

An announcement will be made about the site in due course.

\*1938 FEMALE BATHROOM FACILITIES IN PARLIAMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What action will or has the Premier taken against Parliamentary Secretary Ray Williams for his public comments regarding female members of Parliament and access to equal quality bathrooms?
- (2) Will the Premier support the move by women to have more equitable facilities in the Parliament to help support the campaign of women in work places across New South Wales who do not have access to equitable facilities?

Answer—

- (1) I did not support the comments when they were made. The Member has since apologised, which is appropriate given the circumstances.
- (2) I support additional parliamentary facilities, which I understand are presently being considered by the Presiding Officers.

\*1939 SAVE OUR RAIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Government seek to force Save Our Rail to pay \$800,000 in Government legal costs?

Answer—

On 10 November 2015, the Court of Appeal handed down its judgment upholding the Government parties' appeal on the truncation of the railway line at Newcastle. The Court ordered Save Our Rail Inc to pay the Government parties' costs of the appeal, as well as those relating to the Supreme Court proceedings.

On 24 November 2015, Save Our Rail Inc filed an application to have the appeal judgment set aside and dismissed, and an order issued that each party pay its own costs.

It would be inappropriate to comment on the costs of the proceedings while they remain a matter for determination by the Court of Appeal.

\*1940 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How is it determined what train stations will receive an Opal card top up machine?
- (2) Are there plans to introduce Opal card top up machines at stations in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) If so, what is the expected timeframe for the implementation of these machines?
- (3) Are there plans to increase the number of Opal card retailers in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) If so, have any potential businesses in the Western suburbs of Maitland been earmarked?
- (4) How many Opal cards have been distributed to individuals in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The roll-out of Opal top-up machines at stations is now underway. More than 350 machines will be available across train stations, ferry wharves, and bus and light rail stops by the end of the roll-out, providing coverage for the vast majority of customers.

Details of Opal retailers and top-up machines are available on the Opal website.

\*1941 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What mechanisms will the proposed Transport for Newcastle use to integrate light rail, buses and ferries with the heavy rail component of public transport in the Hunter to ensure a customer focused

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transport system will be available for commuters from Maitland, Port Stephens, Upper Hunter, Swansea and Wallsend?

- (2) What mechanisms will the proposed Transport for Newcastle use to integrate light rail, buses and ferries with private bus operators in the Hunter region to ensure a customer focused transport system will be available for commuters from Maitland, Port Stephens, Upper Hunter, Swansea and Wallsend?
- (3) Did the Minister consult with private bus operators active in the Hunter region prior to the announcement of the new entity on 5 November 2015?
- (4) How will the Government oversee Transport for Newcastle to ensure that services that are not profitable, but provide positive social outcomes, and reduce social isolation for the most disadvantaged people in our community will be available?
- (5) How will the community be able to request changes to routes and services as needed?
- (6) Will the new authority assist with delivering the School Student Transport Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to the long overdue revitalisation of Newcastle. Since 2011, over \$1 billion has been committed to Newcastle and the broader Hunter region for vital new infrastructure, including \$650 million in funds from Restart NSW for projects including Newcastle Light Rail, urban renewal and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, and \$350 million for the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund for a range of projects across the region.

The next step is to build a vibrant transport network throughout the region to improve connectivity, reduce travel times and support Newcastle's tourism sector. On 5 November 2015, the Government announced it would create Transport for Newcastle and seek a 'world's best' multi-modal transport operator to plan and run Newcastle Light Rail, buses, ferries and interchanges. Private bus operators and other interested parties are currently participating in a market sounding process. The Government has made it clear that the new operator will need to consult with the community every step of the way.

The new operator will be based in Newcastle and work hand-in-hand with the community to design and run a better transport network. This will be public transport run in Newcastle, for Novocastrians, not run from Sydney.

\*1942 AMALGAMATION OF COUNCILS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What are the projected savings for Maitland City Council if it amalgamates with Dungog Council in the next:
  - (a) Five years;
  - (b) 10 years;
  - (c) 15 years;
  - (d) 20 years?
- (2) How much money is the Government allocating to Maitland City Council and Dungog Council for the amalgamation?
- (3) What is the projected infrastructure backlog of:
  - (a) Dungog Council;
  - (b) Maitland City Council?

Answer—

The IPART report found that an amalgamation of Maitland City Council and Dungog Shire Council would deliver net benefits over the 20 year reference period.

The Government is providing generous support of up to \$10 million for each new council to meet the upfront costs of merging. This funding is available for council mergers that are supported by merging partners, supported the Government, and were submitted to the Department of Premier and Cabinet by 18 November 2015.

The projected infrastructure backlog is a matter for council.

\*1943 RUTHERFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What action is the Minister taking to ensure that pollutants being released in the Rutherford Industrial Estate (known as the 'Rutherford Big Stink') are not having negative health impacts on the community?

- (2) Is the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recording health impacts when people call to register complaints about the odour?
- (3) What statistics does the Government have regarding any health impacts?
- (4) What are the health impacts of the known contaminants that have been released?
- (5) What action is the Minister taking to deal with the public health issues?
- (6) Has the Minister or the EPA referred the health complaints to the Ministry for Health?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) and (6) Refer to answer to Question on Notice 1283.

\*1944 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What level of affordable housing is the Government planning on delivering in the Revitalisation of Newcastle?
  - (a) Will such housing be available in the Store Site?
  - (b) Will such housing be available in the East End?
    - (i) If so, where?

Answer—

I am advised:

Working with feedback from the recent public engagement process, UrbanGrowth NSW is preparing a series of concepts for the revitalisation of the rail corridor and the Store site. The revitalisation will encompass a mix of public domain and recreational spaces, residential, commercial and retail uses. UrbanGrowth NSW is investigating the delivery of affordable housing options. The amount and location of affordable housing will be determined during the preparation of concepts for the rail corridor and the Store site.

\*1945 HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) When will the Hunter Regional Plan go on exhibition?
- (2) How will residents be notified?

Answer—

- (1) The Draft Hunter Regional Plan was released on Wednesday 25 November 2015.
- (2) The draft Plan can be viewed at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/hunter](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/hunter), and advertisements and social media will draw community attention to the Plan. There has also been personal contact and briefing sessions with a wide range of local government, industry and community groups.

\*1946 SMART AND SKILLED CONTRACT AWARD PROCESS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Did the criteria for the Smart and Skilled contract awards exclude Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) which had been registered for less than 10 years?
  - (a) If yes, why?
- (2) Does the Department of Industry keep records of the RTOs which have been forced to close as a result of a failure to gain Smart and Skilled funding?
- (3) Was an option for review or appeal against a decision not to provide Smart and Skilled funding provided?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that funding is now not being provided to All Automotive Training Services (RTO ID 91500) and that the RTO may be forced to close in 2016?

Answer—

- (1) Neither of the Smart and Skilled application processes in 2014 and 2015 excluded registered training organisations that have been registered for less than 10 years.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Smart and Skilled Application Terms and Conditions for the 2014 and 2015 application process contain a complaints process. Any applicant who feels they were unfairly excluded from the application process or have been unfairly disadvantaged can lodge a complaint with the Manager, Training Market Operations.
- (4) Training providers need to ensure that they have a sustainable business model with a variety of funding sources. Providers should not rely solely on government funding for the viability of their business.

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\*1947 SECURITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are New South Wales public schools equipped with emergency panic alarms:
  - (a) In classrooms;
  - (b) In administration buildings?
- (2) How many public schools in New South Wales:
  - (a) Have infrared cameras installed;
  - (b) Are equipped with alarm systems;
  - (c) Are not equipped with alarm systems?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) It is not appropriate to release specific information related to this question as it could compromise the level of safety and security that is able to be provided to our schools.

\*1948 CHILD WELLBEING UNIT—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Child Wellbeing Unit (CWU) teams are currently operational in the Department of Education?
  - (a) What is each of these teams' staffing allocation?
  - (b) How many positions in the CWU are currently vacant or filled by temporary staff?
  - (c) Where are each of these teams located?
- (2) How many reports of excessive, unexplained student absence have been made to the unit between 1 January 2015 and 12 November 2015?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education has one Child Wellbeing Unit.
  - (a) The Unit has an establishment of 28 full time equivalent roles.
  - (b) There are currently two vacancies within the Unit due to maternity leave. 21 of the Unit's positions are temporary.
  - (c) The Unit is located at 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- (2) Between 1 January 2015 and 12 November 2015 there were 273 contacts to the Unit where habitual absence was identified as a risk of harm concern.

\*1950 LEMNOS CLUB LOCATED AT 44 ALBERT STREET, BELMORE—Ms Linda Burney asked the Minister for Planning—

With regards to the Lemnos Club located at 44 Albert Street, Belmore:

- (1) Is this site currently owned by the Government?
- (2) What is the current zoning restriction placed on this land?
- (3) Who is the body currently responsible for ensuring that the use of this site is consistent with restrictions placed on club operators?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No
- (2) R3 Medium Density Residential under Canterbury Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012.
- (3) For development consent matters, Canterbury Council. For other matters associated with the operation of registered clubs I refer you to the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing.

\*1951 JOBS AT ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many jobs have been reduced from Roads and Maritime Services as a result of the closure of motor registry offices since 1 January 2013?

Answer—

As at 13 November 2015, Service NSW employed 1,120 staff in service centres and digital stores.

As service centre outlets are being rolled out, impacted motor registry staff are invited to join Service NSW through a priority assessment process.

Those who are not successful have opportunities for temporary redeployment in the registry network where required or voluntary redundancy through Roads and Maritime Services procedures.

\*1952 WARNERS BAY SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What method is used to provide approximate wait times at the Warners Bay Service NSW Centre, as displayed online?
- (2) Are customers served past closing times if they are still waiting, or is there another method applied?

Answer—

- (1) The customer flow manager system used for all service centres across the state, including for Warners Bay, produces wait time information based on the average wait times across all open tickets being experienced in a particular service centre at that moment. The data is updated every few minutes, and customers can view the information through the Service NSW mobile app and website [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) Service NSW provides extended hours (at Warners Bay, the service centre is open until 7pm on weekdays and 3pm on Saturdays). Regardless, any customer who is in the centre at closing time will be served.

\*1953 MOTOR REGISTRY OFFICES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many state owned or leased motor registry offices have been closed since 1 January 2013?
- (2) Which motor registry offices have been closed since 1 January 2013?

Answer—

- (1) Management of the motor registry network was transferred to Service NSW from 1 July 2014. From 1 July 2014 to 30 November 2015, fifteen motor registries have merged with Service NSW centres.
- (2) Belmont, Campbelltown, Carrington, Fairfield, Five Dock, Ingleburn, Lidcombe, Maroubra Junction, Padstow, Narellan, North Ryde, Shellharbour, Thornleigh, Toronto and Woy Woy.

\*1954 STRATA OWNERS AND TENANTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What education campaign will be undertaken to ensure strata owners and tenants are aware of their rights under the provisions of the Strata Schemes Management Bill 2015 and the Strata Schemes Development Bill 2015?
- (2) What legal assistance will be made available by the Department of Fair Trading to owners who may object to the sale of their home under the new collective sale provisions?
- (3) What estimate has been made of the number of collective sales to be sought in the first year of operation of the new provisions?

Answer—

This question should be referred to my colleague, the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

\*1955 COMMON AREAS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many common areas will be converted into new units in the Granville electorate (LA Q.0644)?
- (2) How many units will be created?
- (3) On what date will these units become available?
- (4) What consultation has been undertaken with residents affected by the conversions since 30 July 2015?

Answer—

I refer the member to my response to Question on Notice 0644.

\*1956 SERVICE NSW NETWORK—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

When will the Service NSW network expand into Merrylands?

Answer—

Service NSW continues to refine the site design of the network of one-stop shops across the State and will ensure staff and customers are kept informed of developments.

\*1957 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

What school infrastructure projects are underway or are planned for the Auburn electorate in each of the



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2015-16 and the 2016-17 financial years?

Answer—

There is one school infrastructure project underway in the Auburn electorate during the 2015-16 financial year, a new primary school at Wentworth Point.

Infrastructure projects for 2016-17 will be announced as part of the annual State Budget.

\*1958 STUDENTS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What programs exist in public schools in the Auburn electorate to address the issue of students not attending school because of various social problems?
- (2) What has been the level of funding for these programs in the four years prior to 12 November 2015?
- (3) What is the name of each program receiving Government funding to address the issue of students not attending mainstream schools?
- (4) What impact will the Government's \$1.7 billion in reduced funding to the Education budget have on the funding of these programs?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Schools work closely with parents to engage students in their education. Schools monitor school attendance and where there are concerns, implement strategies to improve a student's attendance at school. This includes prompt follow-up of absences with parents and personalised support for the student's learning and wellbeing.

All teaching staff at the school level, classroom teachers, advisors, school executive and the principal are available to support students. In addition, support can be provided by staff with specialist expertise such as the student support officers, school counsellors and learning and support staff. The Department of Education employs over 4,000 specialist staff who work across New South Wales to support students with additional needs in learning and support, behaviour, wellbeing and school attendance.

Where school based strategies have not been successful in resolving attendance concerns, home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers work with public schools, students and their families to address issues that may be contributing to the non-attendance of the child or young person. Four Home School Liaison Officers work across the Auburn electorate.

(4) The assertion in this question is incorrect.

\*1959 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there in the Auburn electorate in:
  - (a) Government schools;
  - (b) Non-government schools?
- (2) What are the names of government and non-government schools in the Auburn electorate in which demountable classrooms are located?
  - (a) How long have the demountable classrooms been located in each of these schools?
- (3) What plans are in place to have these demountable classrooms replaced at each school?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Information relating to demountables in New South Wales public schools can be found on the Department of Education's website.

\*1960 LIDCOMBE TAFE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What courses have been offered at Lidcombe TAFE in 2015?
- (2) What courses were offered at Lidcombe TAFE in:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010?
- (3) What are the annual fees per course offered at Lidcombe TAFE in 2015?
- (4) What were the annual fees per course offered at Lidcombe TAFE in:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010?
- (5) What courses were run at Lidcombe TAFE in:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010;

- (c) 2015?
- (6) How many students are enrolled in courses at Lidcombe TAFE in 2015?
- (7) How many students were enrolled in courses at Lidcombe TAFE in:
- (a) 2009;
- (b) 2010?
- (8) What is the full-time equivalent staffing at Lidcombe TAFE in 2015?
- (9) What was the full-time equivalent staffing at Lidcombe TAFE in:
- (a) 2009;
- (b) 2010?

Answer—

- (1) Information on courses offered at Lidcombe College can be found at <https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au>.
- (2) With the frequent changes in training packages, it is not possible to provide an accurate list of courses.
- (3) Under Smart and Skilled, course fees are for the whole qualification, not a an annual fee.  
Information on courses offered at Lidcombe College can be found at <https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au>.
- (4) (a) TAFE NSW Annual Fees for 2009  
Apprentices and Trainees - \$404  
Statement of Attainment - \$428  
Certificate I - \$428  
Certificate II - \$428  
Certificate III - \$670  
Certificate IV - \$912  
Diploma - \$1,214  
Advanced Diploma - \$1,456
- (b) TAFE NSW Annual Fees for 2010  
Apprentices and Trainees - \$414  
Statement of Attainment - \$438  
Certificate I - \$438  
Certificate II - \$438  
Certificate III - \$686  
Certificate IV - \$934  
Diploma - \$1,242  
Advanced Diploma - \$1,490
- (5) (a) and (b) With the frequent changes in training packages, it is not possible to provide an accurate list of courses.
- (c) Information on courses offered at Lidcombe College can be found at <https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au>.
- (6) to (9) 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 <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/abouttafensw/annual-report> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-weoperate/annual-reports>.

\*1961 LYMPHOEDEMA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many people in New South Wales are estimated to suffer from lymphoedema each year?
- (2) What assessment has been made of reports that lymphoedema is under-diagnosed?
- (3) How many public hospitals in New South Wales offer lymphoedema treatment?
- (4) Within these hospitals, what restrictions exist to getting treatment, including waiting lists, opening times and patient restrictions?
- (5) What other barriers do people who suffer from lumphoedema have to getting appropriate treatment and garments?
- (6) What consideration will the Government give to publishing information about lymphoedema services on the NSW Health website?
- (7) What consideration will the Government give to funding lymphoedema therapist positions across

New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patients diagnosed with lymphoedema are treated based on their individual clinical assessment and in accordance with NSW Health policy. Local health districts are responsible for determining relevant staffing and services, such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy, for people with lymphoedema.

Information on the lymphoedema services available in New South Wales, including contact details for diagnostic related groups, is accessible through the Cancer Council NSW, healthdirect Australia, and the Australasian Lymphology Association websites.

\*1962 SKATE PARK FOR BARANGAROO—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of community calls for a skater-designed skate park to be included in recreation facilities at Barangaroo?
- (2) What was the result of the noted discussion during consultation on plans for Barangaroo (reference 55th Parliament LA Q.4421)?
- (3) What follow-up consultation has the Government carried out with skater groups?
- (4) What plans have been developed to provide for skaters in this location?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to provide skate facilities in Barangaroo?

Answer—

The Government intends for the public spaces at Central Barangaroo to be vibrant and dynamic. It will be up to proponents to propose appropriate facilities as part of the new tender process for Central Barangaroo, which was announced on 26 November 2015.

\*1963 TRAIN SAFETY—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many late night services on the Sydney Metropolitan Network are staffed by night guards, as a percentage of total services?
- (2) Has there been a reduction in the numbers of night guards working on the Sydney Metropolitan Network:
  - (a) Over the past 12 months?
  - (b) Over the past five years?
- (3) How many incidents involving public safety issues have been logged with Sydney Rail in each month over the past 12 months?
  - (a) How many of these incidents involved sexist, homophobic or transphobic behavior?
- (4) Are diversity and inclusiveness training programs offered to Sydney Rail staff in general, and night guards in particular, that address concerns around sexist, homophobic and transphobic behavior?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In July 2014, Guardian Services were replaced with a new security model "Operation Rolling Shield" led by the Police Transport Command across all modes of public transport.
- (2) Sydney Trains made some changes to contract security guard deployment at stations in June 2015 as part of a review. The review considered the individual security needs of the locations where contract security guards are deployed and included site inspections, an analysis of security reports, audits and incidents as well as the increased use of technology and the changing transport environment. Prior to this security guard deployment had not changed in ten years. The NSW Police Transport Command, supported by a network of over 10,000 CCTV cameras, provides customer safety and security on today's rail system.
- (3) Frequency of offences against persons on rail premises is recorded by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.
- (4) Sydney Trains is committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the organisation. Employees are required to undertake mandatory training such as Code of Conduct and Bullying and Harassment. Contracted security guards working at stations also receive training on Sydney Trains values and behaviours including zero tolerance for bullying, harassment and discrimination in the workplace.

\*1964 LAND TRANSFERS—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—

Will the Minister provide all details on all costs, including legal costs, of land transfers of the former Alexandria Landfill site in St. Peters since 1 January 2014 to 12 November 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

The former Alexandria Landfill site was acquired by a compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 on 19 December 2014. Offers of compensation were made to the landowners, but the offers were not accepted. The matter is now before the Land and Environment Court to determine the amount of compensation, and that process is under way.

In accordance with the Act, compensation representing a portion of the value determined by the Valuer General has been paid to the landowners, pending the outcome of the court action.

\*1965 WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What functions and what staff were transferred from the WestConnex Delivery Authority (WDA) to the Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC) and on what date this occurred?
  - (a) How are these bodies different?
- (2) What is the composition of the SMC and what fees are paid to the Directors?
- (3) Did the transfer of functions from the WDA to the SMC occurred because the planning phase of the WestConnex project was over?
  - (a) If so, how is this possible considering that no planning approvals have been granted for Stages 1, 2, or 3 and no Environmental Impact Statement has been provided for Stage 2 and 3?
- (4) What is the precise relationship between the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and the SMC which is a publicly owned private corporation?
- (5) Will the SMC publish annual reports and will the financial accounts be publicly available?
- (6) Is the SMC subject to the GIPA Act?
- (7) What WestConnex contracts will be let by the RMS and what contracts will be let by the SMS?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) and (7) The WestConnex Delivery Authority (WDA) was dissolved on 1 October 2015. The WDA was a public subsidiary corporation of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) constituted in accordance with section 55C of the Transport Administration Act 1988. Sydney Motorway Corporation Pty Ltd (SMC) and its subsidiaries are corporations registered under the Corporations Act 2001. Further information on the relationship between RMS, SMC and WDA is available on the WestConnex website.

The SMC is responsible for delivery of the WestConnex scope of works for stages one, two and three. RMS and Transport for NSW are responsible for broader network integration property acquisition, planning approvals and guiding the update of the business case.

(6) Refer to my answer LA 1889.

\*1966 M4 EAST TUNNEL AND M4 WIDENING—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) Has there been, or will there be, concurrent construction of the M4 East tunnel at the same time as the current M4 widening?
  - (a) Is this occurring now?
  - (b) Over what period would any overlap occur?
  - (c) If so, under what authority or approval is this work occurring?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work on the M4 Widening began in March 2015 and is expected to be completed in 2017. Subject to planning approval by the Minister for Planning, work is due to begin on the M4 East in 2016 and due to open to traffic in 2019. All project dates are available on the WestConnex website.

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\*1967 WESTCONNEX PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING—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 is the updated current projected cost of the whole WestConnex project, allowing for costs of the Roads and Maritime Services in relation to WestConnex plus those of the former WestConnex Delivery Authority and the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
- (2) Which four banks have agreed to fund parts of the WestConnex?
  - (a) Have these arrangements been signed?
- (3) What amount of the Federal concessional loan has been paid to the Government and what remains to be paid?

Answer—

I am advised :

Project costs and funding information of a non commercial-in-confidence nature is available in the updated Business Case on the Westconnex website.

\*1968 REPORT INTO OUTCOMES-BASED CONTRACTING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Will the Minister release the Ernst and Young's report into outcomes-based contracting for out-of-home care service delivery (reference LA Q.1329)?
  - (a) Is the report complete?
  - (b) If the report is not complete, will the Minister make public what work has been undertaken by Ernst and Young with respect to the report as at 12 November 2015?

Answer—

NSW Treasury engaged Ernst and Young to provide a report on outcomes-based contracting for human services with a focus on the implications for out-of-home care, which has been completed.

\*1969 SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Of the 'fewer than 40' housing applicants who were unsuccessful and subsequently applied for priority housing assistance through Housing Pathways (reference LA Q.1209):

- (1) How many have obtained housing?
- (2) And how many applications have been rejected?

Answer—

The majority of clients have since been housed and most of the remaining applicants are currently awaiting an offer of general housing.

\*1970 BUDGET ESTIMATES—CONSULTATION REGARDING OUTCOME-BASED CONTRACTING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Which NGO out-of-home care providers were consulted regarding Ernst and Young's outcome-based contracting report?
- (2) Will the Minister release a list of all the out-of-home care providers who were consulted?

Answer—

Participating organisations offered their input based on an assurance of confidentiality. It would be inappropriate to name the organisations given this assurance.

\*1971 FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will the Treasurer consider extending the \$15,000 First Home Owner Grant beyond 1 January 2016 in order to accommodate first home buyers?
  - (a) If not, what other grants or measures does the Treasurer contemplate on utilising in order to address housing affordability concerns?

Answer—

After 1 January 2016, the Government will continue to support first homebuyers through providing grants of \$10,000 for the construction or purchase of new homes under the First Home Owner Grant

(New Homes) scheme. The Government will also continue to provide stamp duty exemptions and concessions for first homebuyers purchasing a newly built home or vacant land for homebuilding under the First Home – New Home scheme. Under these two schemes, first homebuyers can access up to \$30,240 to help them build or purchase a new home.

The Government is also addressing housing affordability through a range of other measures including:

- providing critical infrastructure for housing development in priority growth areas through the Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF)
- offering grants of \$5,000 to non-first homebuyers to purchase new homes, homes off the plan and vacant land under the New Homes Grant scheme
- reducing red tape and speeding up planning approvals processing times and
- increasing investment in social housing, including through the Social and Affordable Housing Fund.

\*1972 BOXING DAY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How will the Treasurer ensure that the vulnerable retail workers of New South Wales are not coerced into working on Boxing Day?
- (2) How will employer breaches be investigated?
- (3) How will the new legislation protect workers who are oppressed and afraid to speak out?

Answer—

Please refer to the NSW Industrial Relations website ([www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au](http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au)) and my second reading speech on the Retail Trading Amendment Bill 2015 for details about the measures the Government has put in place to ensure compliance with the new legislation.

\*1973 OUT-OF-HOME CARE DELIVERY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How much is the total cost of commissioning an Ernst and Young report into developing a new outcomes-based contracting model for out-of-home care delivery as at 12 November 2015?

Answer—

- (1) Relevant information can be found in the Treasury 2014-15 Annual Report.

\*1974 ASBESTOS REMOVAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will the Government implement an industry funded asbestos removal scheme to safely remove asbestos from building sites across New South Wales?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

Currently no jurisdiction in Australia is considering this option as it is the responsibility of the property or site owner to manage the safe removal of asbestos. However the Government does look at matters on a case by case basis, with involvement in funding asbestos clean-ups following natural disasters and the adoption of the recommendations of the NSW Loose-fill Asbestos Taskforce ("Mr Fluffy").

In 2013 the Government established the NSW Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities. The Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities is chaired by WorkCover NSW with representation from key agencies including NSW Health and the EPA. The Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities works to improve the management, monitoring and response to asbestos issues in New South Wales by developing coordinated prevention programs. These programs include:

a state-wide plan for asbestos

an asbestos blueprint on the role and responsibilities of state and local government

a model asbestos policy for local councils

information on property hazards after a bushfire

a public awareness campaign to promote the safe handling of asbestos during home renovations and maintenance and help prevent asbestos related diseases.

In 2013 the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities developed a comprehensive State Asbestos Plan, which takes a comprehensive life-cycle and risk based approach. The plan targets 62 initiatives that focus on four key areas - research, risk communication, prevention and coordination- in line with the national

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plan. The Statewide Asbestos Plan has been coordinated by the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities and developed in consultation with key government agencies, local council authorities, industry representatives, employee representatives, researchers and asbestos diseases groups.

\*1975 ILLEGAL ASBESTOS DUMPING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many cases of illegal asbestos dumping have been reported to the authorities in each of the years from 2012 to 2014?
- (2) Out of those investigated, how many people were prosecuted?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The EPA received the following number of reports as "orphan waste" which are reported under the illegally dumped asbestos clean-up program (IDACUP) for illegally dumped asbestos that has been placed or disposed of on premises unlawfully and the responsible party is unknown.

Year	No. of reports
2012	37
2013	108
2014	71

The EPA undertook the following prosecutions for illegally dumped asbestos:

Year of offence	Prosecutions completed	Matters in court	Matters under investigation
2012	2	0	0
2013	0	2	0
2014	1	2	2

\*1976 BANKSTOWN TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many security guards are rostered on a daily basis on the Bankstown train line?
- (2) Will the Railway Stations Contract Security Rosters Review being undertaken by Transport NSW reduce the number of security staff rostered on at Bankstown Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) One.
- (2) There is no 'Contract Security Rosters Review' being undertaken by Transport NSW.

\*1977 BULLI HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What strategies have been put in place by the Department of Education to ensure that continual flooding is prevented at Bulli High School?
- (2) What is the total cost of repairing flood damage to the school as at 12 November 2015?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education has undertaken some ground works at the school site. In addition, a consultant has been engaged to undertake a flood mitigation investigation.
- (2) The cost of repairing flood damage at Bulli High School has been met by the Department's insurers, the Treasury Managed Fund.

\*1978 WOLLONGONG COAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Has Wollongong Coal contributed money into a rehabilitation fund as required?
  - (a) If so, how much is in this fund as at 12 November 2015?
- (2) Has the company paid all royalties owed to the Government?
  - (a) If not, when will the company finalise the payment?
- (3) What care and maintenance activities are currently taking place at the two coal mines operated by Wollongong Coal?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. However as a result of a security review Wollongong Coal Limited is required to lodge an additional rehabilitation security of \$1,859,000.

- (a) As at 12 November 2015, Wollongong Coal Limited has lodged a rehabilitation security of \$5,657,000.
- (2) No
- (a) Wollongong Coal Limited has undertaken to pay all outstanding royalties owed to the NSW Department of Industry by 31 December 2015.
- (3) The following care and maintenance activities are being undertaken at the Wongawilli Coal Mine: S
- Statutory inspections including mining, electrical and mechanical
  - Maintaining surface facilities and ventilation system
  - Ongoing environmental monitoring and reporting as per various approved management plans and EPLs (Environmental Protection Licences)
  - Weed Management and feral animal control
  - Maintain regulatory compliance with current leases, licences and approvals
  - Ongoing stakeholder consultation as required.
- The following care and maintenance activities are being undertaken at the Russell Vale Coal Mine:
- Statutory inspections including mining, electrical and mechanical
  - Maintaining surface facilities and ventilation system
  - Ongoing environmental monitoring and reporting as per various approved management plans and EPLs (Environmental Protection Licences)
  - Weed Management
  - Maintain regulatory compliance with current leases, licences and approvals
  - Ongoing stakeholder consultation as required.
  - Trucking of coal from the mine coal stockpile to Port Kembla for sale.

\*1979 WAITING TIME FOR AN ENDOSCOPY APPOINTMENT—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the average waiting time for an endoscopy appointment at John Hunter Hospital in 2014-15?
- (2) What was the statewide average waiting time for an endoscopy appointment at a New South Wales public hospital in 2014-15?
- (3) What measures has the Government introduced to reduce waiting times for endoscopy appointments in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

Based on the clinical information provided by the patient's GP, patients are triaged as either requiring consultation urgently (within either 7 to 30 days), semi urgently (within 90 days) or routinely (within 365 days). Patients may also require their consultation at a predefined future time.

\*1980 FIREFIGHTING FOAM—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What investigation has the Department of Emergency Services conducted into the effects of firefighting foam containing Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) on active and retired Fire and Rescue NSW and Rural Fire Service personnel?
- (2) What support is available to those personnel who are concerned about the effects that exposure to firefighting foam containing PFOS or PFOA may have on their health?

Answer—

The NSW Health website contains some information on PFOS and PFOA. Any concerned emergency services personnel should contact their health and safety officer in their respective agency for appropriate action.

\*1981 MODULAR CELL BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What will be the classification of prisoners to be accommodated in the 160 modular cell beds to be introduced at the Outer Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Correctional Centre and the Parklea Correctional Centre?
- (2) Where are the modular units designed and made?
- (3) Are the modular units new or used?



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- (4) What is the cost of each modular unit?
- (5) Who will assemble the modular units when they arrive?
- (6) How many inmates will be accommodated in the modular units?

Answer—

- (1) The 80 cells will be used to accommodate medium security inmates.
- (2) The modular cells were designed by Corrective Services Industries and manufactured at St Heliers Correctional Centre at Muswellbrook.
- (3) The cells are new.
- (4) The project will require a \$10 million investment.
- (5) Private sector contractors.
- (6) 160 inmates.

\*1982 GRAFTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the classification breakdown of the proposed extra 114 beds at Grafton Correctional Centre?
- (2) What area of the facility will these beds be placed in?
- (3) What is the overall cost of the extra 114 beds?
- (4) How many extra full-time staff will be employed to meet the increased need for supervision at Grafton Correctional Centre?

Answer—

- (1) Minimum security.
- (2) The beds will be located in sector 2 and the former Periodic Detention Centre building.
- (3) Capital cost is \$500,000.
- (4) It is anticipated that an additional 16.5 staff will be employed which will enable the centre to function as a correctional centre rather than a transient centre.

\*1983 GLENN INNES CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the classification breakdown of the proposed extra 52 beds at Glenn Innes Correctional Centre?
- (2) What area of the facility will these beds be placed in?
- (3) What is the overall cost of the extra 52 beds?
- (4) How many extra full-time staff will be employed to meet the increased need for supervision at Glenn Innes Correctional Centre?

Answer—

- (1) Minimum security.
- (2) The beds will be located in existing cells and in an activities building which will be converted for additional accommodation.
- (3) Capital cost is \$200,000.
- (4) It is anticipated that an additional seven staff will be employed.

\*1984 ADDITIONAL BEDS AT WELLINGTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What was the date for the introduction of 90 additional beds at Wellington Correctional Centre?
- (2) What is the classification breakdown of the 90 additional beds at Wellington Correctional Centre?

Answer—

- (1) The additional beds were installed between 4 and 14 November 2015.
- (2) 30 maximum, 30 medium and 30 minimum security.

\*1985 WELLINGTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the classification breakdown of the proposed extra 15 beds at Wellington Correctional Centre?
- (2) What area of the facility will these beds be placed in?
- (3) What is the overall cost of the extra 15 beds?
- (4) How many extra full-time staff will be employed to meet the increased need for supervision at Wellington Correctional Centre?

Answer—

- (1) Maximum security.
- (2) Sector 1.
- (3) No capital costs are associated with these beds.
- (4) It is anticipated that an addition two staff will be employed.

\*1986 EXTRA BEDS IN CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the date for the introduction of the extra 181 beds in the following correctional centres:
  - (a) Wellington Correctional Centre;
  - (b) Grafton Correctional Centre;
  - (c) Glenn Innes Correctional Centre?
- (2) Will other correctional centres in New South Wales receive extra beds to deal with the overcrowding issue in 2015?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 4 to 14 November 2015  
(b) 4 December 2015  
(c) 4 December 2015
- (2) Yes. An additional 80 beds were recently introduced at the Outer Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Correctional Centre and a further 80 beds will be available at Parklea Correctional Centre in December 2015.

The introduction of extra beds at other centres will be considered, in consultation with unions and the community, as required.

\*1987 COST OF DETAINING OFFENDERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What is the individual cost of detaining offenders in court holding cells in the New South Wales Justice system?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Corrections.

\*1988 COURT HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total number of court holding cells in the New South Wales Justice system?
- (2) What is the design capacity of these cells?
- (3) What was the average length of detention of offenders in these cells from 1 January 2015 to 12 November 2015?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Corrections.

\*1989 POLICE HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total number of Police holding cells in New South Wales local area commands?
- (2) What is the design capacity of these cells?
- (3) What was the average length of detention of offenders in these cells from 1 January 2015 to 12 November 2015?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me the length of detention varies by individual circumstances.

\*1990 ABACUS PROPERTY GROUP PROPOSAL FOR LIVERPOOL CBD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning—

In light of your comments supporting the Abacus Property Group proposal for Liverpool CBD, which received first stage approval by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's gateway process on Tuesday November 3, what steps have you taken to ensure job creation projects and strategies in Liverpool CBD to match residential growth?

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Answer—

I am advised:

A planning proposal seeking to increase the development capacity at a site owned by the Abacus Property Group within the Liverpool CBD was received by the Department on 24 November 2015.

A Gateway determination is yet to be issued for this planning proposal.

\*1991 SEARCH AND ADMINISTRATION FEES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General—

What was the total income received from search and administration fees charged by the New South Wales Trustee and Guardian in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised the fees charged by NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) are regulated by the NSW Trustee and Guardian Regulation 2008. More information about NSWTG's revenue is in the 2014-15 Annual Report which can be found at <http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/annual-report.html>.

\*1992 PUBLIC WORKS NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Are any reports, including internal reports by the Department of Finance Services and Innovation or external reports by the Deloittes, which support the transformation of Public Works NSW, publically available or accessible?

Answer—

No.

\*1993 PROPERTY PORTFOLIO LIST—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Did any Department fail to list their entire property portfolio with Government Property NSW within 18 months of the Premiers Memorandum 2012-20 in December 2012?

(a) If yes, how many?

(b) If yes, are there any still outstanding?

Answer—

I am advised, to the best knowledge of Government Property NSW, the property portfolio of all Departments, State Owned Corporations and other Government entities were listed on the Government Property Register (GPR) by June 2014.

\*1994 PROPERTY PORTFOLIO—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What Departments, State Owned Corporations and other Government entities failed to comply with the requirement to have their entire property portfolio listed with Government Property NSW by June 2014?

Answer—

See response to Question on Notice No. 1993

\*1995 OUTSOURCING OF SERVICEFIRST NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) With reference to the Budget Estimates Question on Notice no 12, on what date were you advised that outsourcing of ServiceFirst NSW work could include offshoring?

(a) Was your office made aware of the potential of offshoring before this date?

(b) If yes, when?

Answer—

The Government agreed to test the market for services provided by ServiceFirst in February 2014.

A detailed proposal from potential vendors was not before myself or Government for decision until late in 2014. At that point the Government asked for options from the preferred vendors, involving a combination of onshore and offshore solutions.

Consistent with the need to maximise local employment, while delivering value for taxpayers, the Government selected an option which retained approximately 70 percent of jobs in New South Wales, including 90 percent of IT jobs in New South Wales. That includes the vendors creating service delivery centres in Western Sydney, which provide a platform for future jobs growth.

\*1996 LEASES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With reference to the Ministers answer to Question on Notice no 3 of the Budget Estimates, how many leases for a term of less than 3 years are registered and how many leases of less than 3 years are un-registered?

Answer—

As at 25 November 2015, the Government Property Register (GPR) lists:

- 581 registered head leases with a term of 3 years or less.
- 0 unregistered head leases with a term of 3 years or less.

\*1997 HUNTER WATER BUILDING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Is 237 Wharf Road, Newcastle a Hunter Water building?
- (2) Was 237 Wharf Road, Newcastle a Hunter Water building prior to its sale?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) No.

\*1998 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW WEBSITE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Under what heading or title is the list of sold properties located on the Government Property NSW website?
- (2) Once a sale is finalised, how long does it take until the sold property is listed?
- (3) How often is the Government Property NSW website updated to include new information regarding sold properties, leased properties and purchased properties?

Answer—

- (1) Refer to [https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/accessing-gpnsw-information-0#Register\\_of\\_Government\\_Contracts](https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/accessing-gpnsw-information-0#Register_of_Government_Contracts)  
Access GPNSW website, under menu heading "Accessing GPNSW Information" click on "GPNSW Contracts Register" hyperlink for properties owned and sold by GPNSW.
- (2) and (3) The Contracts Register is updated monthly by GPNSW.

\*1999 GREYHOUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Is there any provision in the rules of Greyhound racing which requires 'swab dogs' to be given water directly from a tap rather than a container after the completion of a race?

Answer—

Greyhound Racing NSW has advised that the GRNSW Greyhound Racing Rules do not address the provision of water provided to 'swab dogs' following the completion of a race.

Greyhound Racing NSW has advised that its Policy on post-race rehydration and water bowls in kennels requires clubs to supply facilities for the immediate post-race rehydration and hosing of greyhounds by means only of mains running water. A greyhound must not be allowed to drink from a bowl, bucket or other receptacle following an event if that greyhound is the subject of a post-race swab. No drinking utensils or preparations of any kind are allowed in the kennels or kennel block prior to or following the greyhound's event.

\*2000 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How do you respond to the suggestion that the railway interchange is at Wickham because nothing was done to remediate the AGL site for all those years?
- (2) What support will the Government provide to the families affected by the contamination of the former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton?
- (3) Can the Government expedite the process of remediating the contaminated former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton?
- (4) What is the Government doing to inform local residents whether their groundwater is safe?
- (5) What precautions will the Government be taking to ensure the safety of residents and groundwater during the process of remediation?
- (6) Why didn't the EPA act for such a long time between the initial contaminated site order in 1988 and

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the company responding to that order - as noted in its own document - 18 years later in 2006.

- (7) What did the EPA do between those years. It's obvious that the company completed a lot of studies in that time, but did the EPA actually do anything?
- (8) Why did the EPA not take action in 2007 when AGL's part 3A application to do remediation works was withdrawn, presumably because of the AGL/Jemena changeover?
- (9) Why did it take the EPA from 2007 to 2011 to have the site registered as a significant contamination site?

Answer—

I am advised:

these questions should be referred to the Minister for the Environment.

\*2001 FUTURE TRAVEL FARES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Following the introduction of the light rail, will the cost of a ticket purchased at Sydney to travel from Central to Newcastle include the cost of taking the light rail from Wickham interchange to Newcastle
- (a) If not, will there be an additional cost to take the light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will retain full control of fares in Newcastle.

IPART is currently conducting a review of Opal card fares and will release proposed new fares for public comment in December 2015, before a final determination is delivered to the Government in March 2016. You may wish to visit [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

\*2002 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health—

What is the Government doing to address the low staffing levels at the John Hunter Hospital emergency department?

Answer—

Staffing levels, including the mix of staff and trainees, are a matter for Local Health Districts and will vary over time according to patient need.

\*2003 WORKERS AFFECTED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIVATISATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Premier meet with bus and ferry workers affected by plans to privatise Newcastle's public transport network, when the Premier attends the UrbanGrowth sponsored Hunter Property Council lunch in Newcastle on 1 December 2015?

Answer—

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, I have referred the question and received the following response:

The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure announced on 5 November 2015 that the Government would be testing the market for a new operator to plan and run an integrated transport network in Newcastle.

All staff in Newcastle were invited to a briefing provided by the Chief Executive of the State Transit Authority.

Transport for NSW has met with unions to brief them on the background to the proposal and the market testing process.

The Government is committed to ensuring that Newcastle staff are consulted and well informed about the progress of the proposal, which is intended to modernise and improve public transport options for the people of Newcastle.

\*2004 SENIOR OPAL CARD HOLDERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will senior Opal card holders still be eligible for \$2.50 all day travel on the proposed privatised Newcastle transport network?

Answer—

I am advised

The Opal Gold Card will continue to operate in Newcastle. There are no plans to change the eligibility rules for the Opal Gold Card

\*2005 EXTENSION OF LIGHT RAIL IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) For what reasons did the Minister declare to the media in Newcastle on 5 November that the Government did not have the budget allowances to investigate the extension of the light rail in Newcastle?

(2)

a. Why did the Government agree to immediately start on a business case for the extension of the planned light rail network to at least Broadmeadow, Hunter Stadium, Adamstown and Mayfield as part of the negotiations with the Shooters and Fishers on when putting through the legislation to cut Newcastle's rail line.

b. How will this business case be funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

As previously announced, the Government has allocated \$10 million to explore the potential for light rail in Newcastle CBD to link to the surrounding suburbs, beaches and the broader Hunter region. Investigations are underway to determine the best options for expanding Newcastle's light rail network in the future.

\*2006 PRIVATISATION OF NEWCASTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What subsidies will the Government provide to the proposed private operator of Newcastle's public transport network?

(2) How long will the private operator hold the contract for Newcastle's public transport network?

(3) Will the Government commit that fares will not increase under a private operator of Newcastle's public transport network?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to the long overdue revitalisation of Newcastle. Since 2011, over \$1 billion has been committed to Newcastle and the broader Hunter region for vital new infrastructure, including \$650 million in funds from Restart NSW for projects including Newcastle light rail, urban renewal and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, and \$350 million for the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund for a range of projects across the region. The next step is to build a vibrant transport network throughout the region to improve connectivity, reduce travel times and support Newcastle's tourism sector.

On 5 November, the Government announced it would create Transport for Newcastle and seek a 'world's best' multi-modal transport operator to plan and run Newcastle Light Rail, buses, ferries and interchanges. The new operator will be based in Newcastle and work hand-in-hand with the community to design and run a better transport network. This will be public transport run in Newcastle, for Novocastrians, not run from Sydney like today.

The Government will retain full control of fares in Newcastle. Further information about the best way to contract these services will be developed during the market sounding process.

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\*2007 CONCERNS RELATING TO WESTCONNEX—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—

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- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns raised by small business as a result of WestConnex?
- (2) What analysis of the impact on small business from WestConnex has been undertaken by the Minister?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M4 East Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) takes into account impacts on businesses and commercial areas. The EIS was exhibited for community consultation until 2 November 2015, and the Government will respond to feedback in the submissions report, which will be provided to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

The EIS for the New M5 is on exhibition for community consultation until 29 January 2016. Business owners are encouraged to have their say on the development.

\*2008 KANGY ANGY RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Minister agree to meet with the Kangy Angy Residents Action Group regarding the proposed rail maintenance facility at Kangy Angy?
- (2) Will the Minister respond to their written representations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW met with two members representing the Kangy Angy Residents Action Group on Monday 23 November 2015 to discuss the site selection and next steps in the project. Correspondence will be responded to in due course.

The relevant planning documents will be on public display in early 2016. The community will be given the opportunity to have its say during this period and all comments will be addressed prior to planning approval being determined.

\*2009 RE-CONTRACTING FRAMEWORK FOR OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How much is the total cost to the Department of Family and Community Services of having Ernst and Young develop a new re-contracting framework for out-of-home care service delivery?

Answer—

Ernst and Young were engaged by NSW Treasury to provide a report on outcomes based contracting for human services with a focus on implications for out-of-home care.

Information relating to payments for consultants is available in individual agency's Annual Reports.

\*2010 EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALISTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health—

What is the Government doing to address the shortage of Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists in Newcastle and the Hunter region?

Answer—

I am advised:

John Hunter Hospital outpatient services, including those for ENT, are currently being reviewed to improve referrals from local general practitioners and support development of an e-referral system. Hunter New England is also working with local general practitioners to support their management of those patients who do not require referral to an ENT specialist for their treatment.

\*2011 JUST TERMS REVIEW—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Just Terms Review conducted by Mr David J Russell SC been received by the Government?
  - (a) If the review has been received, on what date was it received?
- (2) Has the Government made the review public?
  - (a) If not, when will the review be made public?
- (3) Has the Government announced its response to the review?
  - (a) If not, when will the Government respond?

Answer—

Mr David J Russell SC submitted his report on the Just Terms review to the Government on 26 February 2014. The report remains under consideration by the Government. Any decision around the report's publication will be made once the Government has concluded its consideration of the report.

\*2012 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) In the last 6 months, how many evictions for all causes occurred in social housing properties in the Mount Druitt Electorate?
  - (a) What are the top three reasons for these evictions?

Answer—

- (1) There were five evictions in the period from 1 May 2015 to 31 October 2015 due to rental arrears.

\*2013 TEACHERS AIDES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many teacher's aides were assigned to the following schools in the Auburn electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015:
  - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
  - (b) Auburn North Public School;
  - (c) Auburn Public School;
  - (d) Auburn West Public School;
  - (e) Berala Public School;
  - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;
  - (g) Granville East Public School;
  - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
  - (i) Karningul School;
  - (j) Lidcombe Public School;
  - (k) Newington Public School;
  - (l) Regents Park Public School;
  - (m) Sunning Hill School?
- (2) How many teacher's aides will be assigned to the following schools in the Auburn electorate in 2016:
  - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
  - (b) Auburn North Public School;
  - (c) Auburn Public School;
  - (d) Auburn West Public School;
  - (e) Berala Public School;
  - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;
  - (g) Granville East Public School;
  - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
  - (i) Karningul School;
  - (j) Lidcombe Public School;
  - (k) Newington Public School;
  - (l) Regents Park Public School;
  - (m) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) In the electorate of Auburn there are 20 school learning and support officers. Karningul School and Regents Park Public School are in the electorate of Bankstown.

\*2014 TRUANCY PROGRAMS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What truancy programs exist in the Auburn electorate to address the issue of students not attending school because of various social problems?
- (2) What has been the level of funding for truancy programs in the Auburn electorate for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
- (3) What is the planned funding for truancy programs in the Auburn electorate for the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) As with all matters involving school attendance, additional support can be provided by staff with specialist expertise such as the student support officers, school counsellors and learning and support staff. The Department of Education employs over 4,000 specialist staff who work across



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New South Wales to support students with additional needs in learning and support behaviour, wellbeing and school attendance.

Where school based strategies have not been successful in resolving attendance concerns, including truancy, home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers work with public schools, students and their families to address issues that may be contributing to the non-attendance of the child or young person.

\*2015 FIRST AID TRAINING—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many people working in secondary schools, primary schools, infant's schools and kindergartens in the Auburn electorate have first aid certifications?
- (2) Has first aid certification training been made compulsory for all teachers?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Who manages the certification and re-certification of teachers?
- (4) How many teachers and non-teaching staff have first aid certifications in the following schools in the Auburn electorate:
  - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
  - (b) Auburn North Public School;
  - (c) Auburn Public School;
  - (d) Auburn West Public School;
  - (e) Berala Public School;
  - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;
  - (g) Granville East Public School;
  - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
  - (i) Karningul School;
  - (j) Lidcombe Public School;
  - (k) Newington Public School;
  - (l) Regents Park Public School;
  - (m) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

- (1) Records of first aid training are not held centrally.
- (2) First aid training is not compulsory for all teachers. In accordance with the Department of Education's First Aid Procedures, all schools are required to have a documented first aid plan in place that addresses appropriate first aid training, emergency protocols, first aid equipment and communication requirements. In accordance with the Department's requirements, schools are also required to arrange CPR training annually.
- (3) Schools are responsible for the management of training requirements for staff, including first aid training.
- (4) Records of first aid training are currently maintained at the local level. Each of the listed schools has at least one staff member trained in first aid.

Karningul School and Regents Park Public Schools are in the electorate of Bankstown.

\*2016 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many of the following public housing properties are there in the Auburn electorate as at 17 November 2015:
  - (a) Freestanding houses;
  - (b) Town houses;
  - (c) Units or apartments;
  - (d) Other dwelling types?
- (2) How many of the following public housing properties are vacant in the Auburn electorate as at 17 November 2015:
  - (a) Freestanding houses;
  - (b) Town houses;
  - (c) Units or apartments;
  - (d) Other dwelling types?
- (3) How many of the following public housing properties are undergoing refurbishment and or maintenance in the Auburn electorate as at 17 November 2015:

- (a) Freestanding houses;
- (b) Town houses;
- (c) Units or apartments;
- (d) Other dwelling types?

Answer—

- (1) Details of the number of public housing properties in each allocation zone is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) and (3) The number of public housing properties that are vacant or undergoing maintenance and/or refurbishment in any area changes on a daily basis.

\*2017 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN FLETCHER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What public transport options are available to the residents of the UrbanGrowth NSW development 'Sanctuary' in Fletcher?

Answer—

I am advised:

Routes 260 and 261 provide regular bus services to "Sanctuary" in Fletcher along Minmi Road. Transport for NSW regularly reviews all bus services and will consider extending routes 260 and 261 further into the estate as the development expands.

\*2018 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASKFORCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

What actions have been taken in response to the recommendations regarding actions to develop a new affordable housing planning policy made in the 2012 interim report of the Affordable Housing Taskforce?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government is currently considering how to implement the Affordable Housing Taskforce's Interim Report.

The recommendations included an action to develop local housing strategies with councils to enable a diversity of housing in the right locations. A Plan for Growing Sydney will require each council, to prepare a local housing strategy that considers local affordable housing needs and strategies to provide affordable housing that responds to local demand.

In addition, the Department is currently undertaking a review of all State Environmental Planning Policies including State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009.

\*2019 TAFE DELIVERED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What will be the cost for students to study any TAFE delivered vocational education and training (TVET) course at Glendale TAFE in 2016?
- (2) Will students have to purchase personal protective equipment to study TVET courses in 2016 at Glendale TAFE?

Answer—

- (1) For a student of a government school, there will be no cost to the student.
- (2) Course costs are inclusive of personal protective equipment, for those courses which require it.

\*2021 GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many part-time and casual teachers at Glendale TAFE have lost teaching hours between 1 March 2011 and 31 October 2015?

Answer—

- (1) Part-time casual teachers are employed across TAFE NSW on an hourly basis to carry out duties that are irregular, intermittent, short term and/or that involve a flexible workload. As such, hours may fluctuate from week to week.

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\*2023 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—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—

What is the average wait time for crisis accommodation in women's refuges in the Wallsend electorate as of 16 November 2015?

Answer—

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

\*2024 IT STOPS HERE—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—

How will the 'It Stops Here' reforms impact upon the prevention of domestic and family violence in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

More information about It Stops Here can be found at [www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence\\_prevention/It\\_Stops\\_Here](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/It_Stops_Here).

\*2025 JOBS AT SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Have significant job losses occurred as a result of the closure of the Wallsend Motor Registry?
- (2) Have similar job and skill losses occurred elsewhere in New South Wales as a result of the establishment of Service NSW centres?
  - (a) If so, why have no provisions been made to ensure the employment of highly experienced and often long-serving Roads and Maritime Services staff at Service NSW centres?

Answer—

I am advised there is a net increase in the number of staff in the Wallsend Service Centre compared to the former Wallsend Motor Registry.

The Wallsend Service Centre opened on 4 December 2015 and conducts more transactions than undertaken by the former registry. Transactions include Fair Trading licences, Birth, Death and Marriage Certificate applications, Responsible Service of Alcohol cards, and so much more.

Building a new customer-first culture has been critical to the success of Service NSW to ensure people are recruited on their capability and experience in customer service. Impacted motor registry staff are invited to apply for roles through a priority assessment process and are given comprehensive pre-interview training and other support.

The success has been made possible by an agile learning and training program that ensures Service NSW staff deliver a wide range of transactions provided through Service NSW.

\*2026 PURCHASE OF ILLICIT TOBACCO—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Does the NSW Police Force co-operate with Imperial Tobacco Australia Ltd in covert purchasing of illicit tobacco?
- (2) Has the NSW Police Force made any applications under the Controlled Operations Act in relation to the purchasing by a police officer or an employee of Imperial Tobacco Australia of illicit tobacco?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The NSW Police Force acts on any allegations and evidence of illicit tobacco sales received. Police take action to investigate and bring offenders to justice when offences are detected.

\*2027 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Is there a Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW Police Force and Imperial Tobacco Australia Ltd concerning the investigations and prosecution of the sale and trafficking in illicit tobacco?
  - (a) If so, where may it be examined?

- (b) If not, how is the relationship between Imperial Tobacco Australia Ltd and NSW Police Force regulated?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me no.

The NSW Police Force assess complaints received. If sufficient evidence is presented to support an allegation, police will investigate. This may result in prosecution of any persons found to be committing offences under the Customs Act or Trademarks Act.

- \*2028 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Which divisions within Family and Community Services have moved from Liverpool since 1 March 2014?

- (a) On what dates did this occur?  
(b) How many staff were involved during these moves?

Answer—

No Family and Community Services' business units or directorates have moved from Liverpool since 1 March 2014.

- \*2029 MULTICULTURAL NSW OFFICE SPACE—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—

What steps have been taken to secure office space in Liverpool for the offices of Multicultural NSW?

Answer—

An announcement will be made about the movement of government staff under the 'Decade of Decentralisation' policy in due course.

- \*2030 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

When will the Government respond to the Lambert Report on the review of the Building Professionals Act?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

- \*2031 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN OFFICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Do you propose to close the NSW Trustee and Guardian office in Liverpool?  
(a) If so, when?  
(b) If so, what do you propose for the building in which the office is located?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) is changing the way it delivers services to people to respond to client feedback, better protect and support vulnerable people in the Liverpool area.

The transformation centralises client support services in the Parramatta Office including the closure of the Liverpool Branch.

A pilot of the new operating model will commence over the next few months followed by a full transition during 2016.

- \*2032 SUITORS FUND ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many indemnity certificates have been issued under the Suitors Fund Act in New South Wales courts in the following periods:  
(a) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;  
(b) 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015?  
(2) How much has been paid out in Suitors Fund Act claims in the following periods:  
(a) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;  
(b) 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015?

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Answer—

The number of indemnity certificates issued is unknown. Information regarding the Suitors' Fund is available in the Department of Justice Annual reports at <http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/publications-research/annual-reports>.

\*2033 CORONIAL COURT FILES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Are the Coronial Court files relating to the inquests in May 1980 and February 1981 into the presumed death of Frank Nugan missing?

(a) If so, what steps are you taking to locate these files?

Answer—

I am advised that the management of court records is prescribed by section 9 of the State Records Act 1998.

Therefore, questions about court records should be directed to the Coroner's Court.

\*2034 COURTHOUSES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Do you propose to sell or close any courthouses in this term?

(a) If so, which courthouses and when?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to close court houses.

The Department is currently in the process of disposing of three surplus court house facilities at Armidale, Coffs Harbour and Newcastle. These have either been, or are about to be, replaced with new expanded facilities in the same location.

\*2035 WALLSEND ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) During the transition of the Wallsend Roads and Maritime Services office to a Services NSW Centre, will all services currently available at the Wallsend office be available to the public from the temporary location?

(2) Will on the spot licences be issued from the temporary location, as has been available at the existing Wallsend location?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The temporary location is now closed and the new Wallsend Service Centre opened on 4 December 2015.

\*2036 SELF-HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—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) Is the Government increasing resources to aid in the prevention of self-harm among young people, particularly those aged between 15 and 24?

(2) Will the Government increase funding to Hunter New England Health to increase staff and programs to aid in the prevention of self-harm?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

All local health districts, through the School-Link initiative, provide school-based specialist mental health services through the delivery of individual and group interventions in schools. School-Link supports the early identification of mental health issues in students; access to evidence-informed mental health early intervention programs in schools; early access to specialist mental health services; and on-going support.

Under the Government's response to Living Well: A Strategic Plan for Mental Health in NSW 2014-2024, three additional School-Link Coordinator positions are being funded across NSW to help create stronger links between the new Department of Education Networked Specialist Centres, schools and community mental health services.

The Hunter New England Local Health District provides a range of services to treat young people who selfharm, including those provided by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Through the Safety First Model, urgent next day intensive assessment and care planning processes have been implemented for young people who present to the Emergency Department with self-harming behaviour. To support this model the service runs education workshops across the District for adult mental health clinicians, CAMHS staff, school counsellors and community stakeholders.

\*2037 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Did the Paddington Bowling Club operators plead guilty to 40 breaches of the Registered Clubs Act, the Gaming Machines Regulation and the Liquor Act and were fined more than \$50,000?
  - (a) What assessment has the Government made of these charges, the court outcome and enforcement action?
  - (b) Does each of these breaches constitute grounds to terminate the lease?
  - (c) What action has been taken about terminating the lease?
  - (d) Does the Government intend to cancel the lease?
  - (e) Has the Government initiated forfeiture clauses of the lease?
  - (f) What impact do these breaches have on the Crown Land dedication?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to future use of the Paddington Bowling Club site for public recreation?
- (3) Has the Government considered transferring this lease to Woollahra Municipal Council and what steps have been taken towards doing this?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure that this Crown Land is used for public recreation?

Answer—

Please refer to previous answers to Questions on Notice on this topic.

\*2038 RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Why are drivers aged between 45 and 75 not eligible to renew their Class C drivers licence for a period of 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Seem answer to question LA 0927.

\*2039 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many units have been constructed in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
- (2) How many houses or townhouses have been constructed in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
- (3) How many affordable housing properties have been constructed in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
- (4) How many affordable housing properties have been purchased in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
- (5) How many community housing properties are tenanted or available in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing.

\*2040 SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) As at 30 June 2015, what was the average wait time for a priority applicant to be housed:
  - (a) In the Granville electorate;
  - (b) Across New South Wales?
- (2) As at 30 June 2015, what was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed:

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- (a) In the Granville electorate;
- (b) Across New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*2041 AMALGAMATIONS OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will local rate payers have to bear the cost of amalgamation through an increase in council rates?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the cost of amalgamation for councils forced to merge will not exceed the financial incentives on offer by the Government?

Answer—

The Government has committed to a policy of no change to existing rate paths for all new councils for four years. Ratepayers will not be asked to pay any more in their new council over the next four years than they would have paid if there had been no merger.

As new councils are being given up to \$10 million to fund merger costs and up to \$15 million from the Stronger Communities Fund for new and improved infrastructure, together with the savings from merging, there should be less reliance upon rate increases to deliver infrastructure and services to the community.

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\*2042 MINE RELATED COLLAPSES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How often do coal reject emplacement areas and coal waste tailings dams suffer collapse?
- (2) How many coal reject emplacement areas and coal waste tailing dams have collapsed in New South Wales in the last ten years?
- (3) What are the dates of each incident of coal reject emplacement area and coal waste tailings dam collapse?
  - (a) What are the details of each mine at which those collapses occurred?
- (4) Are mine operators required to have an emergency response plan in place to deal with such occurrences?
- (5) Did Centennial Coal have such an emergency response plan in place at Clarence Colliery?
  - (a) If yes, what is the name and date of this emergency response plan?
  - (b) If yes, was the plan sufficient to adequately protect the environment?
    - (i) If so, why did quantities of coal fine material reach the Wollangambe River in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area?
- (6) What emergency response plan measures will the Government put in place to ensure the environment is protected if another coal reject emplacement area or coal waste tailings dam collapses at Clarence Colliery or any other coal mine in the future, considering that the Clarence Colliery plan did not work to prevent coal fines from reaching the Wollangambe River?

Answer—

- (1) There are no known records of a coal tailings dam wall collapse in NSW, however there may be historical events that have not been recorded.
- (2) Not applicable, see answer to Q1.
- (3) Not Applicable, see answer to Q1.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The matter is currently under investigation. The investigation has identified required plans that impact on or relate to the management of the Reject Emplacement Area 3 and the incident response to potential pollution events.
- (6) The hierarchy of control principle dictates that elimination is the primary consideration when dealing with risk. Mine Safety Operations, through inspection and assessment, strives to ensure that existing tailings and reject management processes are robust and that a rigorous safety framework is

established to effectively manage the hazards associated with the establishment, operation and decommissioning of these coal tailings emplacements and impoundments.

Furthermore, the Department is committed to the timely decommissioning of existing tailings facilities and the implementation of current and evolving technologies in the processing of tailings (belt press filters, solid bowl centrifuges) to negate the risk associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of large volumes of tailings.

This commitment is objectively demonstrated through recent coal mine approvals in NSW whereby the coal processing plants have introduced belt press filters, negating the requirement for large tailings dams at site (Moolarben, Boggabri, Maules Creek Coal Mines, to name a few).

\*2043 WESTCONNEX STAGE 1—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 many residential property acquisitions have been finalised as part of the WestConnex Stage 1 as of 17 November 2015?
- (2) How many residential properties are being acquired as part of WestConnex Stage 1?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Three residential properties have been fully acquired for the M4 Widening project.
- (2) See answer to LA 0656.

\*2044 LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING DEVICES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Has the Government been provided with any legal advice which shows speeding offences issued using data from light detection and ranging (LIDAR) devices are still valid, despite recent revelations no valid certificates have been issued for LIDAR camera?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Certificates issued for LIDAR devices are part of the evidentiary process which removes the need to have an expert witness in court to give evidence on the accuracy of the device. There is no issue with the validity of speeding offences detected by police using these devices.

\*2045 DENTAL SERVICES AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Ms Julia Finn 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 total budget allocated to dental services at Westmead Hospital in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- (2) How many dental procedures were agreed at Westmead Hospital in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 20 October 2015)?
- (3) How many dental procedures were completed at Westmead Hospital in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Ministry of Health regularly reports public dental service activity and waiting list data via its website: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth).

\*2046 LENIENCY BY THE STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many requests for leniency were considered by the State Debt Recovery Office in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (2) How many requests for leniency were considered by the State Debt Recovery Office in each local government area in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (3) How many requests for leniency were granted by the State Debt Recovery Office in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (4) How many requests for leniency were granted by the State Debt Recovery Office in each local government area in the 2014-15 financial year?



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Answer—

(1) 286,548

(2) and (4)

Local Government Area	Number of requests	Outcome either caution or withdrawal
Albury	849	229
Armidale Dumaresq	469	128
Ashfield	1,872	520
Auburn	3,711	983
Ballina	830	209
Balranald	14	5
Bankstown	7,703	2,181
Bathurst Regional	1,062	315
Bega Valley	530	160
Bellingen	372	116
Berrigan	118	26
Blacktown	10,302	2,750
Bland	112	27
Blayney	163	41
Blue Mountains	2,513	764
Bogan	131	33
Bombala	25	9
Boorowa	51	17
Botany Bay	1,925	518
Bourke	46	13
Brewarrina	12	0-
Broken Hill	166	45
Burwood	2,486	786
Byron	1,244	283
Cabonne	247	76
Camden	2,371	698
Campbelltown	4,839	1,474
Canada Bay	4,984	1,387
Canterbury	7,008	2,022
Carrathool	21	5
Central Darling	17	4
Cessnock	1,062	319
Clarence Valley	701	233
Cobar	61	25
Coffs Harbour	1,527	510
Coolamon	70	27

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Cooma-Monaro	174	52
Coonamble	108	26
Cootamundra	149	47
Corowa	110	31
Cowra	310	79
Deniliquin	106	44
Dubbo	1,009	294
Dungog	162	64
Eurobodalla	964	302
Fairfield	6,940	1,897
Forbes	192	56
Gilgandra	98	32
Glen Innes Severn	93	29
Gloucester	93	31
Gosford	4,297	1,210
Goulburn Mulwaree	500	147
Great Lakes	722	255
Greater Hume	181	52
Greater Taree	874	310
Griffith	642	164
Gundagai	78	20
Gunnedah	229	80
Guyra	55	18
Gwydir	50	17
Harden	63	25
Hawkesbury	2,385	673
Hay	45	17
Holroyd	4,624	1,173
Hornsby	6,363	1,811
Hunters Hill	580	175
Hurstville	4,224	1,199
Inverell	204	60
Jerilderie	14	3
Junee	92	37
Kempsey	782	284
Kiama	738	241
Kogarah	1,564	426
Ku-ring-gai	6,820	2,120
Kyogle	92	37
Lachlan	117	39

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Lake Macquarie	4,665	1,399
Lane Cove	1,683	519
Leeton	215	52
Leichhardt	3,976	1,249
Lismore	829	238
Lithgow	382	111
Liverpool	7,384	2,060
Liverpool Plains	133	47
Lockhart	64	16
Lord Howe Island	1	0
Maitland	1,740	599
Manly	3,739	1,001
Marrickville	4,998	1,617
Mid-Western Regional	545	170
Moree Plains	155	36
Mosman	1,872	581
Murray	24	3
Murrumbidgee	41	10
Muswellbrook	294	85
Nambucca	393	146
Narrabri	240	89
Narrandera	127	39
Narromine	148	43
Newcastle	5,237	1,586
Norfolk Island	2	2
North Sydney	5,212	1,447
Oberon	103	30
Orange	1,135	298
Palerang	179	47
Parkes	323	92
Parramatta	7,269	1,779
Penrith	6,108	1,680
Pittwater	3,990	1,132
Port Macquarie-Hastings	1,718	573
Port Stephens	1,865	568
Queanbeyan	691	168
Randwick	8,137	2,190
Richmond Valley	321	87
Rockdale	5,525	1,464
Ryde	6,154	1,693

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Shellharbour	1,934	681
Shoalhaven	2,275	758
Singleton	506	132
Snowy River	162	42
Strathfield	2,226	605
Sutherland	9,935	2,901
Sydney	11,332	3,402
Tamworth Regional	1,095	407
Temora	92	24
Tenterfield	51	15
The Hills Shire	7,871	2,119
Tumbarumba	64	20
Tumut	200	58
Tweed	984	281
Upper Hunter	269	75
Upper Lachlan	89	30
Uralla	108	47
Urana	5	1
Wagga Wagga	1,739	560
Wakool	11	4
Walcha	54	18
Walgett	164	43
Warren	49	14
Warringah	6,724	1,976
Warrumbungle	181	51
Waverley	4,913	1,324
Weddin	70	23
Wellington	163	39
Wentworth	48	11
Willoughby	2,924	886
Wingecarribee	1,448	453
Wollondilly	1,107	340
Wollongong	7,171	2,385
Woollahra	5,759	1,484
Wyong	4,000	1,013
Yass Valley	310	85
Young	262	72

(3) 81,436.

\*2047 FINES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How many fines were issued to motorists for illegal right turns before 10am from the Great Western Highway, Mays Hill into Pitt Street in the twelve months prior to 17 November 2015?

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Answer—

The Office of State Revenue can only identify one fine issued to a motorist for disobeying a no right turn sign before 10am from the Great Western Highway, Mays Hill in the twelve months prior to 17 November 2015, but is unable to confirm whether the motorist was turning into Pitt Street at the time of the offence.

\*2048 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the number of students enrolled in pre-apprenticeship training at South West Sydney Institute of TAFE in the 2015 calendar year in the following disciplines:
  - (a) Electrical;
  - (b) Carpentry;
  - (c) Plumbing;
  - (d) Glass and glazing;
  - (e) Decorating?
- (2) What was the number of students enrolled in pre-apprenticeship training at South West Sydney Institute of TAFE in the 2014 calendar year in the following disciplines:
  - (a) Electrical;
  - (b) Carpentry;
  - (c) Plumbing;
  - (d) Glass and glazing;
  - (e) Decorating?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data in its annual reports which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

\*2049 CONSULTATION PERIOD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

Will the Government extend the consultation period on the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy until at least 1 February 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

The consultation period has been extended until 31 January 2016. A series of workshops will be conducted early next year and councils and community groups will be invited to work with planners on ideas for the future of the station precincts. These workshops will provide an innovative and interactive way for councils and communities to participate in planning for their local area.

\*2050 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

Will the Government release a community consultation report from the initial survey conducted in July 2015 on the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The report can be viewed at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydenhamtobankstown](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydenhamtobankstown).

\*2051 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

When will the Government release the nine background studies that were conducted as a part of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Six separate studies were prepared to inform the draft Corridor Study and related to transport, community facilities, open space, flooding, aeronautical impacts and employment lands. These studies are summarised in the draft Corridor Strategy.

The draft studies can be viewed at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydenhamtobankstown](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydenhamtobankstown).

\*2052 RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the schedule for the Government's plans to improve accessibility at Lewisham Railway Station?
- (2) What progress has been made regarding the upgrades at Marrickville Railway Station?
- (3) How does the Government respond to community criticism that the work appears to be delayed?
- (4) What other accessibility upgrades are scheduled for train stations in the Summer Hill electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are under way. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements have made it easier to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Upgrades in the Summer Hill electorate will be considered as part of this assessment process.

The Marrickville Station upgrade is expected to be completed in line with the announced schedule for this project. Further information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*2053 M4 EAST TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION—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) Has the Government conducted modelling to assess the impact of aircraft movements on air pollution resultant from the M4 East Tunnel construction?
- (2) What are the impacts?

Answer—

I am advised:

M4 East ambient air quality monitoring results are available on the Westconnex website. Air quality impacts pertinent to the M4 East Tunnel construction are detailed in the project's Environmental Impact Statement.

\*2054 AIR QUALITY MONITORING—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—

With reference to the Westconnex M4 East Tunnel project:

- (1) What is the peak (roadside) air quality monitoring stations' data since July 2014 (Reg Coady Reserve)?
  - (a) Why was this information not included in the Environmental Impact Statement?
  - (b) Why has this information not yet been released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The latest results from the M4 East air quality monitoring stations are available on the Westconnex website.

Further details of the air quality assessment, which shows comparisons of key pollutants against the relevant established criteria, can be found in Appendix H of the M4 East Environmental Impact Statement.

\*2055 DRIVER ATTACKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many bus drivers employed by State Transit Authority of NSW reported being physically attacked in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 17 November 2015)?
  - (a) For each of these incidents, at what location did the attack take place?
- (2) How many bus drivers employed by private companies reported being physically attacked in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 17 November 2015)?
  - (a) For each of these incidents, at what location did the attack take place?

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Answer—

The Government takes the safety of its bus drivers very seriously.

The number of assaults on STA bus drivers decreased by 1.5 per cent in 2014-15, following a 3 per cent reduction the previous year.

Likewise, the number of assaults on bus drivers from private bus operators until 31 October 2015 is down 40 per cent when compared to 2014.

The reduction in driver assaults across New South Wales has been assisted by CCTV on buses, increased driver security screens and the introduction on new driver training.

\*2056 BUSES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many State Transit Authority of NSW and private buses broke down during service in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 17 November 2015)?
  - (a) For each of these incidents, what was the location of the bus when it broke down?
- (2) How many services had to be cancelled due to a bus breakdown in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 17 November 2015)?
  - (a) For each of these incidents, what was the location of the bus when it broke down?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on service reliability is available in State Transit Annual Reports and on time running data is published on the Transport for NSW website.

\*2057 COMMUTER CARPARKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What strategies will the Government implement to increase usage of the new commuter carpark at Thirroul Railway Station, considering that on average between 10 and 15 car spaces are being used?
- (2) Why has the Government decided not to make small adjustments to the timetable to reduce pressure at the Thirroul Railway Station and increase the usage of the existing commuter carparks at Woonona and Austinmer Railway Stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2013 timetable delivers more express services, better stopping patterns and improved connections between different modes of transport. Customers are now benefitting from reduced journey times and frequent, clock-face services.

The timetable delivers an extra 125 services a week between Sydney and Wollongong and more consistent services throughout the day. This saves many South Coast Line customers up to 40 minutes a week. In order to improve journey times and better match services to where they are needed, some smaller stations are receiving fewer direct services to the city.

Patronage data shows that more customers are using Thirroul Station. This is why we delivered a new car park for customers at Thirroul Station. The new commuter car park is a short walk from Thirroul Station and includes a range of customer safety features including security fencing, lighting and CCTV. Signage has been provided at Thirroul Station, notifying customers of the new car park and its proximity to the Station.

The new commuter car park benefits public transport customers who park-and-ride at Thirroul. It also returns street parking to those who live, work and shop locally.

The new commuter car park at Thirroul was completed as part of the Transport Access Program which is delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure where it is needed most.

\*2058 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Planning—

In relation to the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust proposal to place a 136,000 grave cemetery surrounding the State listed Varro Ville Homestead (reference PP\_2015\_CAMPB\_001\_00):

- (1) What action is the Department of Planning taking to verify the accuracy of the information that it provides to the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) and that is placed on public exhibition?
- (2) What action is being taken to ensure that all JRPP members are appropriately qualified to sit on the JRPP and are free of perceived bias?
- (3) What operational procedures and codes of conduct apply to JRPP members when deciding planning

proposals (as opposed to development applications)?

- (4) What undertakings will the Minister give to affected members of the community if operational procedures and codes of conduct are not complied with in deciding the above proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The planning proposal for the Cemetery at Varroville and its supporting documents were reviewed for accuracy by the Department of Planning and Environment.
- (2) JRPP members are appointed in accordance with requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (3) The Joint Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures and Code of Conduct are available on the JRPP website at [www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au).
- (4) All members of the JRPP are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct and Operational Procedures.

\*2059 VARRO VILLE HOMESTEAD—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) In relation to the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) proposal to place a 136,000 grave cemetery surrounding the State listed Varro Ville Homestead:
  - (a) What views has the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage formally placed on record and in writing since this proposal was lodged in September 2013?
  - (b) What views and advice has the Heritage Council of NSW formally expressed in writing to the Minister (or former Minister) in relation to this proposal?
  - (c) In responding to the Heritage Council of NSW's advice, what parts of the Heritage Act 1977 informed the Minister's (or former Minister's) response?
  - (d) Has the Minister (or former Minister) appointed anyone to the Heritage Council of NSW who works or has worked on this proposal for the CMCT, and/or who represents or has represented the Sydney Catholic Archdiocese (either directly or via another entity) on heritage or development matters?
    - (i) If so, when was this appointment made and what role has the appointee had, or will they have, in the Heritage Council's deliberations concerning the treatment of Varro Ville Homestead?
  - (e) What consultation has the CMCT had with the Heritage Division regarding its proposal?
    - (i) When did this take place?
  - (f) Will the Minister agree to an expanded curtilage for Varro Ville Homestead independently of any development of the land surrounding the house if the cemetery proposal does not proceed?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) (a) In October 2013, the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) provided advice to Campbelltown City Council about the planning proposal to add 'cemeteries' as an additional permissible use for the lands surrounding Varro Ville Homestead.
- (b) At its meeting of 6 August 2014, the Heritage Council resolved to recommend to the Minister for Heritage that an Interim Heritage Order be made for the former estate of Varro Ville Homestead to enable the most appropriate curtilage to be identified to protect its heritage values in light of the cemetery proposal.
- (c) The then Minister made the decision not to direct the making of an Interim Heritage Order under section 24 of the Heritage Act 1977.
- (d) Heritage Council member, Mr Stephen Davies, is the Director of Urbis Heritage, the appointed heritage consultant for Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT). Stephen Davies is also the representative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney on the Heritage Council's Religious Property Advisory Panel.
- (i) Stephen Davies was appointed to the Heritage Council on 14 April 2014. In deliberations about Varro Ville, Stephen Davies declared a conflict of interest, removed himself from the discussions and did not participate in the decision making process.
- (e) In February 2014, OEH met with CMCT and its heritage advisor to be briefed on the proposal. In March 2014, OEH conducted a site visit to inspect the former estate of Varro Ville Homestead.



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(f) If the Heritage Council makes a recommendation to the Minister to expand the curtilage of Varro Ville Homestead, the Minister must decide whether or not to direct the listing of the item (i.e. the expanded curtilage) in accordance with the *Heritage Act 1977*.

\*2060 CEMETERY SITES—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Under the Government's cemetery reforms:
  - (a) What was the reason for not amalgamating the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) with other Crown cemetery trusts in metropolitan Sydney?
  - (b) Who is the statutory Trust manager for the CMCT?
  - (c) How are the Trust manager's members appointed?
  - (d) Who is it accountable to (including any joint accountability)?
- (2) What reviews has the Department of Primary Industries conducted to identify potential new cemetery sites in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area and when did these reviews take place?
  - (a) For each review of potential cemetery sites:
    - (i) What criteria were used to identify land as potential cemetery sites?
    - (ii) What were the sources of information for the review?
    - (iii) How many sites were identified in the Macarthur area?
    - (iv) Were any of these sites located in the Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation Area or the Scenic Hills Environmental Protection Area?
    - (v) Were any of the sites in the Macarthur area owned by the Government?
    - (vi) What steps has the Government taken since 2011 to offer government land for multi denominational cemeteries to cater for growth in the Macarthur area?
    - (vii) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that such cemeteries are incorporated into land releases in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area?
- (3) Does the CMCT's proposed multi denominational cemetery at Varroville in Campbelltown's Scenic Hills allocate cemetery space proportional to each denomination's representation in the catchment area?
  - (a) If not, what is the reason for the Minister permitting a different allocation?
- (4) What selection criteria informed the Minister's support for this particular site of the CMCT's proposed cemetery at Varroville in Campbelltown's Scenic Hills?
- (5) What purpose does the Minister's statement of government support for the Varroville site serve by appearing on the Local Plan Making Tracking site for this proposal and in its planning reports?

Answer—

- (1) (a) CMCT demonstrated it was a well-resourced and well governed Trust with management control over a number of cemeteries throughout Sydney. The CMCT also managed a large and relatively discrete area in the Rookwood Cemetery, compared to the smaller trusts that were amalgamated.
  - (b) The CMCT is managed by a corporation, being the Catholic Cemeteries Board (CCB), established pursuant to the Roman Catholic Church Communities Lands Act 1942. A civil law Trustee for the Board was created by Proclamation made by the Governor and published in the NSW Government Gazette on 10 January, 1997.
  - (c) The statutes of the CCB and make up of its board are controlled by the Archbishop of Sydney.
  - (d) As set out in the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013, particularly Part 5, the Trust is accountable to the Minister and to Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW). The CCB is accountable to the Archbishop of Sydney.
- (2) Twelve sites of government owned land were identified for potential cemetery proposals in 2011.
  - (a) (i) The 2011 work reviewed government owned land that may have the potential for future cemetery use. Sites adjoining existing Crown cemeteries, cleared areas and large areas of government owned land with general criteria such as access potential, and limited constraints such as drainage/flood issues or significant environmental constraints were considered. No detail site investigations were undertaken.
  - (ii) Databases of Government-owned lands and agency consultation.
  - (iii) Two areas in the vicinity of Appin.
  - (iv) No.
  - (v) Yes.

(vi) There has been no other Government land identified, as the Varroville proposal, if approved, is likely to satisfy the community needs.

(vii) CCNSW continues to advocate the need to consider cemetery space in responding to all regional and district planning documents circulated by the Department of Planning and Environment, as well as Local Environmental Plans circulated by Councils. The need for cemetery space is now included in the Sydney Metropolitan Strategy.

- (3) CMCT is required to allocate 55 per cent of the burial space at Varroville for non-Catholic use.
- (a) Further detailed allocation of space for all denominations will be subject to more detailed planning by the Trust, to be approved by the Minister.
- (4) The CMCT was required to demonstrate that the purchase was in the public interest, that the purchase did not exceed market value, provide evidence of capacity to pay with a business case for the proposal, agree that the land will vest in the Crown and that 55 per cent burial space is set aside for non-Catholic burials. The environmental and planning considerations are matters for the Trust to seek the approvals of the relevant planning authorities.
- (5) The Minister's support for the proposal is in the context of resolving burial space shortages in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area. The Minister has no role in the planning approvals process.

\*2061 PRESCHOOLS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the average fee for preschools in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
- (2) How many preschool services operate in the Auburn electorate and where are they located?
- (3) How many preschool services are:
- (a) Government operated;
- (b) Council or community operated;
- (c) Privately operated?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to the Minister for Early Childhood Education as Minister responsible for these matters.

\*2062 FUNDING FOR ROADS—Mr Luke Foley 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 total road funding allocated to the Auburn electorate for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
- (2) What proportion of these funds were from:
- (a) State sources;
- (b) Federal sources?

Answer—

I am advised:

Capital expenditure for road projects is provided by project in the State Budget Papers (Infrastructure statement) and includes a breakdown of State and Federal funding for each project. Total asset maintenance expenditure is reported in the NSW Budget papers.

\*2063 MILTON ULLADULLA HOSPITAL—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Health—

Are there plans to close Milton Ulladulla Hospital, leaving only the Emergency Department open staffed by nurses, and all other hospital functions transferred to Shoalhaven Hospital at Nowra?

Answer—

I am advised –

Milton Ulladulla Hospital is and will remain an important component of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's network of health facilities.

\*2064 FIRE STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many times has the Lidcombe Fire Station been temporarily closed in each of the months in the following years:
- (a) 2011;

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- (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013;
  - (d) 2014;
  - (e) 2015 (to 31 October 2015)?
- (2) How many times has the Silverwater Fire Station been temporarily closed in each of the months in the following years:
- (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013;
  - (d) 2014;
  - (e) 2015 (to 31 October 2015)?

Answer—

Fire and Rescue NSW has advised me:

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

\*2065 HOME INVASIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many home invasions were recorded in the Auburn electorate for each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
  - (a) How many of these home invasions resulted in the perpetrator(s) being arrested in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
- (2) In how many home invasions in the Auburn electorate was a gun used as a weapon in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics and provides these for a range of offences.

\*2066 COAL MINES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What complaints have been made to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) about noise impacts from Whitehaven Coal's mine at Maule's Creek:
  - (a) In the existing 'affectation zone';
  - (b) Outside the 'affectation zone'?
- (2) What studies has the EPA conducted or does it plan to conduct on noise from these mines, given the Planning and Assessment Commission predicted significant noise impacts that require stringent conditions to mitigate?
- (3) What assessment has the EPA made of the September 2015 Maules Creek Mine Noise Pilot Study, commissioned by residents adjacent to the mine, which reports that a quarter of readings exceeded set noise limits?
- (4) What assessment has the Office of Environment and Heritage made on Whitehaven Coal's revised Biodiversity Management Plan and Biodiversity Offsets Plan to avoid the purchase of biodiversity offset properties Blue Range and Cattle Plain for properties of a lower value?
- (5) What assessment has the Office of Environment and Heritage made on Whitehaven's compliance with the Biodiversity Management Plan?
- (6) Will the Department of Environment and the EPA call for a halt on further expansion and intensification of mining at Maules Creek, given breaches of consent conditions?
- (7) What action will the EPA take to ensure compliance by Whitehaven Coal of its approval conditions before any further forest clearances?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) encourages the community to lodge any complaints regarding environmental issues, including complaints about premises licensed by the EPA, with the Environment Line.
  - (a) The Environment Line has received 23 complaints from landholders with acquisition and/or noise mitigation rights for their properties, as provided in the project's conditions of approval.
  - (b) The Environment Line has received 15 complaints from landholders who do not have these rights.
- (2) Regular noise monitoring has been conducted by the EPA since late February 2015 at one of the closest private residences to Maules Creek Coal Mine. This monitoring revealed non-compliances by the mine in March, April and May with noise limits set in the environment protection licence issued to the coal mine. In response to these non-compliances, the EPA required Maules Creek Coal to modify its mining activities to reduce noise. Monitoring is ongoing and the EPA will continue to analyse the data collected. Further regulatory action may be undertaken.
- (3) The Leard Forest Research Node's Maules Creek Mine Noise Pilot Study, dated September 2015, was reviewed by the EPA. It was determined that the methods used in the pilot study did not comply with all the appropriate Australian standards for noise monitoring and, as such, the findings of the report may not be accurate.
- (4) The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has advised that the Biodiversity Offsets Plan, as amended, satisfies the relevant conditions of the Project Approval.
- (5) OEH is not responsible for assessing Whitehaven's compliance under the Project Approval or the Biodiversity Management Plan.
- (6) and (7) Matters relating to compliance with the conditions of approval for the project are the responsibility of the Department of Planning and Environment. These questions should be referred to my colleague, the Minister for Planning.

\*2067 COAL MINES IN AND AROUND THE LEARD STATE FOREST—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What complaints have been made to the Department of Planning and Environment about noise impacts from Whitehaven Coal's mine at Maule's Creek:
  - (a) In the existing 'affectation zone'?
  - (b) Outside the 'affectation zone'?
- (2) What investigations has the Department of Planning and Environment conducted or does it plan to conduct on noise from mines in and around the Leard State Forest?
- (3) What assessment has the EPA made of the September 2015 Maules Creek Mine Noise Pilot Study, commissioned by residents adjacent to the mine, which reports that a quarter of readings exceeded set noise limits?
- (4) What action will the Department of Planning and Environment take to ensure compliance by Whitehaven Coal of its approval conditions before any further forest clearances?
- (5) Has the Department of Planning and Environment approved the revised Maules Creek Biodiversity Management Plan of March 2015?
  - (a) If so, when did that occur?
- (6) Does the Community Consultative Committee include a recognised environmental group representative, noting that Whitehaven Coal was fined in 2014 for failing to include one?
  - (a) If so, when was the representative appointed?
- (7) What communication has occurred between the Department of Planning and Environment staff or planning ministerial staff with Newgate Communications or Michael Van Mcanen about the Whitehaven Coal Biodiversity Management Plan for the Maule Creek mine since 1 February 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Affectation zone is assumed to mean the predicted 35dB(a) noise contour in the Maules Creek Coal project approval. Residences and some landholdings located within this contour have acquisition and noise mitigation rights.  
The Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) has directly received noise complaints from two landowners within the affectation zone. The Department has directly received noise complaints from 5 individuals or organisations outside the acquisition zone.
- (2) The Department is currently undertaking an investigation into noise complaints it has directly received. However, most noise complaints are received by the Environment Protection Authority

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(EPA) through its Environment Line. The EPA is the lead agency for investigating noise complaints related to coal mining in the Gunnedah region.

Questions in relation to the activities of the EPA should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

- (3) This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
- (4) The Department undertook a compliance audit of mines near the Leard Forest in February 2015, which included Maules Creek Mine. These audits focussed on biodiversity and cultural heritage management at the mine sites.

The audits identified a number of non-compliances in relation to implementation of the Biodiversity Management Plans. As a result of these audits, the Department issued a penalty notice to Maules Creek Coal who committed to implement actions to address identified non-compliances by the end December 2015. The Department will audit these action commitments in early 2016 prior to clearing of the forest recommencing.

- (5) No.
- (6) Yes. Representatives of Sustainable Living Armidale have been members of the Community Consultative Committee since November 2015.
- (7) No such communication has occurred.

\*2068 ALLIANZ STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

With regard to the Minister's comments on 4 September 2015 that an Allianz Stadium upgrade is 'contingent upon final business cases, design work and the NSW Government reaching content agreements with sporting codes' and release of an 'initial design' for a 'National Football Stadium' by the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust (SCG) on 4 October 2015:

- (1) What was the average crowd that attended games at Allianz Stadium during 2014 and 2015 for:
  - (a) Rugby League;
  - (b) Rugby Union (involving the Waratahs);
  - (c) Football (involving Sydney FC)?
- (2) What is the crowd capacity of the existing Allianz Stadium?
- (3) How many times did Allianz Stadium achieve crowds in excess of 40,000 in each of the 2014 and 2015 years?
  - (a) On which dates and for which events or matches?
- (4) To what extent does the Government endorse the concept of a 'National Football Stadium'?
- (5) What is the capacity of the SCG's proposed 'National Football Stadium'?
- (6) What undertakings have different football codes given regarding content agreements?
- (7) What agreements have been reached with the promoters of concerts for the use of the proposed stadium?
- (8) Will the business case address the following issues:
  - (a) The need for a stadium larger than the existing Allianz Stadium;
  - (b) Traffic implications;
  - (c) Parking implications;
  - (d) Public transport implications;
  - (e) Heritage issues;
  - (f) Environmental considerations;
  - (g) Impact on residents living close to the Stadium?
- (9) Will the business case exclude any proposal to use Moore Park in any way or change the boundaries of Moore Park?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (10) When is the business case expected to be made available for public comment?
- (11) From what areas of Sydney are the majority of patrons expected to come from for major events expected to involve crowds in excess of 40,000?

Answer—

The Rebuilding the Major Stadia Network announcement by the Government is the biggest investment in sport and major event infrastructure in NSW since the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

This investment recognises the importance of stadia to our businesses, the New South Wales economy and our community. This investment will boost our capacity to attract big ticket events to New South Wales, as well as create and support thousands of jobs. The stadia network will provide a mix of venues

to provide a contemporary event experience and recognises the importance of Western Sydney to the State's sporting and tourism needs.

Infrastructure NSW confirmed stadia are a key part of the state's productive infrastructure. Investment in sporting assets improves government service delivery, social outcomes and drives economic benefits through impact on productivity, population and participation. It will ensure that the New South Wales brand and major events calendar remain competitive both domestically and internationally.

- (1) (a) 2015- 17,553, 2014-17,867  
(b) 2015-19,403, 2014-19,512  
(c) 2015-16 (YTD) -19,129 , 2014-15-19,715
- (2) 44,000
- (3) June 2014-Wallabies v France  
March 2014- Sydney FC v Western Sydney Wanderers  
October 2014 - Sydney FC v Western Sydney Wanderers  
November 2015 - Sydney FC v Western Sydney Wanderers,  
December 2015 - Ed Sheeran concert
- (4) In September 2015 the Government announced that it will build a world class venue to replace the current Sydney Football Stadium.
- (5) This is to be determined by the Strategic Business case. However, the Government has provided an indication figure of 50-55,000.
- (6) Our first priority is building a new stadium at Parramatta on the site of the existing facility. Negotiations with codes will occur as further concept planning is undertaken on the initiatives identified in the Government's Rebuilding the Major Stadia Network priorities.
- (7) Negotiations with event promoters will occur as further concept planning is undertaken on the initiatives identified in the Government's Rebuilding the Major Stadia Network priorities.
- (8) Yes.
- (9) Governance of the site is not part of the Strategic Business case.
- (10) The Strategic Business case for a replacement of Sydney Football Stadium is to be developed in 2016.
- (11) The stadia network is for all of NSW and will also service interstate and international visitors.

\*2069 TENANT ACCESS CARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What complaints or concerns have been raised with the Government by tenants and tenant advocates about owners corporations deactivating tenants' building access cards in response to alleged by-law breaches and then charging them reactivation fees?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made on how widespread this practice is?
- (3) What risks has the Government identified with this practice?
- (4) What options do tenants have to restore access if their access card has been deactivated by an owners corporation?
- (5) What penalties exist for owners corporations that remove tenants' access to their homes without a court or tribunal order?
- (6) What information does the Government give to owners corporations and strata managers about dealing with by-law breaches?

Answer—

- (1) A search of NSW Fair Trading's complaint database for the period 26 March 2011 to 23 November 2015 identified nine complaints from tenants who had their access card cancelled. Five tenants indicated they were asked to pay a fee to have their card reactivated. There have been two complaints in 2015.
- (2) The number of complaints does not indicate that this practice is widespread, however its prevalence is being examined as part of the current statutory review of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act).
- (3) This will be examined as part of the statutory review of the Act.
- (4) Tenants can make a direct request to the landlord or managing agent or make a complaint to Fair Trading through the free tenancy complaints service. They can also lodge an application for a hearing with the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for an order to uphold their rights under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 for access to their premises.

- (5) Under the Residential Tenancies Act, a landlord must provide tenants with keys to their premises, unless there is an order from the Tribunal to the contrary. The tenant can pursue the landlord to enforce those rights. A landlord can then pursue the owners corporation if an action of the owners corporation has caused the landlord to be in breach.
- (6) An owners corporation may serve a notice to comply with a by-law if there is evidence of a breach of a specific by-law. If this fails to remedy the situation, the owners corporation may apply to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for a civil penalty of up to five penalty units.

\*2070 CARDIAC CARE FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) When will New South Wales have a register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people suspected of acute rheumatic fever or rheumatic heart disease as exists in Queensland, Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia?
- (2) To what extent will New South Wales establish a model of care for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of acute rheumatic fever or rheumatic heart disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?
- (3) What action will the Minister take to close the gap in the use of cardiac treatment and procedures between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal patients?
- (4) What action will the Government take to increase workforce training and funding of Aboriginal Cardiac Care Co-ordinators in major New South Wales hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Ministry of Health is undertaking a range of actions to support health workers and cardiac care coordinators in the provision of cardiac care to patients across New South Wales. This includes: developing tools and resources to support health care providers to deliver more flexible models of cardiac rehabilitation to Aboriginal people, and supporting Aboriginal community controlled health services and their staff to enhance multi-disciplinary models for chronic disease management.

Through the Better Cardiac Care for Aboriginal People project, New South Wales has taken a lead national role in addressing the gap in mortality between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people from cardiovascular disease. The NSW Ministry of Health is actively assessing equity of access to procedures for Aboriginal people and is engaging with local health districts, cardiology networks and Aboriginal medical services to define and implement initiatives to improve access. This initiative, and others that are part of the Better Cardiac Care project are driven by a NSW Better Cardiac Care implementation committee and an Aboriginal advisory group.

\*2071 WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION BY PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What resources does the Government provide to workplaces to help them develop strategies to become inclusive to people with a mental illness?
- (2) What resources does the Government provide to help workplaces share successful strategies with each other on being inclusive to people with a mental illness?

Answer—

I am advised the Government is currently implementing the following:

- A Peer Workforce Scholarship Program to provide scholarships for study in the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work and Certificate IV in Mental Health;
- A Peer Workforce Network and Coordinator project to enhance support for peer workers and their supervisors/employing agencies through building an infrastructure to promote embedding the peer workforce in the culture of service delivery in mental health;
- A Mental Health Workforce Plan which will include initiatives to support the peer workforce and increase the numbers of peer support workers.

The Mental Health Commission of NSW document Living Well: A Strategic Plan for Mental Health in NSW 2014-2024 identifies a number of key strategies specifically targeting the peer/consumer workforce. The Mental Health Commission of NSW is also developing a guide for building and supporting peer workers in NSW which is due to be released in 2016.

Further information on the Government's work in enhancing the Peer Workforce is available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

\*2072 GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION ACT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will the regulations for the Greater Sydney Commission Act be finalised when the act comes into force?
  - (a) If not, when are they expected to be finalised?
- (2) What consultation will occur on the regulations before they are finalised to ensure communities have the opportunity to provide input into this future planning process?

Answer—

I am advised:

Community engagement will be at the heart of the Greater Sydney Commission's operation, including extensive consultation during the District Planning process.

The first regulations for the Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015 (Act) will be the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 2015 (Transitional Regulation). The Transitional Regulation will be finalised when the Act comes into force.

As the Transitional Regulation is strictly limited to matters of transitional or savings nature necessary to commence the Act, a consultation phase for this instrument is not proposed.

\*2073 PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT SPORTING EVENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many people were moved by public transport from the ANZ Stadium after the following 2014 matches:
  - (a) The Bledisloe Cup;
  - (b) State of Origin;
  - (c) NRL Grand Final?
- (2) For each of these matches, how many were moved per hour by:
  - (a) Bus;
  - (b) Rail?
- (3) When the CBD and South East Light Rail is complete, how many people per hour are expected to be moved by bus and light rail from Moore Park following matches and events at the Allianz Stadium?

Answer—

I am advised:

Counts are not conducted after events as ticketing barriers are open to allow people to move onto public transport as quickly as possible. Once light rail construction is completed and operational, there will be capacity for 124,000 people to be transported in each direction every day with regular turn up and go services.

Additional services will be provided when required for major sporting and entertainment events occurring across the Moore Park and Randwick Racecourse precincts.

\*2074 IMPROVING CYCLIST SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What are the current trends for cyclist deaths and injuries and what data on cyclist deaths and injuries over the past five years is available?
- (2) What evaluation of the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014 2016 has been carried out to date?
- (3) What action has been taken to:
  - (a) Produce and distribute road safety information for cyclists;
  - (b) Produce resource packs for corporate employers;
  - (c) Develop 'drive rules' and 'ride rules';
  - (d) Carry out a road user interaction campaign;
  - (e) Review enforcement regimes;
  - (f) Update driver knowledge test questions;
  - (g) Moving bicycle logos from parking zones;
  - (h) Develop dedicated low-speed cycling corridors;
  - (i) Provide bicycle boxes at high bicycle trafficked locations;
  - (j) Review shared path signage and guidance;
  - (k) Increase safety for bicycle riders on high speed roads?



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- (4) What outcomes have been identified with respect to the identified performance measures:
- Reduced bicycle rider fatalities;
  - Reduced bicycle rider serious injuries;
  - Effectiveness of communications in changes to attitudes and behaviours;
  - Road engineering treatments providing positive crash reduction?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have for improving cyclist safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

- This information is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.
- The Cycling Safety Action Plan covers the period 2014-16. The Action Plan is designed to be implemented, then reviewed after three years. Transport for NSW is regularly monitoring the implementation of the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-2016 through an Implementation Working Group, which is chaired by the Centre for Road Safety and includes representatives from NSW Government agencies, local councils and cycling other road user stakeholder groups.
- Many of these actions are included in the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-16, of which many are long-term or ongoing. All actions are either complete or in progress.
- The Centre for Road Safety is currently undertaking research that will gauge bicycle riders and motorists' attitudes and behaviours concerning bicycle safety, including awareness of road rules relating to cycling. More crash data is required over a longer timeframe to evaluate the crash reduction impact of road engineering treatments.
- A Cycling Safety Roundtable was established in 2015, featuring all road user groups and relevant Government agencies. Roundtables were held in June & July 2015, to consider options to improve bicycle rider safety and compliance. The Government announced a new cycling safety package on 21st December. Details can be found on the Centre for Road Safety website.

Further, the Government is investing in the development of dedicated infrastructure for cycling. Funding for 2015-16 across all programs is in excess of \$40 million.

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- \*2075 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Attorney General—

With reference to the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service's (WDVCAS) essential role as a local coordination point for domestic violence referrals across New South Wales and the increase in workload of WDVCAS as shown by the total number of clients increasing by 75 percent (5730) in the first quarter of 2015-16 against the same quarter of 2014-15, and an increase of 170 percent (9,517) in pre-court information and referral counts in the same period, when will WDVCAS receive and increase in funding to cope with the increase in demand for service?

Answer—

The Government is committed to the NSW Domestic Violence Justice Strategy. During 2015-16 the Government has committed more than \$8,300,000 to the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service.

- \*2076 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS FUNDING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

Will the Minister commit to ensuring the entire \$20 million announced earlier this year for additional out of school hours centres is actually spent on providing additional out of school hours places for children and families during this financial year?

Answer—

The Government is committed to ensuring that the \$20 million fund is used to assist working families by creating additional Out of School Hours Care places from the beginning of 2016.

- \*2077 NEW LAMBTON DISTRICT OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Minister commit to ensuring that the New Lambton District out of school hours can continue to operate under Department of Education's regulations without exorbitant fee increases to families, considering that the license fee payable by New Lambton District OOSH to New Lambton District School will more than double, from AROUND \$14000 to \$35000 per annum per year from 1 January 2016?

Answer—

The Department of Education and the New Lambton District Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) are currently negotiating the conditions of the OSHC's new license agreement.

\*2078 PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What was the average waiting period for public housing in the Auburn electorate for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
- (2) How many people residing in the Auburn electorate waiting for public housing were reviewed to ascertain if their circumstances had changed in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
  - (a) Who carries out these reviews?
  - (b) Is the review appealable?
- (3) For each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15, what percentage of people on the waiting list were:
  - (a) Single parent families;
  - (b) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders;
  - (c) Persons wholly dependent upon income from the Department of Social Security (excluding those also in categories (a) and (b) above)?

Answer—

Every household on the waiting list is periodically reviewed to check that they still need public housing.

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*2079 AIR-CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the following schools in the Auburn electorate have air-conditioning installed in classrooms:
  - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
  - (b) Auburn North Public School;
  - (c) Auburn Public School;
  - (d) Auburn West Public School;
  - (e) Berala Public School;
  - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;
  - (g) Granville East Public School;
  - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
  - (i) Karningul School;
  - (j) Lidcombe Public School;
  - (k) Newington Public School;
  - (l) Regents Park Public School;
  - (m) Sunning Hill School?
- (2) Of the total number of classrooms per school, what is the percentage of air-conditioned classrooms at:
  - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
  - (b) Auburn North Public School;
  - (c) Auburn Public School;
  - (d) Auburn West Public School;
  - (e) Berala Public School;
  - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;
  - (g) Granville East Public School;
  - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
  - (i) Karningul School;
  - (j) Lidcombe Public School;
  - (k) Newington Public School;

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- (l) Regents Park Public School;  
(m) Sunning Hill School?
- (3) Of the total number of demountable classrooms per school, what is the percentage of air-conditioned demountable classrooms at:
- (a) Auburn Girls High School;  
(b) Auburn North Public School;  
(c) Auburn Public School;  
(d) Auburn West Public School;  
(e) Berala Public School;  
(f) Blaxcell Street Public School;  
(g) Granville East Public School;  
(h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;  
(i) Karningul School;  
(j) Lidcombe Public School;  
(k) Newington Public School;  
(l) Regents Park Public School;  
(m) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

- (1) All of the listed schools, except Sunning Hill School, have air conditioning installed in classrooms. Sunning Hill School (Education and Training Unit) is situated within Juniperina Juvenile Justice Centre. Questions about facilities at the school should be referred to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police.
- (2) As schools are able to self-fund air conditioning, this data is not kept centrally.
- (3) All demountable teaching spaces are air cooled.

Karningul School and Regents Park Public Schools are in the electorate of Bankstown.

\*2080 TRAIN DELAYS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many train services were delayed in the AM peak that stopped at Auburn Railway Station in each of the months in the following years:
- (a) 2011;  
(b) 2012;  
(c) 2013;  
(d) 2014;  
(e) 2015 (to 31 October 2015)?
- (2) How many train services were delayed in the PM peak that stopped at Auburn Railway Station in each of the months in the following years:
- (a) 2011;  
(b) 2012;  
(c) 2013;  
(d) 2014;  
(e) 2015 (to 31 October 2015)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Peak punctuality information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*2081 POLICE YOUTH LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many police youth liaison officers are allocated to the local area commands that service the Auburn electorate?
- (a) Where are they located?  
(b) What is their role?  
(c) Is this role full-time or part-time?
- (2) What training is required?
- (3) Has there been an examination of the demographics of youth needs in New South Wales?
- (4) How are resources allocated?
- (5) How is the effectiveness of police youth liaison officers assessed?
- (6) Is any future expansion of their role or resources planned?

(7) What procedures or guidelines are in place to ensure their involvement in local policing and community matters where appropriate?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

There are currently five full-time Youth Liaison Officers (YLOs) in the five Local Area Commands (LACs) that service the Auburn electorate. Located across the electorate, these officers are responsible for such issues as education, diversionary and inter-agency programs designed to deter young people from criminal activity.

YLOs undertake a Youth Officers Course, which includes workshops qualifying them to deliver cautions under the Young Offenders Act 1997. The course also covers youth-focused topics including mental health, adolescent behaviour, diversity, child protection and alcohol diversion programs. YLO Information Days are held to further YLO professional development.

YLOs submit monthly reports to their Crime Coordinators in relation to youth diversion and community engagement. Quarterly Youth Meetings at all LACs analyse youth offending statistics in the local community and discuss strategies implemented by the YLOs to deal with identified hotspots, juvenile offenders and youth crime trends. The YLO overview is currently under review to reflect recent changes to the role following the introduction of School Liaison Police in high schools.

\*2082 STAFF AT HOUSING NSW OFFICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many full-time equivalents (FTE) were there at the Corrimal Housing NSW office during each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 1 November 2015)?
- (2) How many land and housing officers responsible for maintenance, including FTE and part-time equivalent (PTE), were based at the Corrimal Housing NSW office in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 1 November 2015)?
- (3) How many referrals were made to the Mental Health Team by the Corrimal Housing NSW office in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 1 November 2015)?
- (4) How many FTE were there at the Wollongong Housing NSW office during each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 1 November 2015)?
- (5) How many land and housing officers responsible for maintenance, including FTE and PTE, were based at the Wollongong Housing NSW office in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 1 November 2015)?

Answer—

Information about workforce numbers are in the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) Annual Report which is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*2083 HANDYMAN SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many tenants were assisted through the Handyman service during 2014-15?
  - (a) How many of those were from the Illawarra?
- (2) Are there any plans to extend this program?

Answer—

Information about maintenance is available at [www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au)

\*2084 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What are the details of the new 125 weekly express services between Wollongong and Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2013 Timetable provided improved journey times for customers travelling longer distances, particularly those travelling between Wollongong, Sydney and other major centres on the South Coast. Compared with the previous timetable, the 2013 timetable introduced 10 additional weekday express services towards Sydney and 15 additional weekday express services from Sydney.

\*2085 CORRIMAL BEACH—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

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- (1) Is the Government aware of the scarping and erosion issues at the Corrimal Beach?
- (2) Has the Government received any formal requests from Wollongong City Council regarding assistance to fund these works?
- (3) Will the Government commit to funding these works to improve safety for those visiting the area?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) to (3) This is the responsibility of the Minister for Planning.

\*2086 COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Local Government—

Can the Minister justify his plans for forced amalgamations of local government areas in light of the high number of people who attended the 'Save your Council' public rally at Martin Place on 18 November 2015?

Answer—

On 18 December 2015, the Government announced merger proposals for New South Wales councils.

Each proposal is the result of careful consideration of all the evidence, including four years of consultation with every council in New South Wales, independent assessments, merger preferences submitted by councils, and feedback from communities and stakeholders.

Information about the Government Fit for the Future can be found at [www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au](http://www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au)

\*2087 PUBLIC HOUSING RENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What percentage of tenants in public housing pays their rent by direct debit?

Answer—

Two per cent of tenants in public housing pay their rent by direct debit from a bank account.

\*2088 DESIGNATED CARPARKS AT SERVICENSW CENTRES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many designated carparks are available for customers at the following new ServiceNSW centres:

- (a) Gregory Hills;
- (b) Orange Grove Road, Liverpool?

- (2) How many of these carparks are specifically for those with a Mobility Parking Scheme permit at the following new ServiceNSW centres;

- (a) Gregory Hills;
- (b) Orange Grove Road, Liverpool?

Answer—

There are more than 650 car parking spaces at the Macarthur Home Centre and 1500 at the Liverpool Mega Centre.

Macarthur Service Centre has twenty marked driver testing bays and two mobility parking bays for Service NSW customers.

Liverpool Service Centre has ten marked driver testings bays and three mobility parking bays for Service NSW customers.

\*2089 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

With reference to the recent announcement on the proposal to sell the land surrounding Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Glenfield:

- (1) How will the heritage listed item(s) in this precinct be protected in the proposed redevelopment of the site?
- (2) What consultation will the Minister undertake with the local community regarding the preservation of the heritage listed item(s)?
- (3) When and where will this consultation take place?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) to (3) The Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Glenfield is listed on Campbelltown City Council's Local Environmental Plan (2002) as a site of local heritage significance. It is not listed on the State Heritage Register under the Heritage Act 1977. Therefore, this is a matter for local council.

\*2090 GLEDSWOOD HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) On what date did planning for the new proposed primary school at Gledswood Hills commence?  
(2) On what date was land put aside for this future development?  
(3) On what date was funding originally allocated to this school?

Answer—

Details of the project will be announced as part of a future State Budget.

\*2091 ORAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) On what date did planning for the new proposed high school at Oran Park commence?  
(2) What space was allocated for this development when planning was undertaken for the now open Oran Park Primary School?  
(3) On what date was funding originally allocated to this school?

Answer—

Details of the project will be announced as part of a future State Budget.

\*2092 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Minister visited Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield?  
(a) If so, when?

Answer—

Information regarding scheduled meetings are published in accordance with government policy.

\*2093 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL CONSULTATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

What consultation was conducted with Campbelltown City Council and the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Community prior to the Minister's announcement on 18 November 2015 to sell the land around Hurlstone Agricultural High School?

Answer—

The strategy aligns with the Department of Planning and Environment's South West Priority Growth Area strategy.

\*2094 ALBURY POLICE STATION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many incidents of bullying have been reported to management by staff and officers working at Albury Police Station?  
(2) What procedures are in place at Albury Police Station to ensure officers can report complaints without fear of repercussions?  
(3) Does the Minister have full confidence in the running and management of Albury Police Station?  
(4) Have any officers left the NSW Police Force after serving at the Albury Police Station in the last 12 months?  
(a) If so, how many?  
(5) Have any serving officers at the Albury Police Station been suspended during the last 12 months?  
(a) If so, how many?  
(b) What were the details of each incident which induced the suspension?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

There have been no bullying incidents at Albury police station reported in the past 12 months. When complaints are reported, they are assessed by the Professional Standards Duty Officer (Inspector) and

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reported to the Commander. These are discussed and reviewed by the Complaints Management Team, chaired by the Local Area Commander.

Police officers, as well as members of the public, can make complaints to a number of bodies and/or officers, including the Commissioner of Police; the Region Commander; the NSWPF Customer Assistance Unit website; the NSW Ombudsman; and the Police Integrity Commission. The identity of any complainant is protected, and complaints can also be made anonymously.

\*2095 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE EMPLOYEES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Does the Hunter State Emergency Service (SES) routinely conduct exit interviews with departing employees?
- (2) What lessons have been learned from the departures and converted to strategies for employee retention?
- (3) What strategies have been implemented for retaining Hunter SES employees over the past two years?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me:

Employees and volunteers are offered the opportunity for an exit interview, which is voluntary. The Service has recently employed a diversity and inclusion officer and is awaiting the commencement of a workforce planning officer. Part of their role will be to develop and implement strategies for improving the retention of employees and volunteers. The NSW SES provides employees and volunteers the opportunity for professional development, as part of their continuous improvement approach. In the past two years a number of staff have been assigned to above level temporary assignment, attended courses and participated in operational activities.

\*2096 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many employees, including in management positions, have left the State Emergency Service in the Hunter in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 19 November 2015)?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me that one paid employee retired in 2014.

\*2097 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Does the State Emergency Service (SES) routinely conduct exit interviews with departing volunteer members in the Hunter?
- (2) What lessons have been learned from the departures and converted to strategies for volunteer retention?
- (3) What strategies have been implemented for retaining and growing the number of SES volunteers in the Hunter?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me:

Employees and volunteers are offered the opportunity for an exit interview, which is voluntary. The Service has recently employed a diversity and inclusion officer and is awaiting the commencement of a workforce planning officer. Part of their role will be to develop and implement strategies for improving the retention of employees and volunteers. The NSW SES provides employees and volunteers the opportunity for professional development as part of their continuous improvement approach.

The Hunter Region SES has developed strategies to attract and retain volunteer membership, including targeted recruitment for Units with reduced capability or low membership. This has resulted in an increase at the Dungog SES from six to 12 members and an increase at the Denman SES from one to 11 members in the past six months alone. Hunter Region Unit facilities and operations are being modernised, and a comprehensive leadership program has been developed for Hunter Unit Controllers.

\*2098 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many volunteers have left the State Emergency Service in the Hunter in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 19 November 2015)?

Answer—

The NSW State Emergency Service has advised me:

- In 2013: 17.
- In 2014: 17.
- In 2015 (as at 23 November 2015): 28.

\*2099 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES—Mr David Mehan asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How many government employees were located in the Central Coast region in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 (to 19 November 2015)?

Answer—

(1) For information relating to government employees, please refer to the Public Service Commission's Workplace Profile Reports.

\*2100 OURIMBAH RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How can wheelchair bound persons who attend the Ourimbah campus of Newcastle University access the north bound platform of Ourimbah Railway Station?
- (2) Are there plans to improve access, including easy access lifts, at the Ourimbah Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

I am pleased to advise that as part of the 2015-16 Budget, the Government announced it would invest \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are under way. 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. Lifts at Ourimbah Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

Wheelchair bound customers wishing to travel to the University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus, can board accessible services on route 37 at Gosford Station or routes 37 and 47 at Tuggerah Station.

\*2101 CENTRAL COAST WATER AND SEWERAGE ASSETS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister agree to the request from Wyong Shire and Gosford City Council representatives that the Central Coast water and sewerage assets continue to be owned and controlled by these councils or any merged entity which may result from the current amalgamation process referred to as 'Fit For the Future'?

Answer—

Detailed merger proposals are currently being finalised.

These will be referred to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government for review under the Local Government Act.

\*2102 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

Will the Government privatise the Hunter Water Corporation?

Answer—

This is a matter for my colleague the Treasurer, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP.

\*2103 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

Did Dart Energy approach the Government to buy back Petroleum Exploration Licence 458?

Answer—

No.



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\*2104 BUSINESS CASES FOR LIGHT RAILS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Government release the business case for the Newcastle Light Rail project?
  - (a) If not, why has the Government chosen to release the Sydney Light Rail business cases but not the Newcastle business case?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle Light Rail forms part of the Government's broader plan to revitalise Newcastle and is not a standalone project.

\*2105 NEWCASTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) As part of the privatisation of Newcastle's public transport, what are the Government's plans for the following:
  - (a) Newcastle Bus Depot;
  - (b) Hamilton Bus Depot;
  - (c) Newcastle Ferry Depot?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to the long overdue revitalisation of Newcastle.

Since 2011, over \$1 billion has been committed to Newcastle and the broader Hunter region for vital new infrastructure, including \$650 million in funds from Restart NSW for projects including Newcastle light rail, urban renewal and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, and \$350 million for the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund for a range of projects across the region. The next step is to build a vibrant transport network throughout the region to improve connectivity, reduce travel times and support Newcastle's tourism sector.

On 5 November, the Government announced it would create Transport for Newcastle and seek a 'world's best' multi-modal transport operator to plan and run Newcastle Light Rail, buses, ferries and interchanges. The new operator will be based in Newcastle and work hand-in-hand with the community to design and run a better transport network. This will be public transport run in Newcastle, for Novocastrians, not run from Sydney like today.

Interested parties are currently participating in a market sounding process to assess the best delivery model.

\*2106 NEWCASTLE DISTRICT COURTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Attorney General—

What is the Government doing to clear the backlog of cases in Newcastle district courts?

Answer—

I am advised that a special call over of one week's duration was held at Newcastle during the week commencing 7 December 2015. There were 126 matters listed in the special call over resulting in the disposal of 50 matters by way of plea.

The Government recently announced funding of \$20 million over the next 18 months to reduce the backlog of trials in the District Court, including in regional areas.

\*2107 AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Did the Treasury, or any entity of which the Treasurer is a shareholder, receive a request for information from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in 2015?
- (2) Did the Treasury, or any entity of which the Treasurer is a shareholder, receive a notice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission under section 155 of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 in 2015?

Answer—

As a normal part of my role as Treasurer I receive correspondence from a variety of organisations.

For information regarding correspondence to individual entities, you may wish to contact them directly.

\*2109 WAIT TIME AT MOTOR REGISTRIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the average wait time at the Wetherill Park Service NSW Centre since its opening?
- (2) During the 2014-15 financial year, what was the average wait time at the following motor registries:
  - (a) Fairfield Motor Registry;
  - (b) Wetherill Park Motor Registry;
  - (c) Liverpool Motor Registry?

Answer—

- (1) 7 minutes 46 seconds.
- (2) (a) 11 minutes 50 seconds
- (b) 10 minutes 50 seconds
- (c) N/A

\*2110 FAIRFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the average number of commuters using Fairfield Railway Station during peak hours on weekdays?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about barrier counts is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

\*2111 CABRAMATTA POLICE CITIZEN YOUTH CLUB—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Are there any plans to provide funding to the ageing Cabramatta Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC) for the upgrade of amenities or equipment?
  - (a) If yes, how much funding is being provided?
  - (b) If yes, when are the upgrades scheduled to commence?
  - (c) If yes, what works are to be completed?
- (2) When was Cabramatta PCYC last given any additional funding for upgrades of amenities or equipment?
  - (a) How much funding was provided?
  - (b) What works were completed?

Answer—

The Government provides support to PCYCs across New South Wales. The Government has committed \$2.5 million over the next four years to assist with the refurbishment and expansion of PCYCs across the state. This follows on from the \$20.25 million funding commitment in 2011 to build eight new PCYCs, which expanded the PCYC network to 65 clubs across New South Wales.

This is in addition to other support provided by the Government, including 120 police officers and the existing 57 civilian club managers for the PCYC club network, totalling \$17 million over 4 years.

The Government will continue to work with PCYC NSW to consider future funding options.

\*2112 CALLOUTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What was the average waiting time for callouts in the Fairfield Local Area Command in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Answer—

Response times vary depending on the priority given.

A range of factors including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel influences response times.

\*2113 AMBULANCE CALLOUTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health—

What was the average waiting time for ambulance callouts in the Fairfield Local Government Area in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

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Answer—

Ambulance response times are published on the NSW Ambulance website at: <http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/Our-performance/Response-Times.html>

- \*2114 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Which schools in the Fairfield electorate are scheduled to receive school zone flashing lights in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has committed to install flashing lights for all school zones in New South Wales.

All schools in the Fairfield electorate have flashing lights.

Further information on school flashing lights is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

- \*2115 FORMER FAIRFIELD FIRE STATION SITE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Are there any plans for the former Fairfield Fire Station site at 3 William Street, Fairfield, considering that they have now relocated to the Yennora Fire Station?

(a) If not, when will a decision be made regarding the future of the 3 William Street, Fairfield site?

Answer—

An announcement will be made about the site in due course.

- \*2116 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari 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 the large volume of elderly and mobility impaired residents throughout New South Wales who rely heavily on community transport programs, does the Government have any plans to provide assistance to expand community transport programs which are presently operating at maximum capacity and with long waiting lists?

Answer—

This question should be referred to my colleague, the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

- \*2117 AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Why has the Australian Museum dismissed a vast majority of its in-house security department?

(2) Were dismissed in-house security officers forced to leave the museum, being escorted by their replacement contractor security guards?

(a) If so, why were such heavy handed measures taken?

(3) How many full-time equivalent (FTE), part-time and casual staff members were working at the museum during each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

(4) How many FTE, part-time and casual staff members are working at the museum as at 19 November 2015?

(5) Are there any vacant positions which need to be filled as at 19 November 2015?

Answer—

The Australian Museum (AM) has undertaken a reorganisation to meet its financial obligations and to ensure it has the right capabilities among the workforce to fulfil its future needs and realise its vision. To meet these objectives, the AM has undertaken workforce planning identifying the roles, capabilities and organisational structure required for its future and to ensure its long-term financial sustainability. As part of the workforce plan, the AM implemented a move from partial provision to full provision of security services by external, professional security firms.

I am advised that the change management plan implemented by AM was conducted in accordance with Rule 13 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

FTE's are reported in the AM's annual reports available online <http://australianmuseum.net.au/>

\*2118 FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOLS—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Minister commit to assisting a transparent breakdown of funding for New South Wales preschools and ensure that the State's early child care providers' clerical time is not wasted?
- (2) Why are preschools being asked to conduct a February and August census in 2016?
- (3) What impact will the dual census arrangement have on funding for preschools in 2016?

Answer—

- (1) New South Wales community preschools received a breakdown of 2015-16 funding in December 2015.
- (2) Collecting data twice each year through a bi-annual census will allow the Department of Education to improve preschool data quality, a condition of NSW's agreement with the Commonwealth under the Universal Access National Partnership.
- (3) There will be no impact on preschools' annual payments process for 2016.

\*2119 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tamara 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 are the details of the modelling studies conducted to determine the closure of access points to the Pacific Highway between Tintenbar to Ewingsdale, and Woolgoolga to Ballina?
- (2) What are the details of road crash statistics used by the Roads and Maritime Services to make decisions around safety for the entry and exit points to the highway?
- (3) What evidence can be provided that community consultation was adequate to convey information around the impact of this project on the North Coast?

Answer—

I am advised :

Details that informed the location of entry and exit points are contained in the Environmental Impact Statement and route options reports. Further information, including about community consultation, is available on Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*2120 LAND ZONES—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What objective criteria or methodologies a council applies to identify whether the primary use of vegetation satisfying the criteria for E2 or E3 and is primarily used for environmental conservation or environmental management?
- (2) Given that land currently zoned for environmental protection (7a, 7b, 7j, 7k and 7i) can only be zoned as E2 or E3 and provided that it meets the new criteria and is subject to verification, will the Government make the funding and resources necessary to reassess such lands available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Verification of the presence of attributes that meet the E2 or E3 criteria on a site is to be undertaken by one or a combination of the options set out in Section 3(5) of the Northern Councils E Zone Review Final Recommendations Report. This Report is available at: <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/~media/70C33DB9E5384173887591A8EEEEAA238.ashx>
- (2) Under the Final Recommendations Report, Councils are not restricted to only rezoning and currently zoned for environmental protection (7a, 7b, 7j, 7k and 7i) as E2 or E3.

\*2121 NEWCASTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will potential purchasers of the Newcastle public transport network be required to provide proposed fare pricing structures as part of the bidding process?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my answer to LA 2001.

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\*2122 TRANSPORT FARES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Government retain some control or oversight of public transport fares in Newcastle under any privatisation agreement?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to my answer to LA 2001.

\*2123 REGIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

What was the total amount of the Government funding or grants spent on rural and regional sporting facilities in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to 1437. Information on all grant funding is also available in agency annual reports.

\*2124 RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Which hospitals in New South Wales have resident medical officers (RMO) allocated to their emergency departments?

(2) Are all these hospitals allocated RMOs on a 24 hours, seven days per week basis?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Individual hospitals are responsible for recruitment of staff, including Resident Medical Officers. This is a matter for local health districts to determine.

\*2125 GREYHOUND INDUSTRY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Has the Government undertaken modelling or forecasting on the impact of the closure of the greyhound industry on the New South Wales budget?

Answer—

The Government will not take any action that pre-empts, or may be perceived as pre-empting, the recommendations of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in New South Wales.

The Government has established a Special Commission of Inquiry into the greyhound racing industry to investigate animal welfare and integrity issues. The Special Commission, which is being conducted by former High Court Justice Michael McHugh AC QC, has the same wide ranging powers as a Royal Commission.

The Special Commission of Inquiry into the greyhound racing industry is to provide a final report to the Government by 31 March 2016.

The report will inform the Government's consideration of the future of greyhound racing in New South Wales.

\*2126 WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 2015—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What is the amount of money saved for every day in which the following sections of the Workers Compensation Act 2015 are not in force:

(a) Schedule 2 [2] to [14] [16] [17] [19] [20];

(b) Schedule 3 [4];

(c) Schedule 4?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

\*2127 SERVICEFIRST—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Did final bids from shortlisted vendors for the outsourcing of ServiceFirst work begin in July 2014?

- (2) Was the Minister made aware of the possible offshoring of some of this work as per the final bids before or after 22 August 2014 (reference Budget Estimates Question on Notice 14)?

Answer—

A detailed proposal from potential vendors was not before myself or Government for decision until late in 2014. At that point the Government asked for options from the preferred vendors, involving a combination of onshore and offshore solutions. The final decision to adopt a hybrid delivery model was made in May 2015.

Consistent with the need to maximise local employment, while delivering value for taxpayers, the Government selected an option which retained approximately 70 percent of jobs in New South Wales, including 90 percent of IT jobs in New South Wales. That includes the vendors creating service delivery centres in Western Sydney, which provide a platform for future jobs growth.

- \*2128 CONTRACT REGISTERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to the contracts register, will a list of sales contracts be provided for the minimum 6 months period or a longer, more permanent period (reference Budget Estimates Question on Notice no 25)?

Answer—

In accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPAA), all sales contracts with a value of \$150,000 or more will be published on Government Property NSW's Contracts Register

- \*2129 WORKERS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT ACT 2015—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) When will the following provisions of the Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2015 commence:  
(a) Schedule 2 [2] to [14] [16] [17] [19] [20];  
(b) Schedule 3 [4];  
(c) Schedule 4?

Answer—

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

- \*2130 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

What measures for affordable housing will the Government implement in Bankstown?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A Plan for Growing Sydney will require each council, to prepare a local housing strategy that considers local affordable housing needs and strategies to provide affordable housing to respond to local demand.  
(2) The Department of Planning and Environment will work with local councils to develop local housing strategies.

- \*2131 RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS IN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Has the Minister commenced consideration of the proposal for the creation of Joint Expert Panels to provide oversight and quality control over the construction of Sydney's residential blocks?  
(a) If so, when will a review be initiated?  
(2) Are there any other mechanisms which the Minister is contemplating regarding improving the quality of building standards, and ultimately changing the development culture to protect purchasers of new residential blocks?  
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Recent amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development (SEPP 65), will improve the quality of residential development in New South Wales. SEPP 65 now allows for Design Review Panels to be established by Councils to provide advice on design issues.

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The Government also recently introduced amendments to the Conveyancing Act 1919 to strengthen protections for buyers who purchase properties off the plan. The amendments prevent developers from rescinding contracts using a sunse clause to make windfall profits.

\*2132 SERVICE NSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will the Minister expand the Service NSW network into other areas of the Bankstown electorate in order to relieve the Bankstown office from the high volume of transactions?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Service NSW network design is not based on electoral boundaries. Sites for the Service NSW network have been chosen based on providing better services to people in different localities. Locations are chosen as part of a network benefitting the whole community and are assessed on current and future population growth corridors, and changing customer demand as more and more customers transact online at their convenience.

Bankstown Service Centre has an average wait time of less than nine minutes and a high customer satisfaction rating. Nevertheless, Service NSW will continue to assess customer demand and make adjustments to its network if and when necessary.

\*2133 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What mental health services are available for patients suffering with a mental condition who are admitted into the Bankstown Hospital Emergency Department?
- (2) How many mental health patients were admitted into the Emergency Department in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
  - (a) How many of these patients were discharged on the same day?
  - (b) How many of these patients were subsequently readmitted into the emergency department?
- (3) What support services are available for patients that have been discharged with a mental condition?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) A comprehensive range of services are available to patients who present to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department with mental health concerns. Patients are triaged upon arrival according to the Australasian Triage Scale which ensures that patients are assessed in order of clinical priority.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Services use a district-wide model of care in providing access to specialist mental health inpatient beds. This ensures that a consultant psychiatrist and psychiatry registrars provide 24 hours a day, seven days a week coverage to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's Emergency Department. Specialist mental health nursing staff are also based in the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department.

On discharge from Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, patients who have presented with mental health concerns are referred as required to the Bankstown Community Mental Health Emergency Team (CoMHET) or other teams within Bankstown Community Mental Health Service. The CoMHET provides services for people experiencing acute mental health needs in the community and has strong care partnerships with emergency services.

The Bankstown Community Mental Health Service includes CoMHET, a range of adult community mental health teams, a child and adolescent mental health services team and a specialist mental health services for older people team. An early psychosis team is also available to provide specialist services for young people aged 12-25 years.

\*2134 COMMON AREAS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many common areas are scheduled to be converted into new units in the Bankstown electorate?
  - (a) How many new units will arise as a result of this conversion?
- (2) Will residents be consulted?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

In 2005-06 under the former Government, community rooms were turned into additional housing – a

process which is continuing today to help house those on the waiting list.

\*2135 COMPUTER LITERACY RATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What has been the average decline of computer literacy rates amongst public school students within Bankstown since 2011?
- (2) What has been the average decline of computer literacy rates amongst private school students (including Catholic schools) within Bankstown since 2011?
- (3) Will the Government consider funding additional training programs for school students aimed at improving their computer literacy levels?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Government consider making information and technology classes within the Year 6 to Year 10 curriculum mandatory in order to address this issue?

Answer—

- (1) This data is not available. The National Assessment Program- ICT Literacy, is conducted by ACARA and is a sampling of schools nationally. Individual school data is not available.
- (2) This data is not available. The National Assessment Program- ICT Literacy, is conducted by ACARA and is a sampling of schools nationally. Individual school data is not available.
- (3) The government has provided increased funding for teacher professional development in the area of computer literacy. This will enable teachers to deliver the curriculum to enhance students' computer literacy levels. Schools have the autonomy to identify their schools needs in regards to professional development.
  - (a) NA
- (4) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a part of all subjects in the mandatory years of schooling. The study of ICT is essential learning across the curriculum. The use of ICT as a tool to accelerate learning and to create digital products is evident in current NSW syllabuses. The study of Technology (mandatory) for 200 hours in NSW additionally focusses on the use of Information and Communication Technology in the first 2 years of high school. The Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) continues to develop resources to support schools in their implementation of curriculum through ICT where appropriate.

\*2136 INCREASED SALARY FOR PRINCIPALS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Government compiled a list of the most disadvantaged schools in New South Wales which will receive the \$26,000 per annum increase in principal salary, announced on 16 November 2015, to source high grade principals?
  - (a) If so, which schools from the Bankstown region qualify for the funding?
  - (b) If not, when will the list be available?
  - (c) Will schools be able to make submissions for this funding if they are overlooked by the Government?

Answer—

From 2016, a new classification structure will be implemented that links principal remuneration to the scale of school operations and additional educational needs of students. This takes into account funding schools receive for complexity, including factors such as socioeconomic background.

\*2137 METRO LINE BETWEEN BANKSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the Government commence a review of its plan to extend the metro line from Bankstown to Liverpool?
- (2) Will the Government provide a report into the feasibility of this option?
  - (a) If not, will a third party non-government organisation be outsourced to prepare a report?
  - (b) If so, when will it be complete?
  - (c) Will the report be put on public display?
- (3) What community consultations will be held to discuss the project in depth?
  - (a) If no community consultations are being held, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for a possible extension of the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project to Liverpool will now



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commence, including testing the feasibility of this option.

A potential extension of metro rail to Liverpool could cut travel times to the CBD by up to 15 minutes and reduce crowding on the existing T1 Western Line and T2 South Line.

The community will have the opportunity to give feedback as part of the environmental planning assessment process in 2016.

\*2138 RAIL LINK BETWEEN BANKSTOWN AND BADGERYS CREEK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With reference to the Government's announcement on 13 November 2015 in the Sydney Morning Herald regarding a 12 month scoping study with the Commonwealth Government to report on new rail link options between Western Sydney, the CBD and the second airport at Badgerys Creek:

- (1) Will the Government include Bankstown in the scoping options, in particular in relation to a rail link between Bankstown and Badgerys Creek, considering the strategic and economic positioning of Bankstown within the Western Sydney Metropolitan area?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian and New South Wales governments will consider rail as part of the broader transport network needed to support an airport and Western Sydney's growth.

\*2140 XPT FLEET—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Why has the Government not commenced a replacement for the ageing XPT fleet that services regional New South Wales as both Queensland and Victoria have done, and as was promised by the National party at the last election?

Answer—

The Government will deliver a brand new fleet of trains to replace the XPTs. The 2015-16 NSW Budget includes \$7.5 million to start planning for the new fleet, with procurement to begin in the current term of government. A long-term plan for the future of regional rail, which focuses on customer experience initiatives, service improvements and fleet upgrades, is presently being prepared. The plan will outline future requirements for passenger train services in regional New South Wales.

\*2141 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

With reference to the 11.4 percent increase in domestic violence incidents in Maitland (from 340 to 401 incidents) since June 2013:

- (1) When will the Government roll out the Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams in the Maitland Local Area Command?
- (2) How will the Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams track perpetrators?

Answer—

On 14 October 2015 the Government announced a \$60 million package to target perpetrators and support women, men and children who have experienced domestic and family violence.

A key feature of this package is to introduce Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams in all six Police regions. These teams will target serious recidivist offenders and investigate serious domestic and family violence matters, as police do for other major crimes like gang crimes. Two teams will commence in 2016 and the remainder will be rolled out over the next three years. The NSW Police Force will work through the implementation of the Teams across the regions.

\*2142 METFORD RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Minister consider giving residents of the Chisholm and Harvest residential developments access to the Metford Railway Station from the northern side, to the north of Raymond Terrace Road in Maitland?
- (2) When will lifts at Victoria Street be installed?
- (3) Is the Minister considering more stations at Oakhampton to the west of Maitland?

Answer—

I am advised :

I am pleased to advise that as part of the 2015-46 Budget, the Government announced it would invest \$890 million in the Transport Access Program over the next four years. Since the program began in 2012, more than 450 projects have been completed or are under way. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and new commuter car parks. These improvements make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

Transport for NSW has started the design and planning approval process for improvements to Victoria Street Station. Work includes planning for an easy access update to improve accessibility of the station.

There are no plans at this time for additional stations to the west of Maitland. The Government will continue to monitor development and population growth in the area. As demand grows, services will be assessed to ensure they continue meeting the needs of customers.

\*2143 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the maximum processing time for Working with Children Checks from time of application to time of clearance to work with children, or a bar against working with children for New South Wales accredited bus operators?
- (2) Are there New South Wales accredited bus operators who have been waiting for employee Working with Children Check results for more than a month?
- (3) Can an employee work with children if the check status is 'application is in progress'?
- (4) Is there a requirement for New South Wales accredited bus and coach operators who have been notified by the Office of the Children's Guardian that a driver has a bar against working with children to report the driver to Roads and Maritime Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) This is a matter for the Office of the Children's Guardian.
- (4) The Office of the Children's Guardian has the responsibility for administering the Working With Children Check under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW). Under the Act, employers have a responsibility for ensuring child related workers have a Working With Children Check clearance.

\*2145 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent domestic violence liaison officer (DVLO) positions are attached to the Maitland Command?
  - (a) Are these positions all filled?
  - (b) If they are unfilled, when will these positions be filled?
- (2) What hours and days of the week are DVLOs available on a regular basis to assist victims of domestic violence?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

The Central Hunter Local Area Command, located in Maitland, has two full-time equivalent authorised DVLO positions. These are currently occupied by full-time officers who generally work Mondays to Fridays on day shifts.

\*2146 CATEGORY C FUNDING APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

In relation to the April Super Storms of 2015 across the Hunter region:

- (1) How many Category C Funding applications have been unsuccessful as at 19 November 2015 because residents do not meet the criteria of being a primary industry (ie: farm income too low)?
- (2) How many applications have been unsuccessful as at 19 November 2015 because residents' income has been too high?
- (3) What is the total value of successful Category C Funding applications as at 19 November 2015?
- (4) What is the estimated damage bill for rural properties as a result of the Super Storms as at 19

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- (5) What is the total value of insurance payouts for rural properties as a result of the Super Storms as at 19 November 2015?
- (6) What other measures have Local Lands Services and the Department of Primary Industries taken as at 19 November 2015 to assist farmers who have suffered storm damage?

Answer—

- (1) The Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) has declined 35 applications for assistance due to applicants not deriving more than 50 per cent of their individual income from the primary production enterprise.
- (2) There have been no applications declined by the RAA due to residents' income being too high.
- (3) The RAA has approved \$2.648 million in financial assistance under the Category C measure.
- (4) The damage bill for rural properties, agricultural industries and aquaculture was estimated at \$106 million in May 2015.
- (5) This information is not within the portfolio of the Minister for Primary Industries.
- (6) The Department of Primary Industries, Rural Resilience program has worked in partnership with Local Land Services to support the farming communities by; listening, referring and providing information to ensure people access appropriate support. The Rural Resilience program provided a dedicated staff member to assist with the co-ordination of recovery efforts across the affected area. Hunter LLS created a temporary Flood Recovery Officer role to assist landholders to recover from the April Flood/Storm (May 2015- June 30 2016). Hunter LLS in conjunction with DPI developed a Hunter Flood Recovery Plan (May 2015). HLLS commissioned a Rapid Riparian Damage Assessment of the Paterson/Allyn/Rivers (Dr Andrew Brooks, Griffith University) in May 2015 followed by targeted aerial surveys to assess level of damage to river banks in the Glendonbrook, Paterson, Allyn and Williams catchments.

Specific activities included but were not limited to:

- responded to 148 requests for assistance
- assisted with 70 enquiries regarding the Rural Assistance Authority's Category C recovery grants
- distributed 20 tonnes of emergency fodder to 70 landholders
- supplied fodder to 1,800 cattle, 480 horses and 12 camels
- arranged 40 helicopter sorties to stranded stock
- provided helicopter support to ferry food to 50,000 stranded chickens
- responded to 25 requests for support with stranded stock
- assisted with missing and found stock
- removed and/or disposed of more than 500 dead livestock for 30 landholders
- established small animal holding facilities at key evacuation centres
- staffed four recovery centres
- since April, 670 landholders have been assisted with advisory services
- 85 farm visits undertaken
- three workshops (250 attendees) held to support the dairy and oyster industries recover
- Primary Industry Working Group established immediately after storm to capture individual industry recovery needs
- co-ordinated Green Army recovery teams
- created a temporary Flood Recovery Officer role to assist landholders
- developed a Hunter Flood Recovery Plan and Flood Recovery Program which includes education, resources, programs and funding
- commissioned a Rapid Riparian Damage Assessment of the Paterson/ Allyn Rivers
- conducted aerial surveys to assess level of damage to river banks in the Glendonbrook, Paterson, Allyn and Williams catchments.\

\*2147 APRIL SUPER STORMS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

In relation to the April Super Storms of 2015 across the Hunter region:

- (1) How many applications for Category C Funding have been made as at 19 November 2015?
- (2) How many enquiries have been made to Local Lands Services and the Department of Primary Industries regarding the availability of funding as at 19 November 2015?
- (3) How many application forms have been sent out as at 19 November 2015?
- (4) How many applications have been approved as at 19 November 2015?

(5) Have all unsubmitted forms and enquiries been followed up to see why applications were not made?

Answer—

- (1) The Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) has received 283 applications for financial assistance under this measure as at 19 November 2015.
- (2) The number of enquiries received by RAA is in excess of 4500 including 700 telephone calls and 3818 hits on its Natural Disaster Relief Scheme Grants web page since the announcement on the availability of the scheme in May this year.

Hunter Local Land Services has received 70 enquiries regarding the Rural Assistance Authority's Category C recovery grants. Customers were also assisted by the Hunter LLS Flood Recovery Officer.

- (3) It is not possible to determine how many application forms have been obtained by potential applicants as the Scheme's forms and guidelines can be downloaded directly from the RAA website.
- (4) The RAA has approved 217 applications as at 19 November 2015.
- (5) No. It is not possible to determine what un-submitted forms are outstanding due to application forms being made available electronically from the RAA's website.

There have been over 3800 hits on the relevant web page since Category C grants were made available in May this year.

\*2148 DROUGHT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What investment is the Government making in water infrastructure?
- (2) What drought support measures have been implemented by the Government?
- (3) How much funding was set aside in the 2015-16 Budget to assist those farmers in affected communities?
- (4) How can affected individuals and communities access the NSW Drought Strategy?

Answer—

- (1) The Government will invest \$1.325 billion in regional communities' water supplies. The Rebuilding NSW Regional Water Security and Supply Fund will deliver \$1.0 billion- with a further \$325 million allocated under Restart NSW- to meet the water challenges in regional communities, including drinking water quality, water demand in growing towns and villages, drought security, dam safety and inadequate wastewater treatment.

Already \$110 million has been allocated to clearing a backlog of projects in country towns, \$117 million to securing Broken Hill's water supply during the current emergency and into the long term, and investigations are underway into the feasibility of an additional dam in the Lachlan Valley.

- (2) On 3 February 2015 the Minister announced a drought package of more than \$300 million to assist farmers over the next five years.

The support measures include:

- \$250 million over five years to continue the Farm Innovation Fund.
  - \$45 million over five years for vocational training and farm business planning.
  - \$2.5 million to work with the Bureau of Meteorology to develop an enhanced network of weather stations across the State- giving NSW the best weather technology anywhere in Australia.
  - Work with the Commonwealth Government and farming communities to put in place an environment that encourages the development of a commercial multi-peril insurance sector for our cropping sector.
  - \$5 million over five years to provide transport assistance for animal welfare and donated fodder within New South Wales.
  - Ongoing investment in research and development programs through the Department of Primary Industries- building on breakthroughs in drought resistant crops and water efficiency.
- (3) Under the \$300 million drought package announced on 3 February 2015, \$62.450 million in funding has been set aside in the 2015-16 budget as the first tranche of the five-year \$-300 million package.
  - (4) In December 2015 the NSW Government launched DroughtHub, which was a core commitment under the NSW Drought Strategy. The DroughtHub can be accessed at [www.drougthub.nsw.gov.au](http://www.drougthub.nsw.gov.au), and is a single point of entry for all assistance measures and information relating to drought in New South Wales.

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\*2149 DULWICH HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What has the Government done to repair the rusty handrail at Dulwich Hill Railway Station?
  - (a) Why have repairs to this simple maintenance issue been delayed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Full encapsulation is required prior to painting, to allow the rust to be appropriately treated. As such, the handrail repair work needs to be completed during a planned track closure. The repair work is expected to be completed by 31 January 2016.

\*2150 NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in the 2011-12 and the 2014-15 financial years?
- (2) How many NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service staff members are directly responsible for wildlife conservation and protected area management, risk abatement for endangered species and assessments for future national park declarations, versus support services, including cleaning, monitoring carparks?
- (3) How does the Minister respond to community criticism that the Government is gutting the service, cutting funding, ignoring the long held management imperatives for protected areas which align to world's best practice, watering down nature conservation legislation and allowing commercial interests into national parks?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) In the 2011-12 financial year there were approximately 1771 full-time equivalent staff employed by NPWS. In the 2014-15 financial year there were approximately 1723 fulltime equivalent staff employed by NPWS.
- (2) All NPWS staff have a role in delivering services that include wildlife conservation and protected area management, risk abatement for endangered species and assessments for future national park declarations.
- (3) An appropriate year-on-year comparison of the 2014-15 budget allocation with the 2015-16 budget allocation shows an increase of \$6.9 million.

\*2151 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR STRATEGY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) When designing its precinct maps for public exhibition for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, why did the Department choose to use similar shades of yellow/orange to indicate levels of density?
- (2) When illustrating the kinds of development permitted under the proposed rezoning, why did the Government opt to depict dwellings at the lower end of the permissible level (single dwelling areas or one to two storey houses are depicted by a photograph of a one storey home and medium rise housing, from five to seven storeys are depicted by a five storey dwelling)?
- (3) How will the Government respond to community concerns that these choices are misleading and makes assessment of the scale of proposed development difficult?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The colour scale used on the land use and infrastructure plan corresponds with the scale and density of the housing types proposed for the corridor. The lower density housing are shown in the lighter colours (pale yellow and yellow) and the highest density forms are shown in the darker colours (red and dark grey).
- (2) The images provide examples of the different types of housing proposed within the corridor and are broadly representative of the proposed future character within the precincts.
- (3) The exhibition period has been extended until the end of January 2016 to allow more opportunity for the community to comment on the strategy. In addition, the Department of Planning and Environment will be holding workshops with local councils and community groups before finalising the strategy. The Department will also look at opportunities to improve the quality of information

and plans. The new maps will show more clearly the substantial areas of each precinct that are not proposed change.

\*2152 FAIRFIELD MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How should Fairfield residents who are either elderly or mobility impaired to travel to Liverpool, Bankstown, Parramatta or Wetherill Park now that the Fairfield Motor Registry has closed?

Answer—

Service centre locations are chosen as part of a network benefitting the whole community. Placing service centres in locations such as shopping centres allows the customer to combine their visit with other requirements such as for health appointments, social activities and shopping. These locations also generally have plenty of parking available for people who have mobility parking passes, and public transport accessibility. In addition, the number of transactions that can be carried out online – such as the very popular Seniors Card applications – have been increased, and digital stores opened such as that at Liverpool, reducing the need for visits to a service centre in person.

If a licence is modified or restricted to limit the distance someone can drive, this distance is centred on the holder's home, not a motor registry. As the conditions of modified and restricted licences are assessed on a case-by-case basis, holders of these licences should visit a service centre or motor registry or their medical practitioner to discuss their individual requirements. Also practical driving assessments for older drivers can be undertaken in their local area by an accredited Older Driver Assessor.

\*2153 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Will one of the 24 extra domestic violence liaison officers (DVLOs) commence work at Port Stephens Local Area Command?

(a) If so, when is the additional DVLO expected to commence in Port Stephens?

Answer—

On 14 October 2015 the Government announced a \$60 million package to target perpetrators and support women, men and children who have experienced domestic and family violence.

As part of this package, \$4.1 million has been earmarked to advance the roll out of all 24 Domestic Violence Liaison Officer positions. These positions play a critical role for police in investigating and supporting victims of domestic and family violence. The allocation and deployment of these positions is a matter for the Commissioner of Police.

\*2154 LOCHINVAR POLICE STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) When did a police officer or police officers cease to work out of the Lochinvar Police Station?

(2) When did the police officer in residence vacate the premises of the Lochinvar Police Station?

(3) How many calls have been received from the residents of Lochinvar needing assistance by the NSW Police Force in the following periods:

(a) 15 October 2014 to 15 October 2015;

(b) 15 October 2013 to 15 October 2014;

(c) 15 October 2012 to 15 October 2013?

(4) What are the crime statistics for Lochinvar in each of the standard crime categories for the following periods:

(a) 15 October 2014 to 15 October 2015;

(b) 15 October 2013 to 15 October 2014?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I refer the Member to my response to her previous Written Question number 0914 on this subject.

(4) The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses New South Wales recorded crime statistics and provides these for a range of offences.

\*2155 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NEAR GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

When will the pedestrian bridge that was constructed over a year ago (over the South Line, about 100

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metres south of Guildford Railway Station) be opened?

Answer—

As pedestrian bridges over state transport infrastructure is a matter for the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, this Question should be referred to him for consideration and response.

\*2156 REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the Government doing to expedite the process of remediating the contaminated former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton?
- (2) What is the Government doing to inform local residents whether their groundwater is safe?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has issued a draft management order to Jemena which when finalised, will formalise the required works and define remedial milestones. The management order will require remedial works to be completed by the end of 2017.
- (2) Groundwater reports relating to the Hamilton site are available on request.

Additionally, the EPA has required Jemena to undertake extensive community engagement which has included letterbox drops, a website, a 1800 information line and community drop in sessions.

\*2157 FORMER AGL GASWORKS SITE AT HAMILTON—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

What support will the Government provide to the families affected by the contamination of the former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

The Government is working with all stakeholders to inform and address concerns that may arise in relation to the former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton. I am further advised that there is no current risk to families as the site is enclosed and impacts are limited to the site with some environmental impacts to Styx Creek.

\*2158 BENEFITS REDUCED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With reference to the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- (1) How many people have had their weekly benefits reduced as a result of work capacity decisions between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (2) How many injured workers within the scheme had their weekly benefit reduced to \$0 between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (3) How many injured workers have lost their medical benefits due to not receiving weekly benefits for 12 months between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (4) How many workers have had a work capacity decision ending their access to workers compensation weekly payments, yet they have no suitable employment as per the definition in Section 32A between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?

Answer—

- (1) Data is not captured to specifically demonstrate a reduction in benefits as a result of a work capacity

decision. Benefits may have been reduced as a result of return to work.

- (2) Data is not captured to specifically demonstrate a reduction in weekly benefits to \$0. There are many reasons that benefits may cease to be paid, such as a return to work or non-compliance.
- (3) As there are many reasons that medical benefits may cease, data is not captured which specifically demonstrates injured workers who have lost access to medical benefits due to not receiving weekly benefits for 12 months.
- (4) Data is not captured that would specifically provide details of individual injured workers' circumstances regarding work capacity decisions and suitable employment.

\*2159 NUMBER OF INJURED WORKERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to the Workers Compensation Scheme since the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- (1) How many injured workers were in the workers compensation scheme:
  - (a) As at 1 October 2012;
  - (b) As at 1 October 2013;
  - (c) As at 1 October 2014;
  - (d) As at 1 October 2015?
- (2) How many workers, in total, had been assessed as having Whole Person Impairment (WPI) greater than 30 percent?
  - (a) As at 1 October 2012;
  - (b) As at 1 October 2013;
  - (c) As at 1 October 2014;
  - (d) As at 1 October 2015?
- (3) How many workers, in total, had been assessed as having WPI 21 percent to 30 percent (inclusive)?
  - (a) As at 1 October 2012;
  - (b) As at 1 October 2013;
  - (c) As at 1 October 2014;
  - (d) As at 1 October 2015?

Answer—

- (1) (a) As at 1 October 2012 there were 108,024 active claims for injured workers in the Workers Compensation Scheme.  
 (b) As at 1 October 2013 there were 96,758 active claims for injured workers in the Workers Compensation Scheme.  
 (c) As at 1 October 2014 there were 81,884 active claims for injured workers in the Workers Compensation Scheme.  
 (d) As at 1 October 2015 there were 75,486 active claims for injured workers in the Workers Compensation Scheme.
- (2) (a) As at 1 October 2012 there were 1,675 workers that were assessed or agreed as having whole person impairment greater than 30 per cent.  
 (b) As at 1 October 2013 there were 1,622 workers that were assessed or agreed as having whole person impairment greater than 30 per cent.  
 (c) As at 1 October 2014 there were 1,415 workers that were assessed or agreed as having whole person impairment greater than 30 per cent.  
 (d) As at 1 October 2015 there were 1,172 workers that were assessed or agreed as having whole person impairment greater than 30 per cent.
- (3) Not all workers have been assessed for permanent impairment. The total number of workers may rise as more assessments are completed.  
 (a) As at 1 October 2012 there were 3,917 workers that were assessed as having permanent impairment 21 to 30 per cent inclusive.  
 (b) As at 1 October 2013 there were 3,766 workers that were assessed as having permanent impairment 21 to 30 per cent inclusive.  
 (c) As at 1 October 2014 there were 3,157 workers that were assessed as having permanent impairment 21 to 30 per cent inclusive.  
 (d) As at 1 October 2015 there were 2,464 workers that were assessed as having permanent



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impairment 21 to 30 per cent inclusive.

\*2160 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to the Workers Compensation Scheme since the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- (1) How much has been paid into the Workers Compensation Scheme by employers between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (2) How much has been paid to injured workers as weekly benefits between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (3) How much has been paid to rehabilitation providers between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (4) How much has been paid to treating doctors between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (5) How much has been paid to the employer, their scheme agents, legal or medical representatives between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- (6) How much has been paid to insurers as a bonus between the following periods:
  - (a) 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - (b) 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - (c) 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?

Answer—

- (1) Data is only available for each policy renewal year (PRY).
  - (a) PRY 2012 - \$2,741,769,455. PRY 2013 - \$2,461,847,464.
  - (b) PRY 2014 - \$2,223,609,290
  - (c) PRY 2015 - \$363,344,480, noting figures for the period are still being developed.
- (2) (a) \$716,015,847.21 was paid as weekly benefits for the period 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013.
  - (b) \$701,445,731.43 was paid as weekly benefits for the period 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014.
  - (c) \$673,044,589.57 was paid as weekly benefits for the period 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015.
- (3) (a) \$108,428,363.99 was paid to rehabilitation providers for the period 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013.
  - (b) \$106,253,314.24 was paid to rehabilitation providers for the period 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014.
  - (c) \$110,185,146.63 was paid to rehabilitation providers for the period 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015.
- (4) (a) \$76,094,734.12 was paid to nominated treating doctors for the period 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013.
  - (b) \$66,649,189.10 was paid to nominated treating doctors for the period 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014.
  - (c) \$61,513,814.94 was paid to nominated treating doctors for the period 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015.

- (5) Data is only available for the payment of legal and medical costs.
- \$560,864,121.99 was paid to legal and/or medical representatives for the period 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013.
  - \$510,419,138.64 was paid to legal and/or medical representatives for the period 1 October 2013 and September 2014.
  - \$461,064,385.32 was paid to legal and/or medical representatives for the period 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015.
- (6) The Workers Compensation Scheme comprises the Nominal Insurer and self and specialised insurers. The regulator has not paid any bonuses to these insurers.

\*2162 WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to the Workers Compensation Scheme since the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- How many injured workers suffered hearing loss and required hearing aids between the following periods:
  - 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?
- How many injured workers suffered an amputation between the following periods:
  - 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013;
  - 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014;
  - 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015?

Answer—

- There were 825 hearing loss claimants requiring hearing aids between the period 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013.
  - There were 1,176 hearing loss claimants requiring hearing aids between the period 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014.
  - There were 769 hearing loss claimants requiring hearing aids between the period 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015.
- 59 workers suffered an amputation between the period 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013.
  - 66 workers suffered an amputation between the period 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014.
  - 71 workers suffered an amputation between the period 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015.

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2163 MEASURES TO ADDRESS TRUANCY—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Education—

How many students have been successfully returned to school under the Operation Roll Call and the Street Sweeps program during 20 October 2014 to 20 October 2015?

2164 CAR AND MOTORCYCLE DRIVERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- How many licensed drivers (both car and motorcycle) live in the following postcodes:
  - 2167;
  - 2564;
  - 2565;
  - 2566;
  - 2557?

2165 MINE SUBSIDENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

What action will the Government take for families in non-urban areas of the Hunter who have suffered from mine subsidence?

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- 2166 RESIDENTIAL CARE—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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 children under the age of 18 with a disability are in residential care?
  - (2) How many places in residential care facilities are there for children under the age of 18, with a disability, under Community Services?
  - (3) How many places in residential care facilities are under the non-government sector?
  - (4) How many children are on the waiting list to be placed in residential care?
- 2167 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) What is the maximum processing time for Working with Children Checks from time of application to time of clearance to work with children, or a bar against working with children for New South Wales accredited bus operators?
  - (2) Are there New South Wales accredited bus operators who have been waiting for employee Working with Children Check results for more than a month?
  - (3) Can an employee work with children if the check status is 'application is in progress'?
  - (4) Is there a requirement for New South Wales accredited bus and coach operators who have been notified by the Office of the Children's Guardian that a driver has a bar against working with children to report the driver to Roads and Maritime Services?
- 2168 PRIVACY OF AN INDIVIDUAL—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What safeguards exist to protect an individual from surveillance, whereby an individual is recorded or photographed, by neighbours or strangers, whilst in their own home or on their own property?
  - (2) Does the Government have plans to enact legislation which would protect the privacy of an individual to conduct themselves without unwanted surveillance, whereby an individual is recorded or photographed, by neighbours or strangers whilst on or in their own property?
- 2169 LAND AT DENNIS WINSTON DRIVE—Mr John Robertson to ask the Minister for Education—
- Will the auction (scheduled for 27 October 2015) for land owned by the Department of Education and Communities at Dennis Winston Drive, Doonside be postponed whilst the Government reviews the proposal of Blacktown City Council to re-zone the site from its current Residential Zone to an E2 Environmental Conservation zone?
- 2170 MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) When did the Government take the decision to close the Motor Accidents Authority?
  - (2) Why did the Government decide to close this body?
- 2171 DRIVING INSTRUCTORS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent driving instructors were employed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 (to 21 October 2015)?
  - (2) How many full-time equivalent driving instructors does the Minister expect to be employed by RMS in 2016?
- 2172 RESEARCH INTO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- How much money will the State Insurance Regulatory Authority spend on research into motor vehicle accidents in the 2015-16 financial year?
- 2173 BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE PROGRAMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- When providing \$19.5 million towards mandated behavioural change programs, will the Minister ensure that such programs are not conducted in the same vicinity that supports services for victims of domestic violence?
- 2174 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What measures is the Government taking to ensure that all cars residing in New South Wales are registered in New South Wales and not in other states?

- 2175 FINES ACT 1966—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Is the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) complying with Section 4.10 of the Attorney General's Internal Review Guidelines under the Fines Act 1966 which requires the SDRO to determine an application for review with reference to submissions made in a written application?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (2) Is the SDRO taking Section 4.7 of the Attorney General's Caution Guidelines under the Fines Act 1966 into consideration when determining an application for review?
    - (a) If not, what is the Attorney General's response to SDRO's non-compliance?
  - (3) Is the SDRO using the provision for an offender to request a penalty review on the grounds of having a clear driving record for the past 10 years as a mandatory requirement when any submission covered under Section 4.7 of the Attorney General's Caution Guidelines is made?
    - (a) If so, what is the Attorney General's response to this concern?
- 2176 M5 EAST SMOKY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) How many fines were given for offences related to the M5 East Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
  - (2) What is the total financial value of fines given through the M5 Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
  - (3) What is the total financial value of payment for fines given through the M5 Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
  - (4) How many vehicles have had their registration suspended due to offences related to the M5 Smoky Vehicle Enforcement program in each of the years from 2013 to 2015 (to 29 October 2015)?
- 2177 STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- How do you respond to the recommendations by the Privacy Commission that all State Owned Corporations should be covered by privacy legislation?
- 2178 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- When will the Government respond to the Lambert Report on the review of the Building Professionals Act?
- 2179 LEGAL AID NSW—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) How many residents of the Hunter have been turned away from Legal Aid NSW from 20 October 2014 to 20 October 2015?
    - (a) How many of these residents were financially eligible applicants?
    - (b) How many of these residents were first time offenders?
    - (c) What are the percentages of positive and negative outcomes for defendants who are granted Legal Aid representation, compared with the outcomes for defendants who are refused Legal Aid representation?
- 2180 FUNDING TO HUNTER RESEARCH—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) Is the Government providing funding to Hunter research into whether medicinal cannabis alleviates symptoms and pain for terminally ill patients and chronic pain sufferers?
    - (a) If so, how much funding was provided between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2015?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2181 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- What is the average wait time for crisis accommodation in women's refuges in the Wallsend electorate as of 16 November 2015?

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- 2182 STRATA OWNERS AND TENANTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) What education campaign will be undertaken to ensure strata owners and tenants are aware of their rights under the provisions of the Strata Schemes Management Bill 2015 and the Strata Schemes Development Bill 2015?
  - (2) What legal assistance will be made available by the Department of Fair Trading to owners who may object to the sale of their home under the new collective sale provisions?
  - (3) What estimate has been made of the number of collective sales to be sought in the first year of operation of the new provisions?
- 2183 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) How many units have been constructed in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
  - (2) How many houses or townhouses have been constructed in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
  - (3) How many affordable housing properties have been constructed in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
  - (4) How many affordable housing properties have been purchased in the Granville electorate from funding provided in whole or in part by the Government?
  - (5) How many community housing properties are tenanted or available in the Granville electorate?
- 2184 PRESCHOOLS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) What was the average fee for preschools in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15?
  - (2) How many preschool services operate in the Auburn electorate and where are they located?
  - (3) How many preschool services are:
    - (a) Government operated;
    - (b) Council or community operated;
    - (c) Privately operated?
- 2185 POLICE AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) On how many occasions was police called in 2014 to the following train stations:
    - (a) Lidcombe;
    - (b) Auburn;
    - (c) Berala;
    - (d) Regents Park;
    - (e) Olympic Park?
- 2186 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- With reference to Social and Affordable Housing:
- (1) How many units have been constructed in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?
  - (2) How many houses or town houses have been constructed in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?
  - (3) How many affordable housing properties have been constructed in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?
  - (4) How many affordable housing properties have been purchased in the Auburn electorate from funding provided in whole or part by the Government?
- 2187 SPECIALIST TRIBUNAL SERVICES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) How many cases involving residents in the Auburn electorate have been addressed by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and its predecessor the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal in each of the years from 2011 to 2014?
    - (a) What were the most common issues addressed in these cases for each of the years from 2011 to

2014?

- 2188 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How much revenue does each of the cameras located in the Auburn electorate raise annually?
  - (2) For the two years prior to the speed camera being installed, how many traffic incidents occurred within 500 meters of each camera location in the Auburn electorate?
  - (3) For the two years following the installation of the speed camera, how many traffic incidents occurred within 500 meters of each camera location in the Auburn electorate?
- 2189 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- Will the Government privatise the Hunter Water Corporation?
- 2190 FISHING BANS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- Was the introduction of fishing bans by the NSW Environment Protection Authority, following the Williamtown RAAF contamination, obstructed by the Federal Department of Defence?
- 2191 NEWCASTLE PORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) When did the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 stop applying to the Government in respect to the operation of the Port of Newcastle?
  - (2) Do the Port Commitment Deeds include a fee on container throughput at Newcastle Port under certain specified conditions?
- 2192 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) How do you respond to the suggestion that the railway interchange is at Wickham because nothing was done to remediate the AGL site for all those years?
  - (2) What support will the Government provide to the families affected by the contamination of the former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton?
  - (3) Can the Government expedite the process of remediating the contaminated former AGL gasworks site at Hamilton?
  - (4) What is the Government doing to inform local residents whether their groundwater is safe?
  - (5) What precautions will the Government be taking to ensure the safety of residents and groundwater during the process of remediation?
  - (6) Why didn't the EPA act for such a long time between the initial contaminated site order in 1988 and the company responding to that order - as noted in its own document - 18 years later in 2006.
  - (7) What did the EPA do between those years. It's obvious that the company completed a lot of studies in that time, but did the EPA actually do anything?
  - (8) Why did the EPA not take action in 2007 when AGL's part 3A application to do remediation works was withdrawn, presumably because of the AGL/Jemena changeover?
  - (9) Why did it take the EPA from 2007 to 2011 to have the site registered as a significant contamination site?
- 2193 WORKERS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT ACT 2015—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) When will the following provisions of the Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2015 commence:
    - (a) Schedule 2 [2] to [14] [16] [17] [19] [20];
    - (b) Schedule 3 [4];
    - (c) Schedule 4?
- 2194 WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 2015—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) What is the amount of money saved for every day in which the following sections of the Workers Compensation Act 2015 are not in force:
    - (a) Schedule 2 [2] to [14] [16] [17] [19] [20];
    - (b) Schedule 3 [4];
    - (c) Schedule 4?

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- 2195 INCIDENTS OF GRAFFITI DAMAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- What were the numbers of incidents of graffiti damage to trains and stations in each of the financial years from 2005-06 to 2015-16 (to 20 October 2015)?
- 2196 CORRIMAL BEACH—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) Is the Government aware of the scarping and erosion issues at the Corrimal Beach?
  - (2) Has the Government received any formal requests from Wollongong City Council regarding assistance to fund these works?
  - (3) Will the Government commit to funding these works to improve safety for those visiting the area?
- 2197 BACKPACKER HOSTELS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) What concerns have been raised with the Government about noise and anti-social behaviour impacts of backpacker hostels on adjacent communities?
  - (2) What concerns have been raised with the Government about limited council powers to control these impacts where there are 'existing use' rights that predate current zoning and few or no consent conditions?
  - (3) What statewide regulation applies to short term tourist accommodation such as backpacker hostels to ensure they act as good neighbours?
  - (4) What advice does the Government provide to complainants on these noise and anti-social behaviour complaints?
  - (5) What requirements do backpacker hostels have to meet with respect to:
    - (a) Management of shared accommodation;
    - (b) Provision of facilities;
    - (c) Limits on overcrowding;
    - (d) Enforceable plans of management;
    - (e) Use of outdoor courtyards;
    - (f) Noise abatement;
    - (g) Overnight on site managers;
    - (h) Consumption of alcohol on site?
  - (6) What minimum level of accommodation standard are backpacker hostels required to provide guests?
  - (7) How does Fair Trading determine whether a backpacker hostel is covered under boarding house regulations?
  - (8) What assessment has the Government made of whether boarding house regulations could be applied to regulate other shared accommodation including backpacker hostels?
  - (9) What consideration will the Government give to improved regulation or licensing for backpacker hostels in order to protect community amenity?
- 2198 SHARED HOMEOWNERSHIP SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of shared equity schemes in other jurisdictions that aim to help low or moderate income households owning a home?
  - (2) What investigation has the Government carried out into implementing a similar scheme in New South Wales?
  - (3) Has the Government considered a government agency sharing equity with or providing subsidised or low interest rate loans to home buyers unable to afford a home themselves?
  - (4) Has the Government considered options for non-government organisations, such as Community Housing, or businesses to share equity with home owners unable to afford a home themselves?
  - (5) What changes has the Government considered to First Home Owner's Grant eligibility to provide grants to homebuyers who have shared home ownership with organisations such as Community Housing providers?
  - (6) What further action will the Government take to support shared equity home ownership?
- 2199 COAL MINES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) What assessment has the EPA made of the September 2015 Maules Creek Mine Noise Pilot Study, commissioned by residents adjacent to the mine, which reports that a quarter of readings exceeded set noise limits?
  - (2) Will the Department of Environment and the EPA call for a halt on further expansion and

- intensification of mining at Maules Creek, given breaches of consent conditions?
- (3) What action will the EPA take to ensure compliance by Whitehaven Coal of its approval conditions before any further forest clearances?
- 2200 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General—  
What funding has been provided by the Government for Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services in Fairfield since 2011?
- 2201 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—  
Does the Government have plans to establish additional Service NSW centres within the Fairfield and the Holroyd Local Government Areas?
- 2202 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NEAR GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
When will the pedestrian bridge that was constructed over a year ago (over the South Line, about 100 metres south of Guildford Railway Station) be opened?
- 2203 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
Given the large volume of elderly and mobility impaired residents throughout New South Wales who rely heavily on community transport programs, does the Government have any plans to provide assistance to expand community transport programs which are presently operating at maximum capacity and with long waiting lists?
- 2204 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) In the 2012-13 and the 2013-14 financial years, how many motor vehicle accidents and traffic offences were recorded in:
- Wakeley;
  - Carramar;
  - Fairfield;
  - Fairfield West;
  - Fairfield Heights;
  - Guildford;
  - Canley Heights;
  - Canley Vale;
  - Villawood?
- (2) What roads and streets recorded the most motor vehicle accidents in the 2013-14 financial year?
- 2205 COURT HOLDING CELLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- What is the total number of court holding cells in the New South Wales Justice system?
  - What is the design capacity of these cells?
  - What was the average length of detention of offenders in these cells from 1 January 2015 to 12 November 2015?
- 2206 COST OF DETAINING OFFENDERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—  
What is the individual cost of detaining offenders in court holding cells in the New South Wales Justice system?
- 2207 SAFER PATHWAY PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- Does the Government have plans to introduce the Safer Pathway program to the Fairfield Local Government Area?
    - If so, when?
  - Has a location site for the program in the Fairfield Local Government Area been identified?



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(a) If so, where?

2208 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

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?

2209 FUNDING TO HELP REDUCE DRUG USE—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

What non-government agencies in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and the Holroyd LGA have been provided with additional funding to help combat the use of the drug 'ice'?

2210 HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning—

(1) How much of the \$400 million funding announced in the 2015-16 Budget for a Housing Acceleration Fund will be allocated to the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and the Holroyd LGA?

(2) What specific projects have been decided upon for this program?

2211 COST OF NECESSARY AIDS TO QUIT SMOKING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

What is the average cost for each prisoner who is a smoker to supply them with the necessary aids to help them quit smoking?

2212 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With reference to the announced closure of the Roads and Maritime Services office in Mount Druitt:

(1) How many staff members will be made redundant?

(2) How many staff members will be relocated to the new Service NSW centre in Mount Druitt?

2213 SERVICE NSW OFFICE IN MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Why are the people of Mount Druitt being disadvantaged by not being able to carry out driver testing at the announced one-stop shop Service NSW office in Mount Druitt?

2214 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES BUILDING LOCATED ON LUXFORD ROAD—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

With regard to the recent announcement of the closure of the Roads and Maritime Services building located on Luxford Road, Mount Druitt and next to the Mount Druitt Police Station:

(1) How will this closure impact on the new building of the Mount Druitt Police Station?

(2) Will the Roads and Maritime Services building be utilised as part of the upgrade to the Mount Druitt Police Station?

2215 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How much extra money is required by the NSW Police Force to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?

(2) Has the Minister applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?

(a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

2216 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How much extra money is required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?

(2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?

- (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?
- 2217 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE TREASURY—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) How much extra money is required by the Department of Treasury to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
  - (2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement to cover this increase in administration costs?
    - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?
- 2218 POSTAL CHARGES FOR MINISTERIAL OFFICE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
  - (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
    - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?
- 2219 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE NSW MINISTRY FOR HEALTH—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How much extra money is required by the NSW Ministry for Health to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
  - (2) Has the Ministry applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
    - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?
- 2220 POSTAL CHARGES FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) How much extra money is required by the Office of Communities Aboriginal Affairs to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
  - (2) Has the Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
    - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?
- 2221 MERRYLANDS MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- With reference to the Merrylands Motor Registry Office located at 12 McFarlane Street, Merrylands:
- (1) On what date must the Motor Registry vacate the site?
  - (2) Will this property be sold?
  - (3) What is the estimated value of this property?
  - (4) How many of the following transactions have been conducted on a monthly basis for the last twelve months for which figures are available (to 16 February 2016):
    - (a) Driver Licence transactions;
    - (b) Car registration transactions;
    - (c) New South Wales Photo card transactions;
    - (d) Boat licence transactions;
    - (e) Driving tests?
- 2222 LEGAL AID NSW—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) How many residents from the following areas were turned away from Legal Aid NSW in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years:
    - (a) Holroyd Local Government Area;
    - (b) Parramatta Local Government Area?
  - (2) How many of these residents were financially eligible applicants?
  - (3) How many of these residents were first time offenders?
  - (4) What are the percentages of positive and negative outcomes for defendants who are granted Legal Aid representation, compared with the outcomes for defendants who are refused Legal Aid representation?

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- 2223 GOLD OPAL CARDS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many Gold Opal cards have been issued in the Granville electorate?
    - (a) What proportion of eligible seniors and pensioners does this represent?
- 2224 WHITE ANT ACTIVITY—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- With reference to white ant activity in commercial, private and government buildings in the Auburn electorate:
- (1) Does your Department keep records of white ant infestations?
  - (2) Are regular surveys conducted in order to monitor white ant damage?
    - (a) If so, have the surveys revealed any increase in white ant activity in the last five years (to 16 February 2016)?
  - (3) Have you had any requests from the building industry or any of its segments, home owners or government departments in the Auburn electorate for advice on white ant activity?
- 2225 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What were the total enrolments by subject at the South Western Sydney Institute Lidcombe campus in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
  - (2) What were the total training hours by subject at the South Western Sydney Institute Lidcombe campus in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- 2226 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many heavy vehicles have been booked for exceeding the speed limit in the Auburn Electorate in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
  - (2) How many changes in speed limits are there on the following main roads within the Auburn electorate boundaries:
    - (a) Parramatta Road;
    - (b) St Hilliers Road;
    - (c) Silverwater Road;
    - (d) M4 Motorway;
    - (e) Park Road (Auburn);
    - (f) Hill Road (Newington);
    - (g) Bennelong Road (Homebush Bay / Wentworth Point);
    - (h) Joseph Street and Rookwood Road (Lidcombe to Chullora)?
  - (3) What are the ranges of speed limits on the following main roads within the Auburn electorate boundaries:
    - (a) Parramatta Road;
    - (b) St Hilliers Road;
    - (c) Silverwater Road;
    - (d) M4 Motorway;
    - (e) Park Road (Auburn);
    - (f) Hill Road (Newington);
    - (g) Bennelong Road (Homebush Bay / Wentworth Point);
    - (h) Joseph Street and Rookwood Road (Lidcombe to Chullora)?
  - (4) How many heavy vehicles were caught breaching the speed limit on the following main roads in the Auburn electorate boundaries between 2012 and 2015:
    - (a) Parramatta Road;
    - (b) St Hilliers Road;
    - (c) Silverwater Road;
    - (d) M4 Motorway;
    - (e) Park Road (Auburn);
    - (f) Hill Road (Newington);
    - (g) Bennelong Road (Homebush Bay / Wentworth Point);
    - (h) Joseph Street and Rookwood Road (Lidcombe to Chullora)?
- 2227 FIT FOR THE FUTURE REFORMS—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- How much are delegates being paid to conduct community consultation for the Government regarding the Fit for the Future reforms?
- 2228 FUNDING FOR BRIDGES—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 Government provide funding towards the replacement of the Tyrrell Street Bridge and the upgrading of the Boscawen and Nelson Street Bridges?
    - (a) If so, what will be the funding arrangements?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2229 CAR PARKING FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Will the Minister be conducting a review of car parking fees at New South Wales hospitals in 2016?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 2230 GREEN CORRIDORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning—
- What is the Government's policy regarding the retention of 'green corridors' in urban spaces?
- 2231 PRIVATE TRAINING COLLEGES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- Will the Minister please outline the steps taken to investigate and prosecute private training colleges which breach standards?
- 2232 RESIDENTIAL GAS DISCONNECTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- How many people in the Wallsend electorate had their residential gas disconnected in 2015?
- 2233 STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What action will your Government take consequent to the Issues Paper on State Owned Corporations dated November 2013 that the Government issued?
- 2234 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What steps have been taken by you or the Department of Premier and Cabinet since 1 December 2015 in response to a letter from the Independent Commission Against Corruption concerning the reporting and declarations of the interest of Ministers and/or the potential conflict between the duties of Ministers and their interests?
- 2235 MICHAEL JON FULLER CASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- What steps have NSW Police taken and will you take to ensure Michael Jon Hand (also known as Michael Jon Fuller) is brought before New South Wales courts?
- 2236 FULLER CASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- What steps have you taken and will you take to ensure Michael Jon Hand (also known as Michael Jon Fuller) is brought before New South Wales courts?
- 2237 DEPUTY STATE CORONER SHARON FREUND RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- What is your response to the recommendations made by Deputy State Coroner Sharon Freund on 26 November 2015 in the inquest into the deaths of nine people which involved the use of a 'Quad Bike' or a 'Side by Side'?
- 2238 DEPUTE STATE CORONER FREUND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- Will you refer to the NSW Law Reform Commission the issues referred to in recommendations 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the decision dated 26 November 2015 of Depute State Coroner Freund in the inquest into the deaths of nine people which involved the use of a 'Quad Bike' or a 'Side by Side'?

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- 2239 CRIMINAL JURISDICTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Do you propose to alter the criminal jurisdiction of the Local Court?
    - (a) If so, what alterations do you propose?
  - (2) Do you propose to direct criminal cases out of the District Court to the Local Court by increasing the Local Court sentence jurisdictions for both single sentences and accumulative sentences?
- 2240 STABLING YARD FOR THE SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK AT LEPPINGTON—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Were any train drivers electrocuted or did any receive electric shocks in the stabling yard for the South West Rail Link at Leppington on 12 January 2016?
  - (2) Were any train drivers electrocuted or did any receive electric shocks at any time from 12 January 2016 to date at the said stabling yard, particularly when operating equipment to depart the stabling yard?
- 2241 LEPPINGTON STABLE YARDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Was and is the electrified circuiting at the Leppington stable yards from the South West Rail line grounded or properly grounded?
- 2242 DISABILITY MODIFICATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- How many tenants were forced to relocate due to a lack of suitable disability modifications by Housing NSW in the Illawarra region during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- 2243 GOLD OPAL CARDS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many Gold Opal cards have been issued as at 16 February 2016?
    - (a) Of these, how many cards are registered to be automatically topped up?
  - (2) How many complaints have been received in relation to Gold Opal cards as at 16 February 2016?
  - (3) How many refunds have been provided in relation to Gold Opal cards as at 16 February 2016?
  - (4) How many Gold Opal cards have been lost or stolen and new cards issued as at 16 February 2016?
  - (5) What is the average balance of Gold Opal cards as at 16 February 2016?
- 2244 EASY ACCESS TO TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How many train stations for easy access upgrade were completed during 2015?
  - (2) How many train stations across the Sydney Trains and NSW Trains network have disabled access toilets?
  - (3) What percentage of the Sydney Trains fleet is fully accessible?
- 2245 JOURNEYS TO WORK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) What is the percentage of people using public transport for journeys to work in the following areas as at 16 February 2016:
    - (a) Sydney;
    - (b) Wollongong;
    - (c) Newcastle?
- 2246 BULLI PASS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Does the Minister have any plans to formalise overtaking lanes on Bulli Pass?
    - (a) If so, what is the estimated cost of carrying out this work?
- 2247 PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many fatalities have occurred on Picton Road in each year since 1996?
  - (2) How many non-fatal accidents have occurred on Picton Road in each year since 2005?
  - (3) What was the daily average number of vehicles using Picton Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
  - (4) What was the approximate percentage of heavy vehicles using Picton Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

- 2248 APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many fatalities have occurred on Appin Road in each year since 1996?
  - (2) How many non-fatal accidents have occurred on Appin Road in each year since 2005?
  - (3) What was the daily average number of vehicles using Appin Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
  - (4) What was the approximate percentage of heavy vehicles using Appin Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- 2249 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS ON PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How many speeding infringements were issued to motor vehicle drivers on Picton Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
  - (2) How many speeding infringements were issued to heavy vehicle drivers on Picton Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- 2250 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS ON APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How many speeding infringements were issued to motor vehicle drivers on Appin Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
  - (2) How many speeding infringements were issued to heavy vehicle drivers on Appin Road during each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- 2251 PUBLIC HOLIDAY PENALTY RATES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- What is the Government's position on public holiday penalty rates in New South Wales?
- 2252 DEMENTIA IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What is NSW Health doing to ensure those with dementia, their families and carers have access to effective services?
  - (2) What targets has NSW Health put in place to reduce the rates of dementia in New South Wales?
  - (3) What is NSW Health doing to find a cure for dementia?
- 2253 WHOOPING COUGH—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Hunter is experiencing a shortage of the whooping cough booster vaccine?
  - (2) What actions has NSW Health taken to ensure residents in the Hunter have access to the booster?
  - (3) What is being done to combat the whooping cough outbreak in the Hunter?
  - (4) What actions have been taken to ensure residents are aware of the outbreak?
  - (5) What actions have been taken to ensure residents are aware of how to protect themselves and family from this risk?
- 2254 SECURITY FENCING PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Education—
- When will all schools across New South Wales receive security fencing?
- 2255 HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Education—
- In regards to the Hunter Sports High School Redevelopment:
- (1) What feedback from the Community Forum held on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at the Hunter Sports High School library was received?
    - (a) How is this feedback being addressed?
  - (2) When will substantial construction of the new multipurpose building commence?
  - (3) When will Stage 1 be completed?
  - (4) When will the Department of Education secure additional funding for the construction of Stage 2?
  - (5) What is the specific break down of what Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the redevelopment comprise of?
- 2256 PELICAN MARINA—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

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With reference to the Pelican Marina collapse:

- (1) Was the Minister aware of the letter sent in January 2015 by Lake Macquarie City Council to the Department of Primary Industry- Lands, which warned those working and visiting the marina that their safety was at risk?
  - (a) What actions were taken by the Department after receiving the letter?
- (2) What is the Department's procedure in addressing such urgent notices?
- (3) Will the Minister visit the site and speak to the affected tenants and business owners?
- (4) Will the Minister release the structural assessment report carried out by the NSW Public Works in December 2015?

2257 SOCIAL HOUSING POLICY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How will the Government's new social housing policy affect suburbs with high social housing, specifically Windale and Gateshead in the electorate of Charlestown which have some of the highest levels of social housing in New South Wales?

2258 SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many clients have been assisted by the digital store referred to in LA 0836 since the closure of the Shellharbour Roads and Maritime Services Motor Registry Office?
  - (a) Is it intended that this digital store will remain a permanent service?
  - (b) If not, when will this digital store cease?
  - (c) How many staff does the digital store employ compared to the former Shellharbour Motor Registry Office?
- (2) Is the Government re-assessing not providing a new Service NSW Centre within the Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) Does each electorate in the Illawarra now have a new Service NSW Centre, with the exception of the Shellharbour electorate?

2259 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why is there a delay in publicly releasing the annual update report for the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan, which was initially promised by the Government in the release of the original Illawarra Regional Transport Plan published in March 2014?
- (2) On what date will the annual update report be publicly released?

2260 EATING DISORDERS SERVICE PLAN—Ms Anna Watson 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) Has the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Eating Disorders Service Plan been finalised?
- (2) On what date is the Plan scheduled for public release?

2261 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) On what date was the business case for the upgrade of Shellharbour Hospital submitted to the New South Wales Treasury?
- (2) What are the next stages for the approval of funding to commence the upgrade of the Shellharbour Hospital?
- (3) Is the commitment to upgrade Shellharbour Hospital fully funded?
- (4) Has the Government determined a construction timetable for the upgrade?
  - (a) If so, what is the timetable?

2262 STUDENT ENROLMENTS IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current number of students enrolled at each government high school in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (2) What is the total capacity of student enrolments at each government high school in the Shellharbour electorate?
- (3) Why is there no set enrolment capacity for schools?

