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*2944 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the statutory review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act be completed?

Answer—

The statutory review is currently being carried out and a report will be provided in due course

*2945 ASBESTOS INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) What advice has the Attorney General received concerning the financial viability of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF)?

(2) Will the AICF continue to be able to meet verdicts or claims resulting from liabilities it was established to meet?

(3) What is now estimated to be the peak year for the mesothelioma claims?

Answer—

(1) and (2) That the Treasurer announced in February 2015, that the NSW Government has removed the loan cap to allow the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund to access the full amount under a loan facility from the Government, so that James Hardie asbestos victims can receive legal compensation in accordance with court orders.

(3) This information can be found at: <http://www.alcf.org.au/actuarial.php>.

*2946 COMMENTS MADE BY COUNCIL STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) What steps will you take in relation to the following inappropriate comments made by Carole Todd, Liverpool Council's Director, Business Improvement:

(a) Posting political comments about Liverpool Council on the Facebook page of the Hon. Shayne Mallard MLC?

(b) Saying after the resignation of Liverpool CEO, Carl Wulff 'Sad day for Liverpool but we'll bounce back at the next election!' on a Liberal Party MP's website?

Answer—

The Council's code of conduct is the key instrument that regulates the conduct of staff and councillors. All councils are required to adopt a code of conduct that meets at least the minimum standards set out in the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW prescribed by the Local Government Act 1993.

Councils are primarily responsible for deciding whether the actions of their members and staff constitute a breach of the standards of behaviour set out in the code of conduct as well as deciding what should happen if these standards are breached.

Any alleged breaches of the Council's code of conduct by Council staff should be reported to the Council's General Manager.

*2947 DISTRICT COURT BACK-LOG COMMITTEE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Who are the members of the District Court Back-log Committee?

(2) When was this Committee established?

(3) How often does the Committee meet?

Answer—

I am advised that a committee of that name does not exist.

*2948 ROLLING LIST COURT PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Has the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research evaluated the Rolling List Court Pilot Program that commenced in the District Court in April 2015?

(a) If not why not?

(b) If it has, when will a report of the evaluation be publically available?

Answer—

When the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) completes its evaluation, the

interim results of the evaluation will be released followed by a final report in due course.

*2949 COURT VERDICTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

On how many occasions has a diagnosis of morbid jealousy been used in NSW Courts to justify a verdict of not guilty by reason of mental illness in the 2 years to 31 March 2015?

Answer—

That the latest information and statistics relating to verdicts of not guilty by reason of mental illnesses can be found at: <http://www.boscar.nsw.gov.au/>.

*2950 RESPONSE TO NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is the Government's response to recommendation no 3.6 in Report 138 of the NSW Law Reform Commission?

Answer—

The Government is considering the recommendations of the Commission.

*2951 DISTRICT COURT ROLLING LIST PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Why is the District Court Rolling List Court Pilot Program limited to matters with an estimate of no more than two weeks hearing times?

Answer—

The Rolling Courts List Pilot comprises of two teams of Crown Prosecutors and Public Defenders, and at any given time one team is running trials and the other team is preparing for trials. After two weeks the teams then rotate.

*2952 DECISION RESPONSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

What is your response to the recent decision in *Sabanayagan v St George Bank* [2016] NSW WWC CPD 3?

Answer—

The NSW Government is carefully considering the implications of the recent decision in *Sabanayagan v St George Bank* [2016] NSW WWC CPD 3 and will provide a public response in due course.

*2953 SYDNEY ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What assistance, if any, has the Government provided to the Sydney St Patrick's Day Parade since 1 July 2011?

Answer—

The NSW Government has provided considerable in-kind assistance to the Sydney St Patrick's Day parade and family day since 2011. This includes a substantial waiver of the user charges of the NSW Police Force and Transport Management Centre for facilitating the parade on city streets and the family day in Hyde Park. It also includes consultation with the St Patrick's Day organisation to explore financially sustainable options for staging the parade and festivities.

User charges exemptions

The Transport Management Centre (TMC), which manages the road closures to facilitate the parade, has waived 75 per cent of its user charges for these events each year. In 2015, this represented a saving of over \$45,000 for the Sydney St Patrick's Day organisation. TMC services included providing operational staff, planning, mapping, towing operations, clearway and road closure signage and variable message signs to enable the parade to proceed.

The NSW Police Force granted the Sydney St Patrick's Day organisation a 50 per cent waiver of user charges for the parade and family day, and provided an average of 38 police to support the festivities. This represented a saving of approximately \$10,000 per year to the St Patrick's Day organisation.

The NSW Police Force supplemented this support with additional police for crowd management duties at both events as well as providing advice to the event organisers.

Planning support and advice

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Each year, a number of NSW Government agencies have provided planning support, feedback and advice to the Sydney St Patrick's Day organisation.

In November 2014, at the request of the Vice-Consul, Consulate-General of Ireland, the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet's Protocol and Special Events branch met with the President of the St Patrick's Day organisation. The meeting discussed the organization's vision for developing the celebrations.

As the organisation faced budgetary constraints in planning their 2016 events, NSW Government agencies advised and met with them on a number of occasions.

The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority discussed alternative parade routes into both The Rocks and Darling Harbour with the St Patrick's Day organisation, as well as a gathering space, and advised that access to these sites could be provided at minimal or no cost for the 2016 event.

The Transport Management Centre hosted a series of meetings with Police, the State Transit Authority, City of Sydney Council and the St Patrick's Day organisation's traffic management company to consider alternative routes and locations and more economical options. These agencies recommended that the organisers stage the 2016 events in Sydney Park or Darling Harbour.

The organisation decided against the recommended options and selected Bondi Junction as their option for the 2016 events. The Transport Management Centre researched and completed preliminary plans and budgets for the events in Bondi Junction, in accordance with the St Patrick's Day organisation's requirements and with input from local police, council and the State Transit Authority.

The St Patrick's Day organisation subsequently cancelled the 2016 events, as they were unable to afford the costs associated with the preferred location in Bondi Junction.

St Patrick's Day 2017

The NSW Government is committed to working with the St Patrick's Day organisation and all other stakeholders to ensure the success of the Sydney St Patrick's Day parade in 2017.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will liaise with NSW Government agencies throughout 2016 and 2017 to ensure that appropriate supports are in place.

*2954 COMMUNITY COHESION AMBASSADORS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

(1) Has a Community Cohesion Ambassadors Program been developed by the Government as part of the measures to counter violent extremism?

(a) If yes, who are the Ambassadors?

(2) What is the cost of the program to 8 March 2016?

Answer—

On 2 November 2015, the Premier announced a package of measures to counter violent extremism in NSW. Recognising the significant impacts that violent extremism can have on social cohesion and community harmony, the package of measures includes a Community Cohesion Ambassadors' Program.

The Government is working closely with communities on the design and implementation of the Community Cohesion Ambassadors Program, and is currently meeting with potential Ambassadors.

The program will promote social cohesion and community resilience through sharing the experience of identified community Ambassadors as role models for a diverse and successful community. The program has been allocated \$800,000 over four years to support the Ambassadors in this work and to conduct community events.

*2955 RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch 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 action, if any, has the Government taken in response to Recommendation 8 of the Final Report of the Social Issues Committee on Domestic Violence Trends and Issues in New South Wales?

Answer—

As Recommendation 8 refers to funding for BOCSAR, this question should be referred to the Attorney General, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, who has responsibility for BOCSAR.

*2956 COMMUNITY COHESION PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What Community Cohesion Programs have been developed by the Government since 1 July 2015 as part of measures to counter violent extremism?
- (2) What is the cost of the programs?

Answer—

The 2015 NSW Budget included \$4 million additional funding over two years for a new Multicultural NSW grants program. After an extensive process of community consultation that I led with support from Multicultural NSW, and a gap analysis and review of international best practice conducted by Macquarie University, the COMPACT grants program opened for applications on 2 November 2015 and closed on 18 December 2015.

The Multicultural NSW COMPACT (Community Partnership Action) Program supports an alliance of community partners who are committed to addressing and resolving community issues and tensions and safeguarding social cohesion against extremist hate, violence, fear and division.

Based on the high level of community interest in COMPACT, the Premier agreed to an additional \$4 million for COMPACT. On 22 March 2016 I announced \$8m in grant funding for 14 successful COMPACT projects involving 14 host organisations working with a further 22 partner organisations to deliver projects over 2 to 4 years. This gives the newly formed COMPACT Alliance a total membership of 36 partner organisations working together for community cohesion.

COMPACT is part of a \$47 million package of measures to counter violent extremism announced by the Premier in November 2015. The package includes a range of measures, including COMPACT, that address significant impacts that violent extremism can have on social cohesion and community harmony.

*2957 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 Domestic Violence Liaison police officers are allocated to the Maitland Local Area Command?
- (2) How many Domestic Violence Liaison police officers are allocated for New South Wales?
- (3) How many positions were vacant as at 1 March 2016:
 - (a) In Maitland?
 - (b) In New South Wales?
- (4) Is the number of Domestic Violence Liaisons allocated based on population or on domestic violence statistics for each Local Area Command?

Answer—

All Local Area Commands have at least one Domestic Violence Liaison Officer position, deployed according to operational need. On 5 March 2015 the Government committed to increasing the NSW Police Force by 310 officers by 2018. The NSW Police Force is currently in the process of rolling out these positions.

*2958 EAST MAITLAND COURT HOUSE SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Has the Government taken any steps to sell off any of the East Maitland Court House site?
- (2) Are there any future plans from the Government to sell off any or all of the East Maitland Court House site?

Answer—

There are no current plans to sell off any or all of the East Maitland Court House site.

*2959 OFFENCES REGARDING PARAMEDICS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much was spent in the 2014-15 financial year on advertising and/or raising the awareness of offences against, or the obstruction of, paramedics?
- (2) How much has been spent in 2015-16 (to 23 March 2016)?
- (3) How much will be budgeted for 2016-17?

Answer—

(1) to (3) In 2014-2015, NSW Ambulance addressed the issue of violence towards paramedics by launching the "If you hurt a paramedic" public education and awareness poster and sticker campaign.

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Following the success of the "If you hurt a paramedic" campaign, in May 2016, NSW Ambulance launched the "No Excuse for Triple Zero (000) Call Taker Abuse" campaign.

Apart from a successful mainstream media response, strong social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, have assisted NSW Ambulance in distributing messages to people in NSW and Australia.

*2960 CENTRAL WEST ACTION PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many businesses in the Orange electorate have successfully applied for the payroll tax rebate of \$5,000 under the Jobs Action Plan?
- (2) What has been the total spent through this program in the Orange electorate?
- (3) How many businesses in the Orange electorate successfully applied for the additional \$1,000 in funding available through the Fresh Start Support Scheme?
- (4) What has been the total spent, as at 9 March 2016, through this scheme in the Orange electorate?

Answer—

As at 30 April 2016, the table below provides the details relating to the Jobs Action Plan Scheme (JAP) and the Fresh Start Support Scheme (FSS) for the Orange electorate since commencement.

Registered Businesses for JAP (number of positions)	Businesses successfully claimed - first anniversary rebate (number of positions)	Businesses successfully claimed - second anniversary rebate (number of positions)	Spend - JAP Scheme	Businesses registered for FSS (number of positions)	Businesses successfully claimed for FSS (number of positions)	Spend -FSS Scheme
235 (3,653)	135 (1,314)	96 (658)	\$3,481,800	1 (2)	Nil	Nil

*2961 CENTRAL WEST ACTION PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How much funding has been made available through Jobs for NSW in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16?
- (2) How much of the Jobs for NSW funding in each of those financial years has been spent in the Orange electorate?
- (3) What specific projects has the funding been allocated to?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Jobs for NSW was not established until December 2015. \$190 million is available through Jobs for NSW over 4 years, with a minimum of 30 per cent to be spent in regional New South Wales.

Projects that have received NSW Government assistance in the Orange electorate since 2012-13 are:

- Orange City Council , Ora nge Airport Extension - \$1,279,000
- Electrolux Home Products, Engineering and Business Consultancies -\$37,500
- Australia Wide Industries Civil & Construction, establishment - \$50,000
- Caernarvon Cherry Co, Cherry, Grading and Marketing Services- \$100,000
- Grant Gjessing, Business Expansion- able to claim up to \$15,000 under the Jobs Action Plan (Office of State Revenue)
- Granular Products, factory establishment - \$40,000
- Orange City Council , Job Creation Strategy- \$30,000
- RENWELD Network, Build Engineering Network Capacity and Capability \$50,000
- Innotec Building Systems, Export Marketing materials- \$10,000
- Angus Barrett, Export Marketing Activities- \$9,118
- Australian Organic Meats, Export Trade Shows- \$5,000
- Expansion and Electricity Upgrade, Zylem- \$30,000.

*2962 CESSNOCK ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) positions were based at the Cessnock Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office as at 31 January 2016?

- (2) How many FTE positions were based at the Cessnock RMS office as at 31 January 2011?
- (3) Is the Cessnock RMS earmarked to become a full Service NSW centre?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeline for that transition?
- (4) What was the sale price of the RMS building at Cessnock?
- (5) What is the rental price of the RMS building in Cessnock following its sale?

Answer—

As at 31 January 2016 there were 3.71 FTE positions at the Cessnock motor registry. I am advised that as at 31 January 2011 there were 5.71 FTE positions.

It is expected that 12 staff members will be employed at the Cessnock Service Centre.

The Cessnock motor registry is due to close for refurbishment on 27 May 2016. The new Cessnock Service Centre is scheduled to open on 15 July 2016. A temporary service centre will be available for customers at 120 Vincent St, Cessnock until the new service centre opens.

The sale price for the property at 16 North Avenue Cessnock was \$835,000 and the property is leased for \$42,735 per annum.

*2963 FLYING FOX COLONIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What was the estimated number of flying foxes in New South Wales at the time the animal was listed as an endangered species?
- (2) What is the current estimated number flying foxes as of 17 March 2016?
- (3) How many current colonies are there in New South Wales as of 17 March 2016?
- (4) How many colonies are located in urban areas?
- (5) How many colonies are located within 500 metres of a school?
- (6) How many colonies are located within 100 metres of a school?

Answer—

- (1) The reasons for listing this species under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 are provided in the NSW Scientific Committee's final determination at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/determinations/GreyheadedFlyingFoxVuiSpListing.htm.
- (2) Information about the current number of grey-headed flying-foxes is available from the 2015 CSIRO report 'Status and trends of Australia's EPBC-listed flying foxes' at www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/status-and-trendsaustralias-epbc-listed-flying-foxes.
- (3) Information about the number of colonies in NSW is available from the national flyingfox monitoring viewer at www.environment.gov.au/webgis-framework/apps/ffc-wide/ffcwide.jsf.
- (4) The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) estimates at least 90 colonies are located in urban areas.
- (5) OEH estimates at least 40 colonies, both active and inactive, are located within 500 metres of a school or other educational institution.
- (6) OEH estimates at least 10 colonies, both active and inactive, are located within 100 metres of a school or other educational institution.

*2964 MACQUARIE FIELDS AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many hours per week is the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station staffed?
- (2) How many full-time staff work at the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station?
- (3) Will the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station remain open indefinitely?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Macquarie Fields Ambulance station is currently staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week and currently has 24 full-time paramedic positions

*2965 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

When will the Government publish the answers to questions which were submitted by the participants of the September 2015 Revitalising Newcastle Community Consultation forum, in lieu of a live Questions and Answers session?

Answer—

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Questions and answers raised at the community engagement events that related to the urban transformation of the city centre were published on the Revitalising Newcastle website in September 2015 and are available at <http://yoursay.revitalisingnewcastle.com.au/news-and-updates>.

*2966 OLD NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

When will the Government list the old Newcastle Courthouse for sale?

Answer—

Government Property NSW is in discussion with the Department of Justice on the disposal strategy.

*2967 FUNDING COMMITMENT TO NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

The Shooters and Fishers agreed to pass the Transport Administration Amendment (Closure of Railway Line at Newcastle) Bill 2015 if the Government committed an extra \$50 million to Newcastle Transport (reference Legislative Council Hansard page 4206 14 October 2015). What specifically is the Government spending these funds on?

Answer—

The NSW 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 NSW Government has committed \$510 million for transport works to revitalise Newcastle. Funding will be used across a range of projects which may include Newcastle Light Rail, Wickham Interchange upgrade, enabling roadworks and investigations into possible future expansions of the light rail network.

*2968 NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

When will the Newcastle & District Tennis Association Incorporated lease option renewal document be signed off?

Answer—

The Newcastle and District Tennis Association Inc. will receive a response in due course.

*2969 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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?

Answer—

The NSW Government considered a number of potential locations for the new transport interchange, including Broadmeadow, Islington and Civic. Wickham was chosen as the location because of its proximity to the Newcastle city centre and its potential to assist in the revitalisation of the CBD

*2970 PRIORITY HOUSING APPLICATIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many priority housing applications were made in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) across New South Wales?
- (2) How many priority housing applications from across New South Wales in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were not successful?
- (3) What proportion of priority housing applications from across New South Wales in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were successful on the basis of:
 - (a) Homelessness;
 - (b) Safety or at-risk factors;
 - (c) Medical conditions;
 - (d) Inappropriateness of existing accommodation?
- (4) How many priority housing applications were made in each of the financial years 2014-15 and

2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) in the allocation zones covering the Granville electorate?

- (5) How many priority housing applications in the allocation zones covering the Granville electorate in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were not successful?
- (6) What proportion of priority housing applications in the allocation zones covering the Granville electorate in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were successful on the basis of:
 - (a) Homelessness,
 - (b) Safety or at-risk factors;
 - (c) Medical conditions;
 - (d) Inappropriateness of existing accommodation?

Answer—

Applicants cannot apply for priority housing assistance directly.\

Information on housing applications, including priority housing assistance and applicants housed in the last 12 months is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2971 ELECTRICITY METER READING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How often are actual meter reads required for electricity bills?
- (2) In the absence of an actual meter read how are estimates calculated for electricity bills?
- (3) What options are available to a customer to dispute an electricity bill for an inaccurate meter read?
- (4) What options are available to a customer to dispute an electricity bill for an inaccurate estimate?
- (5) What benchmarks does the Government require electricity retailers to meet in relation to the proportion of actual, as opposed to estimated, meter reads?
- (6) What is the legal basis for electricity retailers to compel the payment of an electricity bill based on an estimate, rather than actual meter read?

Answer—

(1) The national energy retail rules require that a retailer must use its best endeavours to ensure that actual readings of the meter are carried out as frequently as is required to prepare its bills consistently with the metering rules and in any event at least once every 12 months.

The national energy retail rules allow a retailer to estimate a bill under various conditions, including where the retailer is not able to reasonably or reliably base the bill on an actual meter reading.

(2) The national energy retail rules describe how estimates may be calculated, including:

- (a) using the customer to read the relevant meter; or
 - (b) historical metering data for the customer; or
 - (c) where there is no historical data, the average usage of energy by a comparable customer over the corresponding period.
- (3) A retailer must review a bill if requested to do so by a small customer. The national energy retail rules provide the framework for this process including that the retailer, after concluding their investigation, must inform the customer that they may lodge a dispute with the energy ombudsman if they wish to do so.

(4) By its very nature, an estimate is not likely to be described as accurate. The customer may request a review of the bill as described above and the same process applies. The customer may request a special read to be carried out, but where the estimate occurred as a result of the customer not providing uninhibited access to the meter, the retailer may charge a fee to cover the cost of the special read.

(5) The reading of meters including estimations is covered under national frameworks.

(6) Clause 21 of the national energy retail rules provides for estimation as the basis of bills for small customers.

*2972 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to minimise and mitigate against flooding in suburban areas such as Granville?
- (2) What funding will be made available to local government, or non-government organisations to minimise or mitigate against flooding in Granville?

Answer—

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(1) The NSW Government, through the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), provides technical and financial support to local councils to prepare and implement flood studies and floodplain risk management plans, to address flood risk through planning controls, public education, evacuation plans and flood mitigation works.

Holroyd City Council and Parramatta City Council have received financial assistance from the government to prepare flood studies that include the Granville area.

(2) Holroyd City Council and Parramatta City Council have current grants from the government totalling \$1.06 million for flood studies that include the Granville area.

These councils have the option to apply for further funding from the NSW Floodplain Management Program for projects to manage or reduce the risk of flooding in their local government areas.

*2973 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made by residents of the:
 - (a) Holroyd Local Government Area (LGA);
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
- (2) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made concerning properties in the:
 - (a) Holroyd LGA;
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
- (3) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Holroyd LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
- (4) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Parramatta LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
- (5) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, which were the top ten government agencies or authorities to which the NSW Graffiti Hotline referred the most reports of graffiti clean-up and removal?
- (6) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what was the average time taken between reporting of graffiti and clean-up/removal?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Attorney General.

*2974 SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students with special needs attend schools in the Granville electorate?
- (2) What is the per capita funding for students with special needs in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

- (1) As at 13 May 2016 there are more than 1, 500 students with low, moderate and high learning needs impacted by disability in NSW public schools in the Granville electorate. This includes students in regular classes, as well as students in specialist support classes in regular and special schools.
- (2) All eligible students in the Granville electorate whose learning is impacted by disability access specialist funded support in accordance with their assessed individual education needs.

*2975 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Attorney General—

- (1) With reference to the infringement notices issued in school zones in the Auburn electorate between 2012 and 2015:
 - (a) Were any offenders successful in appealing the fine?
 - (b) Were any offences found proven and dismissed without costs?

Answer—

This information is not readily available and to answer this question would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources.

*2976 ACCESSIBLE PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What shortfalls have been identified in the current supply of accessible and adaptable private rental housing?
- (2) What shortfalls have been identified in the current supply of accessible and adaptable private rental housing in the Inner City and Eastern Suburbs?
- (3) What work has the Government undertaken to encourage internet based private rental market advertisers such as Domain and realestate.com.au to include accessibility and adaptability in online searches?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to developing a search function or a register to identify accessible dwellings, improve the efficient use of existing stock and expand the information base about accessible housing for rental properties?
- (5) What consideration will the Government give to encouraging partnerships between disability organisations and local councils to ensure people with a disability are informed about new residential developments with accessible and adaptable dwellings?
- (6) Has the Government considered introducing a scheme similar to international models where landlords or management companies are required to rent accessible properties to a person with a disability or to hold the property for 15 days while searching for a renter with a disability?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve access to appropriate rental properties for people with a disability?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The Disability Inclusion Act requires all NSW Government departments and local councils to develop a Disability Inclusion Action Plan. Disability Inclusion Action Plans ensure mainstream services and community facilities are more accessible for people with disability.

I am advised residential tenancies in NSW are regulated by Acts such as the Residential Tenancies Act, the Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act and the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act. These acts set out the rights and obligations of private landlords and tenants and are available at <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/>.

(7) The NSW Government promotes better apartment design across NSW through the State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development (SEPP 65) including objectives for the provision of adaptable and accessible housing design. Further information is available at <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/>.

The NSW Government's Communities Plus initiative includes consideration of accessibility for people with disability and for those over 65 who may require accessible housing in the future. The Social and Affordable Housing Fund Phase 1 includes consideration of accessibility for social and affordable housing. Information on these government initiatives is available on the Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Government is also working with other jurisdictions and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to finalise the NDIA's approach to funding specialist disability accommodation for the small proportion of participants who need integrated housing and supports due to their very high support needs.

*2977 YASMAR SITE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) For how many years was Juvenile Justice the tenant of the Yasmar site in Haberfield?
- (2) How much rent was paid by Juvenile Justice to occupy the Yasmar site over this time?

Answer—

This matter falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Lands and Water.

*2978 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS PROVIDERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Of the total number of Outside of School Hours (OOSH) providers in New South Wales public schools, how many are:
 - (a) For-profit providers?
 - (b) Not-for-profit or community providers?

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- (2) Of the total number of OOSH providers in public schools in the Summer Hill electorate, how many are:
- For-profit providers?
 - Not-for-profit or community providers?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 298.
(b) 416.
- (2) (a) 3.
(b) 9.

- *2979 DISABILITY FRIENDLY CARRIAGES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the Government's January 2016 announcement that the amount of carriages, will be doubled on five services which run between Hamilton Station and Central Station, why were no allocations for wheelchair accessible carriages made, despite the absence of disability friendly carriages being a frequent issue for New South Wales train passengers?

Answer—

These services are wheelchair accessible.

- *2981 STEEL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

Aside from the provisions set forth by the Australian Industry Policy Plan, what commitments is the Government making to utilize locally manufactured steel in their upcoming infrastructure projects and to support the 1200 Newcastle and Hunter steel industry workers in this time of uncertainty?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP.

- *2982 NEWCASTLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- What is the current authorised strength of the Newcastle Local Area Command as at 1 January 2016?
- When was this authorised strength determined?

Answer—

Information about police numbers is available on the NSW Police Force website.

- *2983 VACANT GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- How many Government-owned properties are currently vacant in Wallsend?
 - How many is the Government planning to sell?
 - How many is the Government trying to lease?
 - How many are unoccupied and have no current future plan of use?

Answer—

There are no properties in Wallsend currently listed within the Government Property Register or Property NSW's managed portfolio that are the responsibility of the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

- *2984 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- What is the current authorised strength of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command as at 1 January 2016?
- When was this authorised strength determined?

Answer—

Information about police numbers is available on the NSW Police Force website.

- *2985 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many public schools in the Wallsend electorate have an outside of school hours care centre (OHSC) located on site?

(a) What is the total capacity of those centres?

(2) What percentage of public schools have an OSHC centre located on site across New South Wales?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Early Childhood Education.

*2986 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What was the total funding allocated and spent on maintenance of schools in the Wallsend electorate in each of the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15?

(2) What was the total funding allocated for maintenance of schools in the Wallsend electorate in 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) Information regarding maintenance can be found on the Department of Education's website.

(2) Final maintenance expenditure for each school will be available at the end of the 2015-16 financial year and published on the Department of Education's website.

*2987 REAL ESTATE LICENCES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Attorney General—

What is the total number of complaints that have been made against licensed real estate agents at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 1 March 2016)?

Answer—

Information, including some statistics, can be found at: http://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/about_us/publications_and_resources/annual_reports.aspx.

*2988 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Attorney General—

(1) Are Conciliators with the Consumer and Commercial Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal subject to specific guidelines that inform their work in dealing with members of the public?

(a) If so, where are those guidelines published?

(2) Does the Tribunal keep a record of complaints or concerns in regards to the audio recording facility that documents proceedings in the Consumer and Commercial Division?

(a) If so, can the Minister give figures on the number of cases in which complaints or concerns about audio recordings were raised in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 16 March 2016)?

(3) Can the Minister confirm whether there is any means for the costs of an appeal to the Tribunal to be waived?

(4) On what basis are the charges for an appeal to the Tribunal determined?

Answer—

Information, including some statistics, can be found at: <http://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/>.

*2989 WESTCONNEX PLANNING APPROVAL FOR THE ALEXANDRIA LANDFILL SITE—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—

Can the Minister indicate the consents or approvals under which WestConnex commenced this work at the Alexandria Landfill Site in St Peters since September 2015 and is still operating under on the site?

Answer—

Please refer to my response to you dated 21 January 2016.

*2990 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR WESTCONNEX CONTRACTORS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Does the requirement of the NSW Procurement Board 'Construction Procurement Direction C2013-01: Financial Assessments' regarding obligations on agencies to undertake financial assessments prior to and throughout the life of a government procured construction project apply to the Sydney Motorway Corporation and the WestConnex project?

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- (2) Considering that the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation's 'Central Repository: Financial Assessment Services Reports 13/01/2016' do not contain financial assessments of many of the companies that have been awarded millions of dollars in contracts for WestConnex such as major companies Leighton Holdings and Samsung C & T, can the Minister outline what assessments have been done on companies that are contracted for WestConnex work?

Answer—

- (1) Direction C2013-01: Financial Assessments expressly permitted agencies which were carrying out their own assessments to continue to do so
- (2) Four major construction procurements were undertaken for WestConnex during 2014 and 2015. The procurements were managed by the former WestConnex Delivery Authority (WDA). WDA operated under the RMS accreditation for construction procurement. This required the application of well-established procurement processes, including a mandatory financial assessment prior to the award of a construction contract. As part of the tender evaluation for each of the four construction contracts awarded for WestConnex, detailed financial assessment reports were obtained through a third party provider, Corporate Scorecard.

*2991 UPGRADE OF CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Health—

When will work begin on the \$150 million upgrade of Concord Hospital?

Answer—

The NSW Government will deliver on its commitment to begin work on the Rusty Priest Centre for Rehabilitation and Aged Care at Concord Hospital in this term of Government.

*2992 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—

How many staff are employed at the Sydney Motorway Corporation as at 1 March 2016?

Answer—

To ensure that the WestConnex project is finalised by 2023, and to manage the thousands of workers on construction sites across the project, Sydney Motorway Corporation employs around 200 staff and contractors. Staff numbers fluctuate according to the specific needs of the project phases.

WestConnex is a 10 year project being delivered in stages, and it will create some 10,000 jobs during construction.

*2993 SYDNEY METRO PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will the Business Case for the Sydney Metro project be released?

Answer—

A summary of the Business Case will be released shortly.

*2994 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Mr David Mehan asked 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?

Answer—

Interstate-registered vehicles may be temporarily driven in NSW but if they are kept or garaged in NSW for longer periods, they are required to be registered in NSW. NSW Police Force officers enforce vehicle registration laws as part of their day to day work. A police officer could take legal action if he or she detected an interstate-registered vehicle that was actually kept or garaged in NSW.

*2995 POPULATION PROJECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

Will the Minister recalculate the 2031 population projections for Bankstown City Council and also for Canterbury City Council to include the Minister for Planning's recent Sydenham to Bankstown Rail Corridor Urban Renewal Strategy targets?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment regularly reviews the New South Wales population projections to take account of new data, including demographic drivers of growth and housing capacity

across metropolitan areas. The timing of the next release of the New South Wales population projections is yet to be scheduled.

The Department of Planning and Environment is reviewing the draft Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Urban Renewal Strategy in response to public submissions and further community consultation. Once the Strategy has been revised, new housing supply and employment forecasts for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor will be prepared. The revised Strategy will then be publicly exhibited for comment.

*2996 KAMIRA COURT SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the current status for the redevelopment of the Kamira Court site at Villawood?
- (2) Who is currently undertaking the development of both the affordable and social housing components?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Fairfield Council is leading the review of the Development Control Plan for the Villawood Town Centre.

*2997 KAMIRA COURT SITE PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

When are works expected to commence on the Kamira Court site owned by the Land and Housing Corporation, which was scheduled to be redeveloped previously by Watpac?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to Question on Notice 2996.

*2998 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report for all agencies under the Planning portfolio?
- (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce the annual reports?
 - (a) If so, which organisations were engaged?
 - (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the reports?

Answer—

I refer you to memorandum (M2013-09) regarding the production costs of Annual Reports.

*3000 APPIN ROAD SAFETY UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When will the Government provide funds for Appin Road to improve the road surface, construct separation barriers and widen the road to reduce injuries and fatalities currently experienced on the road?

Answer—

Since 2011, the NSW Government has invested around \$20 million in projects to improve safety on Appin Road. This includes completed works of \$1.4 million to

re-surface sections of the road south of Appin, install roadside barriers west of Baden Powell Drive, and install wire rope safety barriers between Therry Road, Bradbury and one kilometre south of St Helens Park.

\$6.3 million works are underway for road resurfacing between Kellerman Drive and Briar Road which is due to be completed by the end of June 2016, and re-aligning two curves four kilometres west of Bulli Tops by early 2017.

A detailed draft corridor strategy will be completed by mid-2016 which will identify further road safety and traffic improvements to be made on Appin Road.

*3001 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report for all agencies under the Justice and Police portfolio?
- (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce these annual reports?

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- (a) If so, which organisation were engaged?
- (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the reports?

Answer—

I refer you to memorandum (M2013-09) regarding the production costs of Annual Reports.

*3002 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report for all agencies under the Health portfolio?
- (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce the annual reports?
 - (a) If so, which organisation were engaged?
 - (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the report?

Answer—

I refer you to memorandum (M2013-09) regarding the production costs of Annual Reports.

*3003 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report, for all agencies under the Education portfolio?
- (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce the annual reports?
 - (a) If so, which organisations were engaged?
 - (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the report?

Answer—

I refer you to memorandum (M2013-09) regarding the production costs of Annual Reports.

*3004 UNCLAIMED MONEY REVENUE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How much revenue was raised from Unclaimed Money in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

The table below lists unclaimed money received by the Office of State Revenue from enterprises for each year from 2011 to 2015.

Year	Number	Return Value (\$)
2011	718	\$23,829,634
2012	680	\$30,630,427
2013	827	\$25,133,585
2014	1530	\$74,405,275
2015	1345	\$44,741,030

*3005 SERVICE NSW CORRIMAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff and part-time equivalent staff are employed at the Corrimal Service NSW office?
- (2) Were all Corrimal Roads and Maritime Services office full-time equivalent staff and part-time equivalent staff offered positions at the Service NSW Corrimal office?
 - (a) How many were retained?
 - (b) How many were made redundant?
- (3) Why was the infrastructure that was used in the Corrimal Roads and Maritime Services office not transferred for use in the Service NSW office?
 - (a) Where was the infrastructure relocated to?
- (4) Since the opening of the Service NSW office, have there been any reports of licences or photo ID cards not arriving via post when ordered at Corrimal?
- (5) How many days does a customer wait from when they order their license or photo ID card to be processed, mailed and received?
- (6) Why can Opal card issues not be resolved at a Service NSW office?

(7) What is the average wait time for customers at the Service NSW Corrimal office?

Answer—

As at 31 April 2016, there were 8 full time (8 FTE) and 7 part-time (3.99 FTE) at the Corrimal Service Centre. Roads and Maritime staff at the former Corrimal motor registry had the opportunity to apply for positions with Service NSW through a priority assessment process. Those who were not successful had an opportunity to apply for voluntary redundancy.

Office equipment and other items that can be used from former motor registries that relocate or transition to a NSW service centre are retained and distributed on a needs basis throughout the existing motor registry and service centre networks.

Customers can expect to receive their photo card within 10 business days.

Staff at the Corrimal Service Centre can assist customers with Opal card enquiries and further information can be accessed on the Service NSW website or by calling 13 77 88.

As at 24 May 2016, the average customer wait time at the Corrimal Service Centre was under 7 minutes.

*3006 APPLICATIONS TO HARDSHIP REVIEW BOARD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many applications were received by the Hardship Review Board for review of their application for hardship consideration for each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
(a) How many of these applications have been refused?

Answer—

Note: Separate Hardship Review Boards exist in OSR for fines and tax customers.

(1) Fines:

Year	Number of Applications	Number Refused
2013	4	1
2014	5	4
2015	16	2

(a) Total number refused: 7 (of which 3 were subsequently written off following further information being supplied.)

(1) Tax:

Year	Number of Applications	Number Refused
2013	11	11
2014	7	6
2015	11	7

(a) Total number refused: 24

*3007 PROMOTION OF SERVICE NSW—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What is the total cost of all marketing, advertising and promotional expenses incurred to promote Service NSW for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?

Answer—

Service NSW was established in March 2013 under the Premier and Cabinet cluster to provide an enhanced customer experience for NSW's residents and businesses.

Service NSW began public operations in July 2013, with expenditure recorded in its annual reports for marketing, advertising and promotional purposes. This expenditure has assisted in the rollout of Service NSW and to educate customers about the change in service delivery.

Service NSW annual reports are available on the Service NSW website at www.service.nsw.gov.au.

*3008 CT SCANNING MACHINES—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many CT scanning machines are currently at Campbelltown?
(a) Of those, how many are operational?
(b) In which year was each of these machines installed?
(2) Does the Government have any plans to replace and or all of the CT scanning machines at

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Campbelltown Hospital?

- (a) If so, when will this occur?
- (b) If so, what is the total cost of replacement?

Answer—

(1) and (2) There is one CT scanning machine in the medical imaging department at Campbelltown Hospital.

*3009 ADHC AND HOME CARE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) Has ADHC and Home Care been sold to a private provider?
 - (a) If yes, what was the sale price and sale arrangements?
 - (b) Will there be an affect to the service delivery standards?

Answer—

(1) The transfer of Home Care to Australian Unity was finalised on 19 February 2016. Australian Unity is a mutual organisation that invests its profits back into the business for the benefit of members, clients, employees and the community.

- (a) The sale price and sale arrangements are commercial-in-confidence.
- (b) The NSW Government's main priority during the transfer of ADHC specialist disability services to the non-government sector is the continuity of service for people with disability. As per the agreement with Australian Unity, Home Care (including Aboriginal Home Care services) will continue to run as usual

*3010 DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

Considering that disaster relief funding is distributed based on local government area, what modelling has been done to examine the cost impact of the Government's proposed council amalgamations on disaster recovery payments?

Answer—

The provision of disaster relief payments to local councils is a matter for the Minister for Justice and Police, the Hon. Troy Grant MP.

*3011 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public schools in the Port Stephens electorate have an outside of school hours care (OSHC) centre located on site?
 - (a) What is the total capacity of those centres?
- (2) What percentage of public schools have an OSHC centre located on site across New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Seven schools in the Port Stephens electorate have an outside school hours care (OSHC) centre located on site.
 - (a) The total capacity of these centres is 258.
- (2) The Department of Education does not hold this information centrally.

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*3012 PUBLIC SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—

Can the Minister please advise what actions have been taken to address the serious backlog of maintenance in public schools in the Mount Druitt electorate?

Answer—

The Department of Education undertakes regular maintenance of school facilities including preventative/statutory and routine maintenance, planned maintenance and essential urgent repairs.

On an annual basis a program of planned maintenance works is developed for each individual school in discussion with principals. Each school's life cycle assessment data and specific items that the school principal considers essential are taken into account during this process.

*3013 SECURITY AT MOUNT DRUITT AND ROOTY HILL TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering a recent violent incident at Mount Druitt Railway Station, what were the levels of security staffing at the Mount Druitt and Rooty Hill Railway Stations for each of the calendar years 2011 to 2015?
- (2) What are the current levels of security staffing at the Mount Druitt and Rooty Hill Railway Stations as at 30 April 2016?

Answer—

The NSW Police Transport Command, supported by a network of thousands of CCTV cameras, provide safety and security across the rail system.

*3014 DRIVING TESTS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering that in 2015, there were more than 6000 driver tests booked at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry and over 1000 in January and February 2016 (answer to LA question 2538), can the Minister advise what has happened to the Testing Staff who were employed at the Registry in Mount Druitt now that the facility has closed?
- (2) Can the Minister advise the expected additional waiting times for people taking the tests at Blacktown or elsewhere?

Answer—

- (1) Two substantive driver testing officers at Mount Druitt motor registry continue to be employed by Roads and Maritime Services.
- (2) The average driver testing wait time at the Mount Druitt motor registry in February 2016 was 23 days. As at 20 May 2016, the average wait time for driver testing services at the Blacktown Service Centre was 9 days.

*3015 SERVICE NSW MOUNT DRUITT CENTRE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many redundancies have been offered to staff at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry due to the opening of a Service NSW Centre?
- (2) What is the proposed location of the Mount Druitt Service NSW Centre?

Answer—

- (1) The answer to this question has been provided in the response to LA 2212.
- (2) The Mount Druitt Service Centre is due to open later this year with lease arrangements being finalised for the new site.

*3016 TREGEAR AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Is the Ambulance Station at Tregar, servicing the Mount Druitt electorate, proposed to be closed?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance and Health Infrastructure continue to work together to plan all elements of the \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy (SAMIS) program.

To date, nine sites which will make up the Paramedic Response Network have been announced (Penrith, Blacktown, Liverpool, Kogarah, Bankstown, Northmead, Artarmon, Caringbah and Inner West).

*3017 ARCHBOLD ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Planning—

Are there future plans in place to upgrade and extend Archbold Road, Minchinbury, to link the industrial areas of Eastern Creek and Minchinbury?

Answer—

I am advised that this question should be referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*3018 MOUNT DRUITT EMERGENCY WAITING TIMES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

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What action is being taken to alleviate waiting times at the Mount Druitt Emergency Department considering the recent release of Bureau of Health Information Data showing that in the period October to December 2015, 31 percent of patients have waited for more than 4 hours at the Emergency Department?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my previous answer for LA2899.

*3019 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Are there any plans to reinstate Emergency Surgery at Mount Druitt Hospital in the near future?

Answer—

Mount Druitt Hospital performs routine scheduled (elective) surgery.

Any patient presenting to Mount Druitt Hospital requiring emergency surgery is transferred to Blacktown Hospital which has a 24 hour, seven day a week, surgical, anaesthetic and recovery team.

*3020 RESOURCES FOR MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Considering recent reports that higher numbers of people who have attempted suicide are presenting at Mount Druitt Hospital (Mount Druitt-St Marys Standard, 23 March 2016), what is being done to provide adequate resources and staffing to help alleviate this in our mental health system?

Answer—

Comprehensive mental health assessments are conducted within the Mount Druitt Hospital Emergency Department by the Acute and Assessment Mental Health team following triage by emergency department staff. Once this assessment is completed, the team liaises with the consultant psychiatrist and family/carer to formulate a plan of care for the consumer. A transfer direct to a mental health facility is arranged, if appropriate.

*3021 GREATER SYDNEY LOCAL LAND SERVICE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What are the priorities for action which have been adopted by the Board of the Greater Sydney Local Land Service?
- (2) Which of the following projects and programs have made measureable improvements to the local environment of the Granville electorate:
 - (a) Biodiversity program;
 - (b) River Health program;
 - (c) Health Waterways;
 - (d) Sydney Harbour Catchment Water Quality Improvement Plan;
 - (e) Water Sensitive Urban Design?
- (3) How have the projects and programs listed above made measurable improvements?
- (4) What natural resource management grants have been made to groups carrying out projects in the Granville electorate?
 - (a) What were the projects?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Please refer to the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Draft Strategic Plan, which is publicly available.

(4) No groups from within the Granville electorate have successfully applied for grants from Greater Sydney Local Land Services in the last 12 months.

*3022 LIGHT RAIL—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) For each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 4 May 2016) how many of the following regarding light rail were received through the Transport for NSW website:
 - (a) Suggestions?
 - (b) Compliments?
 - (c) Complaints?
- (2) How many of those suggestions for each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 4 May 2016)

concerned extensions of the light rail network?

- (3) How many of those suggestions for each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 4 May 2016) concerned extensions of the light rail network in both the Parramatta and Holroyd local government areas?

Answer—

- (1) There are relatively low volumes annually of Light Rail suggestions, compliments and complaints received through the Transport for NSW website.
- (2) There are relatively low volumes annually of suggestions regarding the extension of the Light Rail network.
- (3) There has been one item in 2015 and one in 2016 regarding extension of the Light Rail network in the Parramatta or Holroyd Local Government areas.

- *3023 WESTCONNEX 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—

Which specific safety standards and guidelines were used and implemented in the planning, design, re-design, modification, construction and end use of the WestConnex M4 Widening Project?

Answer—

The technical requirements of the project include all the relevant safety standards and guidelines required by Roads and Maritime Services for road projects.

- *3024 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many places are currently available in public schools in the Summer Hill electorate for:
 - (a) Before school care?
 - (b) After school care?
- (2) What are the figures for both before and after school care in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2015?
- (3) How many instances have service agreements for before and after school services switched from community or parent-led organisations to for-profit or commercial companies in the past 5 years to 4 May 2016?

Answer—

- (1) Arrangements between providers of out of school hours care and schools are initiated and negotiated at the local level, with school principals working with child care providers, the Department of Education's Asset Management Directorate and the early childhood education and care regulator. The Department does not hold this information.
- (2) The Department does not hold this information.
- (3) The Department does not hold this information.

- *3025 METADATA OF NEW SOUTH WALES CITIZENS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) On how many instances, since the introduction of the Commonwealth Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2015, has the Government and its agencies accessed New South Wales citizens' metadata to:
 - (a) Enforce State Debt Recovery Office infringement notices?
 - (b) Assist in the investigation of serious crime?
 - (c) Enforce environmental regulations?
 - (d) Pursue claims related to fair trading?
 - (e) Investigate licenses for fishing, hunting or racing?

Answer—

Government access to any metadata held by telecommunications companies requires a warrant.

- *3026 GENITAL MUTILATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many instances of genital mutilation have been reported in New South Wales in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

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(2) What actions has the Government taken to protect young girls and women against the practice of genital mutilation?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Police Force report eight events in the specified period.

(2) The practice of female genital mutilation, and taking a person to another jurisdiction or country for this purpose, are offences under the Crimes Act 1900 and such incidents are investigated and prosecuted accordingly.\

The NSW Police Force refers members of the community to a program ran by NSW Health on a case by case basis.

The NSW Police Force works closely with NSW Health and Family and Community Services to investigate these crimes in the community. The Government encourages anyone with information about these crimes to call 131 444.

*3027 ELIMINATION OF PAPER TICKETS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What provisions have been made by the Government to ensure community groups, nursing homes, disabilities service providers and schools can use public transport for group travel such as excursions, considering that paper tickets have been eliminated?

(2) How many complaints from organisations such as those above has the Government and Transport for NSW received since the elimination of paper tickets?

Answer—

(1) Information on group ticketing options is available on the Transport Info website.

(2) The NSW Government has been proactively working with community groups and disability service providers in the lead up to and following the retirement of most paper tickets on 1 January 2016.

*3028 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BUDGET—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

(1) Why was the full Budget allocation for early childhood education underspent by \$100 million in the 2014-15 financial year?

(2) By how much will the full Budget allocation for early childhood education be underspent in 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) The primary cause of changes between the budget and forecast are due to the timing and variations of Commonwealth National Partnership funding paid to the State.

(2) The State Budget will be published on 21 June 2016.

*3029 OPAL TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When will all Opal top up machines be delivered to New South Wales train stations?

Answer—

Information on the roll out of Opal top up machines is available on the Opal website.

*3030 CYCLING AND WALKING WORKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Considering the announcement of \$39 million to deliver 300 cycling and walking upgrades, what process did the Government take to determine where the 300 upgrades will be constructed?

(2) Will any of these planned works be constructed in the Wollongong and Shellharbour Local Government Areas?

(a) If so, where?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

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

*3031 SMART AND SKILLED TRAINING SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Regional Development Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business—

(1) How many Illawarra residents have utilised the free Smart and Skills retraining offered after

employment at BlueScope Steel?

- (2) How is this policy reducing unemployment in the Illawarra region and preparing residents for sustainable jobs?

Answer—

(1) Following the announcement by BlueScope Steel in 2015 to downsize its Port Kembla operations, over 110 affected workers have received information and advice on vocational training options to help them develop career transition plans.

To date, fee-free training has been brokered for over 30 retrenched employees linked to job opportunities mainly in community services and health, transport and logistics, construction, property and business services, and manufacturing industries.

(2) The NSW Government's Retrenched Worker Assistance Program helps workers to re-enter the workforce as soon as possible, reducing the time they are unemployed. Fee-free training under Smart and Skilled, in full or part qualifications, helps people affected by retrenchments to upskill or to retrain for identified job opportunities. In addition to training, retrenched workers can access wrap around services to help them make informed career transition plans and find new employment through linkages to employment service providers and employers seeking staff in skill shortage areas.

- *3032 SOCIAL HOUSING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applications were received in Round 1 of the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund from the Illawarra?
 (2) What are the current social housing backlogs in each of the Illawarra electorates of Keira, Wollongong and Shellharbour?
 (3) What are the average wait times for maintenance requests to Housing assets?

Answer—

(1) Information on the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/SHCIF.

(2) and (3) Details about the NSW Housing Register and maintenance are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

- *3033 MARINE ALGAE IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Mr Greg Piper asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Considering that the marine algae *Caulerpa taxifolia* has recently been found once again in Lake Macquarie, following it having been largely eradicated in the early 2000s, will the Department of Primary Industries urgently revisit and apply the successful and relatively easily deployed strategy of hyper-salination or other control methods?
 (2) Considering suggestions that the Department of Primary Industries may be changing their views as to the threat posed by *Caulerpa* (Newcastle Herald, 9 February 2016) is there an intention to change its classification from a Class 1 noxious species in all New South Wales waters?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 (2) Future management arrangements for *Caulerpa* are currently being considered as part of the development of the regulations for the new Biosecurity Act.

- *3034 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Considering the traffic study reviewing Hillsborough Road between Charlestown Road and the Warners Bay roundabout was expected to be completed and published in the second half of 2015 (LA Question 0142), why has the traffic study not been released?
 (a) On what date will the study and its recommendations be released?

Answer—

- (1) The scope of this study was extended in August/September 2015 to include Hillsborough Road and all State Roads between Warners Bay and Charlestown. The scope was also widened from a traffic study to a corridor study, so that it also considers issues such as road safety, public transport, pedestrian and cyclist amenities.

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(a) The draft Charlestown to Warners Bay corridor strategy is expected to be displayed for community feedback later this year

*3035 UPGRADES TO HILLSBOROUGH ROAD—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What is the Government doing (in light of the accident on 25 April 2016, in which 15 year old Jade Frith was hit by a car) to make Hillsborough Road safe for:

- (a) The hundreds of commuters who use the road every day;
- (b) Pedestrians, in particular Warners Bay High School students?

(2) Will the Minister now prioritise and fast track upgrades to Hillsborough Road?

Answer—

I was deeply saddened to hear about the death of Jade Frith and my deepest sympathy goes out to the Frith family, friends, and the community for their loss.

Roads and Maritime Services is progressing the Charlestown to Warners Bay corridor strategy and a Lake Macquarie traffic study, which are considering a range of improvements, including upgrading the Warners Bay roundabout. Please refer to my response under LA 3034.

In response to the recent accident on Hillsborough Road, Roads and Maritime Services is investigating short term improvements to improve pedestrian safety.

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*3036 EARLY INTERVENTION DRUG PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health—

What early intervention drug programs has the Government implemented to assist Non-Government Organisations throughout the community?

Answer—

I refer your question to The Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister responsible for the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office.

*3037 DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health—

What drug education programs has the Government implemented in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

I refer your question to The Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister responsible for the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office.

*3038 POLICE INJURIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many New South Wales Police Officers sustained an injury as a result of drug affected individuals for each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Information regarding the request is not held by the NSW Police Force

*3039 FIRE FIGHTERS ON LEAVE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many New South Wales fire fighters are currently on leave as a result of being a victim of bullying or harassment?

Answer—

Two.

*3040 SUSPENSION AND INVESTIGATIONS OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many Prison Officers are currently suspended or under investigation by the Department?

Answer—

As at 17 May 2016:

19 correctional officers are currently suspended from duty

13 correctional officers are under formal investigation by Corrective Services NSW.

*3041 INMATE ASSAULTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How many inmate on inmate fights were reported in New South Wales Correctional Centres for each of the calendar years of 2015 and 2016 for the months of:

- (a) January?
- (b) February?
- (c) March?
- (d) April?

Answer—

The table below provides information on the number of inmate fights in New South Wales correctional centres reported during the periods specified.

Year	January	February	March	April
2015	63	52	50	100
2016	107	113	100	88

*3042 USE OF FORCE FROM CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How many inmate on inmate fights which required the use of force from correctional officers were reported in New South Wales Correctional Centres for each of the calendar years of 2015 and 2016 for the months of:

- (a) January?
- (b) February?
- (c) March?
- (d) April?

Answer—

The table below provides information on the number of inmate fights in New South Wales correctional centres involving use of force by correctional officers reported during the periods specified.

Year	January	February	March	April
Involving Injury				
2015	2	9	3	2
2016	21	15	11	9

*3043 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ON LEAVE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many Correctional Officers are currently on leave as a result of being a victim of bullying or harassment?

Answer—

Nine.

*3044 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER ASSAULTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How many inmate on correctional officer assaults were reported in New South Wales Correctional Centres for each of the calendar years of 2015 and 2016 for the months of:

- (a) January?
- (b) February?
- (c) March?
- (d) April?

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Answer—

The table below provides information on the number of inmate on correctional officer assaults in New South Wales correctional centres reported during the periods specified.

Year	January	February	March	April
2015	6	14	8	8
2016	11	10	19	12

*3045 STATE INSURANCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many State Insurance Regulatory Authority Inspectors were employed at 30 April 2016?
- (2) How many positions were vacant as at 30 April 2016?
- (3) What is the average number of inspections conducted per work day by each inspector?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*3046 OUTSOURCED NEW SOUTH WALES PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What mechanisms are in place in reference to projects outsourced to private contractors to ensure the Government is aware of cost, budget or over-runs for each project in a timely manner?
- (2) Does the Government's overseeing outsourced projects area have experienced in-house expertise to monitor each project and the progress reports?
- (3) When will the program of outsourcing projects previously undertaken by NSW Public Works be reviewed to ensure value for money, cost savings and a high standard of project completion?

Answer—

- (1) Within the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation, Public Works offers "smart buying" advisory services to agencies to assist agencies to develop their requirements and access services that will meet their needs from the market. Agencies may also choose to engage Public Works to provide some measurement and assurance support at checkpoints or gateways for their projects. Ultimately, each NSW Government agency is accountable for budgets and managing their projects.
- (2) Within the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation, Public Works provides advisory services with in-depth technical domain knowledge and experience in heritage, buildings, water and civil engineering as well as strategic commissioning skills.
- (3) NSW Government agencies have responsibility to ensure that they spend tax payer money wisely and obtain value for money. Public Works will continue to offer a service to assist agencies to measure benefits and assess quality.

*3047 SAFE WORK NSW INSPECTORS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Safe Work NSW inspectors were employed as at 30 April 2016?
- (2) How many positions were vacant as at 30 April 2016?
- (3) What is the average number of inspections conducted per work day by each inspector?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation

*3048 INSURANCE AND CARE NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many inspectors employed by Insurance & Care NSW were employed as at 30 April 2016?
- (2) How many positions were vacant as at 30 April 2016?
- (3) What is the average number of inspections conducted per work day by each inspector?

Answer—

Insurance & Care NSW (icare) does not employ inspectors. Questions regarding workplace inspections should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation who oversees SafeWork NSW.

*3049 NSW PUBLIC WORKS OFFICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Where are the 18 NSW Public Works offices located in New South Wales?
- (2) How many staff were employed in a full-time capacity as at 31 March 2015?
- (3) How many staff were employed in a part-time capacity as at 31 March 2015?
- (4) How many staff were employed in a full-time capacity as at 31 March 2016?
- (5) How many staff were employed in a part-time capacity as at 31 March 2016?
- (6) Do all 18 offices offer the full range of infrastructure services ie Facilities Management, Project Management, NSW Water Solutions etc?
 - (a) If no, which offices offer which services?
- (7) What tasks does each infrastructure service do?

Answer—

- (1) There are 19 NSW Public Works Offices, located at :

140 William Street Bathurst NSW 2795

34 White Street Dubbo NSW 2830

2-6 Coleman Street Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

414 Moppett Street Hay NSW 2711

32 Sulphide Street Broken Hill NSW 2880

117 Bull Street Newcastle West NSW 2309

454-456 Peel Street Tamworth NSW 2340

120 Dalley Street, Lismore NSW

359 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour NSW

Maher Road, Port Macquarie NSW

Level 3 Block E, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong NSW 2500

Level 1 RTA Building, 203-233 Bourke Street, Goulburn NSW 2580

66 Campbell Street, Moruya NSW 2537

Priestly Street, Mittagong NSW 2537

cnr Jindabyne Road & Mackay St, Berridale NSW 2628

Level 5, 2 Burbank Place, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

92 Burrows Road, Alexandria NSW 2015

2-24 Rawson Place, Sydney NSW 2000

Silver City Highway, Dareton NSW 2717

(2) 757

(3) 33

(4) 661

(5) 14

(6) Each office is a contact point for clients seeking the full range of services offered by NSW Public Works.

(7) The tasks supporting the delivery of a service are determined on the basis of the particular needs of the engaging client.

*3050 ONE PUNCH ASSAULT OFFENCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many people have been charged since the introduction in New South Wales of the 'One Punch' Assault Offence?
- (2) How many people have been found guilty of this offence?
- (3) How many victims have died as a result of "one punch"?
- (4) How many victims have been permanently incapacitated as a result of "one punch"?

Answer—

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The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences and may be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

*3051 GRAFFITI RELATED OFFENCES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many people have been charged with Graffiti Related Offences in New South Wales from 2010 to 2016 (as at 5 May 2016)?
- (2) How many people have been found guilty?
- (3) Have these numbers increased or decreased?
- (4) What are the five worst areas in New South Wales for this offence?
- (5) Have figures improved for the areas with volunteer graffiti removal teams?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences and may be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

*3052 FAIR TRADING AND FAIR TRADING INFORMATION CENTRES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Are there any standalone Fair Trading Centres and Fair Trading Information Centres still open and operating or are they all located now within Service NSW Centres?
 - (a) If yes, where are they located?
 - (b) If yes, are they scheduled for closure to be merged into a Service NSW Centre?

Answer—

Service NSW has taken over all counter services previously performed at NSW Fair Trading Centres. Fair Trading continues to deliver dispute resolution, education and compliance activities from all of its regional locations, and has consolidated its Sydney metropolitan area Centres into one, based in Parramatta.

Service NSW provides access to a range of transactions and services, including counter services previously available through Fair Trading Centres.

*3053 JUNIOR AND AMATEUR SPORTS GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What was the total monetary amount granted to and spent on junior and amateur sports in each of the financial years 2012-13 to 2014-15?
 - (a) How many sports did this cover?

Answer—

Information on all grant funding is available in agency annual reports.

*3054 FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT BY NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Has the Attorney General investigated any allegations regarding financial mismanagement by the NSW Trustee and Guardian?
- (2) In 2009 and 2010 reports in the Sydney Morning Herald and Daily Telegraph, a spokesperson for the NSW Trustee and Guardian confirmed that clients' money had been 'lost':
 - (a) Has any action been taken since 2009 to investigate these claims?
 - (b) Have there been any internal changes made to the NSW Trustee and Guardian to ensure that clients' money will not be lost in the future?
- (3) Have there been any internal changes made to the NSW Trustee and Guardian in response to the findings of McDonald V Public Trustee 2010?
- (4) Do you have confidence that the NSW Trustee and Guardian is fulfilling its duties competently, ethically and fairly?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) is an independent statutory body. The NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and the Audit Office have the power to investigate the NSWTG.
- (2) The NSWTG's investment funds are dealt with in accordance with the Prudent Person Principle outlined in the Trustee Act 1925.

- (3) A full report and response by the NSW TG to the judgment, including actions taken, was sent to ICAC, the Ombudsman and the Audit Office in 2010.
- (4) The NSW Ombudsman, the ICAC and the Audit Office have the power to investigate complaints against NSW TG and the NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) and/or the Supreme Court can review decisions made by NSW TG.

*3055 STONE MASONS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What assessment has been undertaken of the implications for the built heritage of New South Wales of the proposed closure of the specialist team in Public Works which employs stonemasons and others with the rare and highly specialized (and non-market-based) traditional skills required for the conservation of Sydney's great heritage of public buildings?
- (2) Does the closure of this unit indicate that the Government plans to sell off these buildings and therefore not have responsibility for their maintenance?
- (3) What work has your office undertaken to ensure there is a stock of the yellow block sandstone and that there are the skills required to work it to maintain heritage public buildings in New South Wales?

Answer—

As at 7 June 2016 - The Heritage Services Group is currently under review. The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that Government heritage buildings and assets are well maintained and that traditional skills are available now and in the future to continue to maintain these important historical buildings.

Securing yellow block stone remains a priority for NSW Government. A strategy to access future supplies of yellow block stone will continue to be one of the responsibilities of the Public Works business.

*3056 SYDNEY EYE HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Was the Sydney Eye Hospital, or certain clinics within it, closed for an extended period over the 2015 Christmas period?
 - (a) If yes, what was the reason for the extended closure?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the extended waiting times that can be faced by patients using the outpatient clinic, both at arrival and when attempting to book a follow-up appointment?
- (3) What has been done to alleviate waiting times for patients, particularly those with mobility issues who have difficulties standing in lines for extended periods?

Answer—

Sydney Eye Hospital was not closed over the 2015 Christmas period. The Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital Emergency Department continued to offer a 24 hour, seven day per week ophthalmology service.

The Sydney Eye Hospital Outpatients Department endeavors to see all patients that present for their appointment within a reasonable time period. Nursing staff are available to address patients' needs and keep them informed of waiting times. New processes were introduced at the end of 2015 to address waiting times at reception. Nursing staff monitor the queues and access to extra seating has been arranged.

*3057 OLDER DRIVER LICENSING SYSTEM—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) On what grounds will an older driver holding a standard New South Wales driver's license be asked to sit a practical driving test?
- (2) Will an older driver who fails a practical driving test have an opportunity to re-sit the test?
 - (a) If so how many times may an older driver re-sit the test?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Are there grounds for appeal for older drivers who are deemed to have failed a practical driving test?

Answer—

Information on licence requirements for older drivers is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*3058 POLICE RESPONSE TO CRITICAL INCIDENT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- (1) How long did it take the NSW Police Force to respond to an accident on 25 April 2016, on Hillsborough Road, in which 15 year old Jade Frith was hit by a car ?
(2) Is this an acceptable response time for such a critical incident?

Answer—

The accident referred to in this Question actually occurred on 26 April 2016. Police were advised of the accident via Triple Zero at 5.10pm, around 20 minutes after the accident took place.

The message was initially broadcast as a Priority 2 (immediate response) job, but downgraded to Priority 3 (non-urgent response) a minute later, as the victim had already been taken to hospital by the NSW Ambulance Service and there were no further life-threatening issues at the scene requiring immediate police presence.

*3059 SURETY BOND SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many people under the protection of the NSW Trustee and Guardian have their finances managed by private managers?
(2) How many of these people have finances in excess of \$50,000?
(3) What consultation occurred with private managers prior to the Surety Bond Scheme being introduced?

Answer—

- (1) This information can be found at: http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/verve/_resources/NSWTG_Annuai_Report_2014-2015.pdf
(2) This information is not available.
(3) The NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) consulted on the proposal to introduce the Surety Bond Scheme at community forums throughout 2015 and 2016. Information about the introduction of the Surety Bond Scheme was also provided in the newsletter distributed by the NSWTG.

*3060 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What amount of the \$9.9million announced in the 2015-16 State Budget to continue the new Lower Hunter Hospital project in Maitland and the \$400 million committed to by the Government to progress has been expended as at 30 April 2016?
(2) When will construction commence on the new hospital?
(3) Does the Government have a full construction timetable for this project?

Answer—

I refer you to LA 2576, LA 2775, LA 2316.

*3061 JUVENILE FACILITIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many juvenile justice facilities in the Hunter are currently used to imprison young offenders?
(2) How many places are there in each of these facilities?
(3) How often are these facilities at capacity?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Corrections.

*3062 IT STOPS HERE SAFER PATHWAY SAFETY ACTION MEETINGS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What evaluations have there been of the It Stops Here Safer Pathway Safety Action Meetings?
(a) If so, when will these evaluations be publically released?
(b) If no evaluations have been done, why have they not been done?

Answer—

It Stops Here and Safety Action Meetings are key features of the Safer Pathway initiative under the responsibility of the Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I suggest the Member address her question accordingly.

*3063 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE BLUEPRINT—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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 is the progress of the Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint?

(a) When will this information be released?

Answer—

The NSW Government's NSW Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Blueprint for Reform will be released in due course.

*3064 ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN SEEKING REFUGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) Are refuges in the Hunter currently only assisting around half of the women seeking assistance for domestic violence?

(a) Does the Government have any plans to increase assistance for these women in the Hunter?

(2) Will the Government be increasing the funding to provide more beds in refuges across the Hunter as well as more funding to provide the support needed for these extra beds?

Answer—

The NSW Government is investing a record amount of money in tackling the scourge of domestic and family violence, one of the biggest social issues affecting the lives of women and children.

Last October I was pleased to stand with the Premier, and the Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing to announce additional support to

Specialist Homelessness Services.

I am advised the NSW Government recently informed local service providers who received a funding boost.

The funding boost means women escaping domestic and family violence will have more access to support, housing and financial assistance.

For further details about this funding and other housing supports, 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.

*3065 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) With respect to the assessment of applications under the Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure Program Around Schools which closed on 8 April 2016, will regional areas be disadvantaged in the way the risk rating is determined?

(2) Will the ranking for the risk rating and risk score be the determination for the top 100 projects?

(3) As there are only 100 projects to be funded, will consideration be given to regional areas and weighted in view of the fact that traffic counts are much lower around regional schools than around schools in the busier parts of metropolitan New South Wales, therefore not allowing regional areas to be able to compete in this ranking process?

Answer—

All applications will be assessed and prioritised using the School Pedestrian Risk Model, which takes into account foot traffic, the speed limit, vehicle volumes, lane numbers, sight distance and the type of pedestrian facilities installed.

Individual Local government Areas are limited to up to 10 nominated locations for the program, and the finalised list will ensure fair distribution across metropolitan and country areas based on road safety risk.

A funding cap of \$50,000 per project will ensure that at least 100 locations will be treated under the program. Any remaining funds will be used to deliver additional projects.

*3066 FUNDS FOR HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What will be the impact on the announcement in 2015 prioritising National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) funding to domestic violence and youth services for 2016-17 when the Commonwealth Government's budget announcement of funding for homelessness is not indexed and there is no allocation in the forward estimates for the NPAH post June 2017?

(2) How will you provide certainty to Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) as this represents a potential shortfall of \$30 million to the SHS system?

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Answer—

(1) and (2) Funding for NPAH services has been budgeted for in 2016-17 and contracts with specialist homelessness services provide funding certainty to June 2017. The NSW Government will work with other State and territory Ministers to examine funding options beyond 2017.

*3067 SCHOOL BUS ROUTES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How often are school bus routes reviewed?
 - (a) When is the next school bus route review to occur?
- (2) Are school bus routes reviewed more often than other bus routes used by the general public?
 - (a) If not, why aren't school bus routes reviewed more often?
- (3) Will more frequent school bus route reviews be conducted in newly established estates which are not serviced by existing school bus routes, including in growing areas like Maitland?

Answer—

In metropolitan areas such as Maitland and Newcastle, school bus services are reviewed and adjusted each school year, or more frequently as required. The service supply contract for the Maitland area requires the bus operator to identify areas of growing demand.

School bus services are reviewed more often than services for the general public.

*3068 SURPLUS LAND AT HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) On what basis did the Department of Education determine that the land at Hurlstone Agricultural High School was surplus?
- (2) On what date did the Department of Education conclude it was surplus?
- (3) When was the Minister briefed by the Department that the land was surplus?

Answer—

The Department of Education has made the decision to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School to the Hawkesbury campus of Western Sydney University. A portion of the current site will be disposed of in accordance with NSW Treasury Guidelines.

*3069 INQUIRY INTO HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Why will the Minister not conduct an inquiry similar to that conducted by Mal Peters into the future of Hurlstone Agricultural High School?

Answer—

The solution announced by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is significantly different to that proposed by the previous Labor Government.

Over \$30 million will be invested into a new education precinct in Glenfield, including a major upgrade of the existing high school and three schools for specific purposes. The upgrade to the existing high school will see the addition of future-focused learning spaces and allowing for up to 360 additional selective places for South Western Sydney. In addition, land will be reserved for a new primary school to cater for planned growth.

More than \$35 million will be invested for a new Hurlstone Agricultural High School at the Western Sydney University Hawkesbury Campus, which will include boarding facilities and access to 1,400 hectares of agricultural land.

This announcement will also see more than \$100 million invested into South Western Sydney to create an additional 180 classrooms by building new schools and upgrading existing schools.

*3070 NEW SITE FOR GLEDSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

On what date did the Department of Education secure the site for the new Gledswood Public School?

Answer—

A deed has been executed requiring the land to be transferred to the Department of Education by no later than 31 January 2017. This is a legally enforceable obligation.

*3071 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Minister make the Heads of Agreement document regarding the proposed relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury available for public scrutiny?
 - (a) If yes, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not plan to make the agreement available to the public due to third party confidentiality concerns.

*3072 CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE TIME—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why did it take more than four months for the Minister to reply to my letter to the Premier dated 3 December 2015 concerning Hurlstone Agricultural High School?
- (2) What is the average turnaround time for a Ministerial response to:
 - (a) A Government backbencher?
 - (b) An Opposition backbencher?

Answer—

The Government has been very clear on its position regarding Hurlstone Agricultural College. The Government's position has been communicated in the media, education and school publications and in correspondence.

*3073 MINISTERIAL VISITS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Why didn't the Minister visit Hurlstone Agricultural High School when he recently visited Casula High School on 3 March 2016 and Curran Public School on 7 March 2016?

Answer—

The visit to Casula Public School was to announce a 45 per cent boost in public school counselling and wellbeing services to be delivered by the NSW Government as part of the \$167 million Supported Students, Successful Students initiative.

I visited Curran Public School to see the impact of the Early Action for Success initiative and how it has been successful in enabling consistent growth in students' literacy and numeracy skills and making a significant improvement to staff capacity.

*3074 BOARDING FACILITY AT PROPOSED HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Considering the proposed relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to the University of Western Sydney's Hawkesbury campus how has the Department of Education determined that the new boarding facility will need to accommodate 300 students?

Answer—

The new Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Western Sydney University's Hawkesbury campus will have sufficient boarding facilities to cater for enrolments.

*3075 MEETING AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Why was the meeting held on 20 May 2015 at the Western Sydney University (confirmed in LA question 2817) not detailed in the Minister's meeting disclosure summary for the period 1 April to 30 June 2015?

Answer—

The meeting at Western Sydney University was in relation to a Hawkesbury electorate matter, not a ministerial matter relating to the Finance, Services and Property portfolio, and as such was not detailed on the Minister's disclosure summary.

As per the Premier's Memorandum on the publication of ministerial diaries, Ministers are not required to disclose meeting that are electorate related. The Memorandum can be found here: <http://arp.nsw.gov.au/m2014-07-publication-ministerial-diaries>

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*3076 FACILITIES AT SERVICE NSW GREGORY HILLS CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Why did the Government not provide toilet facilities for its customers at the new Service NSW centre in Gregory Hills, particularly when the centre is a regional facility and is being promoted by the Government as a one-stop-shop?
- (2) Does the Government plan to provide toilet facilities at the centre in the future, particularly given customers are making a round trip of more than one hour to access basic government services?

Answer—

Careful consideration was given to the provision of toilet facilities during the time of designing the Macarthur Service Centre. Like many other organisations, a decision was made to locate facilities in the staff area, for reasons such as health, safety and security.

Customers may ask a staff member for access to the staff toilets and they will be escorted to them.

*3077 PREMIER'S TRIP TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What was the total cost of the Premier's trip to Israel and Palestine (including accompanying staff and invited persons)?
- (2) Which media organisations were invited to travel with the Premier?
- (3) How many media representatives were invited to travel with the Premier?
- (4) Who paid for the media representatives?
 - (a) What was the total cost of the media representatives travelling with the Premier?

Answer—

(1) The Israel Post Mission Report has been published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

(2) All television and print organisations that are represented in the NSW Press Gallery.

(3) All television and print members of the NSW Press Gallery.

(4) Four media representatives paid their own costs to join the mission.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet provided support totalling \$1684.12, which included on-ground transport to assist the media during the official program.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet also funded a delegation dinner that was attended by the four media representatives at a total cost of \$164.12.

*3078 URBANGROWTH NSW DEVELOPMENT PLANS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

Will UrbanGrowth NSW pay a Section 94 contribution on its state funded development in Newcastle's East End?

Answer—

The Joint Regional Planning Panel has approved a Concept Proposal for the East End of Newcastle. The Concept Proposal does not seek consent for any physical works which would attract Section 94 contributions. Instead the Concept Proposal provides certainty on height, building envelopes, indicative land use, floor space allocation and building setbacks for future development of the East End land. Section 94 contributions are under Newcastle City Council's control and their application will be considered in the context of any future development applications lodged over the East End land.

*3079 FENCE SURROUNDING THE KING EDWARD PARK BOWLING CLUB SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What is the weekly hire cost of the fencing around the old bowling club site at King Edward Park?
- (2) How much of this fencing cost has been recovered from local taxpayers since the commencement of the contract?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Approximately \$126 per week, including GST, funded from the Department's recurrent budget.

*3080 HEAVY FREIGHT RAIL BYPASS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What planning has occurred to 5 May 2016 for the Fassifern to Hexham heavy freight rail bypass?
- (2) What planning still needs to occur before it comes to fruition?
- (3) What is the total cost of the bypass?
 - (a) When will it be funded?

Answer—

The NSW Government is continuing investigations into the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor. As these investigations are ongoing, it is not possible to provide a costing. No Federal or State funding has been allocated for its construction.

*3081 CARE OF FORENSIC PATIENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp 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—

As NSW Health is responsible for forensic patients until they are granted unconditional discharge, why are organisations such as the Schizophrenic Fellowship of NSW considered liable for patients on their premises and also for patients are under their responsibility in public?

Answer—

Standard terms and conditions for non-government organisations contracted by NSW Health, including insurance and indemnity, is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

*3082 NEWCASTLE FARE FREE ZONE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the process for using an Opal card in the Fare Free Zone?
- (2) Why are customers that are tapping on and tapping off in the Fare Free Zone being charged a fare?

Answer—

Information on the Fare Free Zone is available on the Opal website. Customers can contact Opal Customer Care on 13 6725 (13 OPAL) to discuss their account.

*3083 CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS IMPACTS FROM LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many square metres or hectares of land have been transferred from the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust for the light rail?
 - (a) What further transfers are expected?
- (2) What process was used to make the transfer (for example under licence)?
- (3) For what purposes have transfers been made (for example corridor)?
- (4) For what purposes will future transfers be made (for example light rail stop)?
- (5) What total compensation will the trust receive for the loss of land associated with the light rail project?
 - (a) How will this funding be used?

Answer—

(1) No transfers of land have been made. Following build completion expected in 2017, there will be a period of commissioning which will establish the actual area of occupation, and set out the legal arrangements on which that occupation will be granted.

(2) A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in May 2013 between Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust and Transport for NSW, which established an understanding between the Parties prior to the entry by them into a Development Deed. The Development Deed was signed in July 2014 and this set out the framework for co-operation on the Light Rail project.

(3) and (4) Future arrangements will be made for the permanent light rail corridor.

(5) A package of more than \$9 million has been agreed with Transport for NSW.

(a) The funds will reimburse expenses, offset temporary and permanent loss of revenue and replace and enhance any affected assets, including trees.

*3084 COAL MINES AVOIDING REHABILITATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

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- (1) How many coal mines in New South Wales are in care and maintenance?
 - (a) What are these mines for (for example thermal coal)?
- (2) How many coal mines in New South Wales have been abandoned?
- (3) What assessment has been made on the number of coal mines that are currently operating at a loss?
- (4) What assessment has been made on coal mines operating at a loss in order to delay or avoid the need to rehabilitate the site after a mine is closed?
- (5) What coal mines have voids that do not need to be rehabilitated after closure?
 - (a) What is the reason for the exclusions?
- (6) What assessment has been made on coal mines applying for expansions when operations are ending to delay or avoid the need to rehabilitate the site after a mine is closed?

Answer—

(1) A total of 21 coal mines are on care & maintenance.

Cullen Valley - Thermal

Invincible - Thermal

Dartbrook - Thermal

Angus Place - Thermal

Awaba - Thermal

Newstan - SSC/Thermal

Mannering - Thermal

Baal Bone - PCI/SSC/Thermal

United - Coking/Thermal

Newpac - Thermal

Camberwell - SSC/Thermal

Glennies Creek - SSC/Thermal

Enhance - Thermal

Charbon - Thermal

Stratford - Coking/Thermal

Donaldson - Thermal

Whitehaven - SSC/PCI

Tasman - Thermal

Ravensworth Ops - Thermal

Sunnyside - Thermal

Berrima - Thermal

Of these:

14 are thermal coal;

5 are thermal & soft coking;

2 are coking coal

(2) 51 sites associated with previous coal mines are listed as derelict on the Derelict Mines Program database.

(3) Rehabilitation security deposits are reviewed on at least an annual basis for all coal mines irrespective of their financial operating position.

(4) All coal mines must lodge a rehabilitation security deposit, prior to commencing mining operations, to cover the full cost of all rehabilitation and closure activities should a company default on their rehabilitation obligations. Rehabilitation must be undertaken progressively over the life of the mine, where operationally feasible, and is monitored by the Department.

(5) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Rob Stokes MP.

(6) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Rob Stokes MP.

With regards to rehabilitation, Department of Resources and Energy regulatory oversight continues until

all rehabilitation is progressively completed to the satisfaction of the Minister.

*3085 FIREWORKS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What are the current requirements for notifying adjacent residents about fireworks displays and potential noise impacts?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the need for better notification and strategies to improve community information?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that those responsible for the care of animals are warned about noise impacts of fireworks displays?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure the community is informed about potential impacts of firework displays?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Explosives Act 2003 allows for conditions to be imposed upon a licence. A licenced pyro-technician must complete a fireworks notification form and submit it to SafeWork NSW at least seven working days before using any fireworks displays.

Condition 4.14 of the 'Operational Conditions for Pyro-technicians and single use fireworks licences' states that it is the responsibility of the licence holder to provide advanced notice to those people who might be affected by the display, such as neighbours of the display site, to minimise the potential for complaints.

In addition, as part of the notification to SafeWork NSW the licenced pyro-technician confirms that a written risk assessment has been completed for the display. The written risk assessment must consider the nature of neighbouring properties, and the likelihood of them being disturbed by the noise of the fireworks. The assessment will also consider if it is a hospital, nursing home or aged care facility within 250 metres, and the impact on animals, for example if there are stables, kennels or veterinary clinics within 500 metres. The licenced pyro-technician is responsible for the notification.

(2) SafeWork NSW developed the operational conditions and regulatory requirements in partnership with PIIA. Public comment and industry input was sought on the latest revision of the NSW Explosives Act 2003 and the revised licensing conditions.

All notifications for fireworks displays are entered onto the SafeWork NSW website advising of date, time and location of notified fireworks displays.

(3) A person conducting a fireworks display is required to comply with the requirements of the NSW Explosives Act 2003 and the operating conditions, in addition the licensed pyro-technician must notify the local council where the display is taking place. The local council should take into consideration a number of issues when deciding whether to object to or impose conditions on a display after receiving notification on the intent to use fireworks as a display, one of which is the impact on animal welfare. If Council raises objections to a display then SafeWork NSW will not grant a display notification acknowledgement.

Note that displays should not be permitted within 500 metres of stables, kennels or veterinary clinics.

(4) SafeWork NSW ensures compliance with the notification requirements for fireworks displays, which includes notification of Local Councils. Should this information not be provided to SafeWork NSW, a fireworks display is not authorised to proceed. SafeWork NSW is responsive when informed about unauthorised displays and will take appropriate action against offenders.

SafeWork NSW is proactive in following up on a number of notified displays to check compliance with the operating conditions, which includes ensuring that the local community has been informed. SafeWork NSW continues to work with the Pyrotechnics Industry Association of Australia to raise awareness around community concerns.

*3086 DENDROBIUM LONGWALL MINES 9-11—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How does the Government calculate the economic cost of longwall mining in the water catchments over fifty years?
- (2) What remediation bond from Illawarra Coal is the Government holding for the Dendrobium mine?
- (3) Will the Government increase Illawarra Coal's rehabilitation bond in the Metropolitan Special Area to ensure it covers cost of rehabilitation?
- (4) Noting severe impacts in 3B, will the Government ensure a reduction in the width and length of the longwalls to minimise impact of this further proposed expansion?
- (5) What weight will be given to Government assessment from the dam safety committee and Water

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NSW when making the decision about the expansion of the Dendrobium mine?

- (6) Considering the Planning Assessment Commission's review of the Russell Vale application for expansion in the special areas of Sydney Drinking Water Catchments found that there were unacceptable levels of water loss, swamp damage and cumulative damage, will the Government apply the same resonance to these factors in the assessment of this new SMP for Illawarra Coal's expansion?

Answer—

(1) Every development application for mining is assessed on its merits, which involves consideration of all potential economic, environmental and social impacts, including cumulative impacts.

(2) and (3) South32 (the owner of Dendrobium Mine) is responsible for all the costs of remediation of natural features or rehabilitation of ecological systems under the conditions of the development consent.

The NSW Government requires a rehabilitation bond for all mines under the Mining Act 1992, which is administered by the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) within the Department of Industry.

Any questions about the rehabilitation bond should be directed to the Hon. Anthony Roberts, the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

(4) The expansion of underground longwall mining at the Dendrobium mine was approved by the then Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning in 2001, following a Commission of Inquiry.

Under the development consent, South32 is required to progressively submit Subsidence Management Plans (SMPs) for longwalls within the approved mining footprint, including in Area 3B.

The SMP for longwalls 14 to 18 in Area 3B was placed on public exhibition from 14 March to 15 April 2016.

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently considering the SMP, having regard to the submissions received during exhibition, and in consultation with relevant government agencies.

The assessment of the SMP will include consideration of whether any changes are required to the mine plan to ensure mining continues to comply with the performance measures in the Dendrobium development consent.

(5) The Department of Planning and Environment has received submissions from both the Dam Safety Commission and WaterNSW and will carefully consider the issues raised by these agencies in its assessment of the SMP.

(6) It is important to note that the applications from Wollongong Coal at Russell Vale Colliery and South32 at Dendrobium are different in nature. Wollongong Coal is seeking a new planning approval to expand the Russell Vale Colliery, whereas South32 is seeking approval for a management plan within an already approved mining footprint.

Nonetheless, the Department of Planning and Environment will consider the relevant findings of the independent Planning Assessment Commission's review of the Russell Vale proposal in its assessment of South 32's SMP

*3087 MILLERS POINT SALES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Considering the Government plan to sell social housing in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks over two years from March 2014, how many properties have been sold since the program began?

- (a) How many properties remain to be sold?
(b) What is the total income from these sales?

(2) What is the total cost of these properties for:

- (a) Preparation?
(b) Marketing?
(c) Auction?

(3) What amount of these funds have been used to provide new social housing?

- (a) How many properties have been provided?
(b) What further funds does the Government expect to make from these sales?

Answer—

Information on the sale of government owned properties in Millers Point and the use of proceeds is available on the Government Property NSW website at: <https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/>.

*3088 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What consideration will the Government give to imposing a timeframe on police to contact a driver who tested positive in a roadside test on the results of follow up laboratory tests?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to requiring police to inform drivers who tested positive in a roadside test that follow up laboratory tests were negative and to update their database on the false reading?
- (3) What advice will the Government give to the community about the timeframe in which particular drugs can affect their driving or produce a positive reading in a roadside test?
- (4) What guarantees can the Government give that testing will only result in the conviction of drivers who have been affected by the drug detected in their system?
- (5) What consideration will the Government give to adopting tests used elsewhere, such as in Great Britain, which identify whether a person's driving is impaired and the level of drugs in their system?

Answer—

This question should be addressed the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*3089 PRISON EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering the April 2016 Australian Institute of Criminology study of Western Australian prisoners that showed prisoners undertaking classes are less likely to reoffend, less likely to commit serious offences and less likely to return to prison, what assessment has the Government made of lessons for New South Wales prisons from this research?
- (2) What proportion of New South Wales prisoners are eligible to undertake education courses?
- (3) What proportion of New South Wales prisoners do undertake education courses and what is the trend in participation over the past 10 years?
- (4) What proportion of prisoners are not literate?
 - (a) How many undertake literacy programs?
- (5) What proportion of prisoners have learning disabilities?
 - (a) How many are engaged in programs to address these barriers?
- (6) What steps are being taken to increase access to courses in prison?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve prisoner education and reduce recidivism?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government agrees that prisoner education helps reduce reoffending and improve community safety.

A review of education and training in New South Wales prisons has shown that specialist education and training organisations can deliver more education and training opportunities to prisoners than they current receive from Corrective Services NSW.

Consequently, the Government is introducing a prison education commissioning strategy to double the number of inmates completing literacy and numeracy programs by mid-2017 and to increase the number of inmates participating in vocational training by 20 per cent.

2) Eighty-five per cent of inmates are eligible to participate in education programs. Some inmates of a particular classification, management regime or housing location, are not eligible to participate in education programs.

(3) In 2014-15, 31.7 per cent of eligible prisoners participated in accredited education and training courses. The participation rate for the last 10 financial years has varied from 30.3 per cent to 36.1 per cent with no clear trend over this period.

(4) As at 10 May 2016, approximately 14 per cent (1,256) of inmates are illiterate based on core skills assessment results.

(a) In 2015, 1,389 inmates participated in pre-certificate level courses.

(5) Inmates with learning disabilities are included in the group outlined at (4) above.

(6) and (7) See (1) above.

*3090 PARKLAND WILDLIFE PROTECTIONS DURING THE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many trees have been identified as habitat trees as part of the removal and lopping of trees in

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- the Centennial Parklands for the CBD and South East Light Rail Project?
- (2) What is the identification number of these trees on the tree plans in the Arborists Tree Report?
 - (3) How many trees have been marked 'H' for habitat?
 - (4) How many animals have been rescued?
 - (a) Which organisations rescued these animals?
 - (b) Which organisations or persons are providing care for those animals?
 - (5) How many bird nests have been identified in the trees that have been removed, pruned or translocated?
 - (6) How many bird nests have been identified in trees that are still to be actioned?
 - (7) What species have been identified in fauna surveys?
 - (a) How many of each species are there?
 - (8) What is the procedure for emergence surveys to confirm absence of microbats in any trees or structures to be impacted by light rail works?
 - (9) How many microbat habitat surveys have been done?
 - (a) When did they occur?
 - (b) Where were these conducted?
 - (10) How many microbat habitats have been identified so far?
 - (11) What pre-construction surveys of wildlife were undertaken and what was the methodology?
 - (12) Where are reports for these surveys available?
 - (13) What procedures are in place to prevent noise and light and other construction impacts from scaring wildlife that live in trees on and adjacent to the site from their homes?
 - (14) Were wildlife rescuers onsite to protect animals returning to their homes, which had been destroyed, after noise and disturbance ceased during night tree works?
 - (15) What measures were undertaken to facilitate displaced wildlife particularly where the animals are territorial?
 - (16) Will wildlife rescuers be present onsite after future tree works occur at times when wildlife is expected to return?
 - (17) How will territorial animals be managed with tree removal and loppings, considering just allowing them to run into other areas when they find their trees are no longer there will likely cause stress, starvation and eventual death?
 - (18) How will raising the levee bank along the track between Darly Road and Doncaster Avenue affect the migration of ong-finned eel that live in the wetlands of the parklands and migrate to the sea?
 - (19) What procedures are in place to prevent the introduction of plant pathogens where there is vegetation during construction?

Answer—

- (1) Nine habitat trees.
- (2) TN706, TN708, TN464, TN467, TN471, TN433, TN436, TN437, TN397.
- (3) All trees identified by the project ecologist as habitat trees, were marked with an 'H' prior to clearing.
- (4) No animals required rescuing from trees removed or pruned in the Centennial Parklands.
 - (a) n/a
 - (b) n/a
- (5) One bird nest was identified, no fauna was present.
- (6) None pre-clearing assessments will be undertaken prior to further tree removal to identify any nests.
- (7) No threatened species were recorded during the surveys. Commonly occurring mobile native species such as the Australian Magpie (*Cracticus tibicen*) and Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) were identified during the survey.
 - (a) Numbers were not recorded.
- (8) The ecologist reviews the vegetation and structures prior to disturbance to confirm the absence of microbats.
- (9) Two surveys were completed for Centennial Parklands
 - (a) 15 December 2015 and 22 April 2016.
 - (b) Surveys were conducted within Centennial Parklands on the vegetation requiring clearing or pruning.
- (10) None

(11) to (19) Procedures to manage vegetation and fauna are outlined in the Vegetation Management Plan, available on the Sydney Light Rail website.

*3091 389 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many complaints have been made about cancelled or late running 389 bus services in the six months since 4 October 2015?
- (2) What is the trend in complaints about cancelled or late running 389 bus services in this six month period?
- (3) What does the Sydney Buses service data show about reliability of 389 bus services?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to improve reliability of services on this route?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to reduce traffic congestion that results in buses being delayed?
- (6) What further action is planned to improve 389 bus service reliability?

Answer—

Refer to response to LA 2499.

*3093 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Did WorkCover offices in NSW take time during working time on the International Day of Mourning (IDM) on 28 April 2016 to pause to commemorate workers who have died as a result of a workplace incident or occupational disease?
- (2) Did any WorkCover NSW offices on 28 April 2016 pause during working time to think about the significance of work health and safety and how workplace incidents can affect those around them?
- (3) Did any WorkCover NSW offices on 28 April 2016 conduct a formal service to commemorate IDM?
- (4) Did any WorkCover NSW offices located on the Central Coast on 28 April 2016 conduct a formal service to commemorate IDM?
 - (a) If not, will they in future?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*3094 FARE EVASION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many individuals were charged with fare evasion in the 2014-15 financial year on the:
 - (a) Airport Line?
 - (b) Bankstown Line?
 - (c) East Hills Line?
 - (d) Eastern Suburbs Line?
 - (e) Illawarra Line?
 - (f) Inner West Line?
 - (g) North via Strathfield?
 - (h) North via Macquarie Park?
 - (i) North Shore?
 - (j) South Line?
 - (k) West Line?

Answer—

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provides official NSW crime statistics for a range of offences and may be contacted at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

*3095 SPEED LIMITS—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) Between 1 April 2011 and 19 June 2014, how many speed limits were increased by the Government?
 - (a) Where are they?
 - (b) When did it occur?
 - (c) What was the original speed limit?
 - (d) What is the new speed limit?
- (2) How many speed limits were increased by the Government in each calendar year from 2011 to 2013?

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- (a) Where were they?
- (b) When did it occur?
- (c) What was the original speed limit?
- (d) What is the new speed limit?

Answer—

Between March 2012 and 19 June 2014, Roads and Maritime Services completed 769 individual speed limit reviews, resulting in 57 increases in speed limits.

Further information is available on the Safer Roads website.

*3096 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES STAFF—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 people were employed in Roads and Maritime Services at 11 April 2015 and 11 April 2016?
 - (a) Of those staff, how many were at the senior executive level?
 - (b) What is the total remuneration of those staff?

Answer—

Human resources information is included in the Roads and Maritime Services Annual Report.

*3097 TRANSPORT FOR NSW STAFF—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many people were employed in Transport for NSW at 11 April 2015 and 11 April 2016?
 - (a) Of those staff, how many were at the senior executive level?
 - (b) What is the total remuneration of those staff?

Answer—

Human resources information is included in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.

*3098 REMOVAL OF TREES ON DEVONSHIRE STREET—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many trees will be removed on Devonshire Street to make way for the South East Light Rail Project?

Answer—

This information is available on the Sydney Light Rail website.

*3099 COMMUTER CAR PARKING—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Commuter Car Parking spaces at train stations were completed in each of the calendar years from 2010 to 2015?
 - (a) Which train station car parks have been completed?

Answer—

Since 2011, the Government has delivered over 6,000 new commuter car parking spaces and there are more than 8,000 spaces on the way.

Details of current and completed commuter car parking projects can be found online.

*3100 MAINTENANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the total value of outstanding maintenance work required at each public school in the Bankstown electorate for each of the past six years to 5 May 2016?
 - (a) What was the total number of maintenance requests made by each school in each of the past six years to 5 May 2016?
 - (b) What was the total number of maintenance requests completed by the Department of Education in each of the past six years to 5 May 2016?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance backlog data for every school in New South Wales. This information is available on the department's website.

To provide further data on maintenance backlog at each school in the Bankstown electorate over the past six years, as well as the number of maintenance works requested and completed in each of those schools, would be a significant diversion of sources

*3101 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With reference to LA answer 2888, how many cases have been dealt with by frontline staff regarding instances of sexual and physical abuse of children in Out of Home Care in the five years to May 2016?

Answer—

Frontline staff deal with instances of sexual abuse and physical abuse of children in out-of-home care on a case-by-case basis.

The collection of aggregated data on the safety of children and young people in out-of-home care (OOHC) is a priority for the Department and work is currently underway to enable reporting of this information.

There have been a number of changes made to Key Information and Directory (KiDS) as a result of ongoing improvement focussed on addressing practice and assisting caseworkers to better record information about the lives of children and young people.

Recent enhancements to KiDS will allow FACS to report comprehensively on safety of children and young people while in OOHC across the service system in the future.

The NSW Government is investing in the IT system that caseworkers use so the department can capture instances of abuse in the future.

*3102 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) With reference to LA answer 2607, how many times has a pub or hotel been determined as the most appropriate accommodation required by a client?

- (a) In the 12 months to March 2012?
- (b) In the 12 months to March 2013?
- (c) In the 12 months to March 2014?
- (d) In the 12 months to March 2015?
- (e) In the 12 months to March 2016?

Answer—

FACS sources the most appropriate temporary accommodation available in the location required to support vulnerable clients in crisis.

FACS links clients into support services to assist them to secure longer term accommodation and supports

*3103 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

For each of the past six years to 5 May 2016, how many children aged between 12 and 15 years have been known to Family and Community Services to be residing in a homeless refuge for a period of one month or more?

Answer—

Data on specialist homelessness services' clients is published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare at: www.aihw.gov.au/.

*3104 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 level of funding has been provided to mental health services in New South Wales to assist readiness for the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

- (a) Is this funding more or less than has been provided to non-government organisations in the disability sector?
 - (i) If it is less, why?

Answer—

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

*3105 FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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) Will the Government provide additional funds to compensate those mental health services, including programs such as Headspace's youth psychosis program, who had decreases in funding and resources as a result of the 2016-17 Commonwealth Budget?
(a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

In the 2015-16 Budget the NSW Government committed \$1.7 billion for the provision of mental health services across NSW, which includes a focus on early intervention and young people. More information is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

*3106 PSYCHIATRY POSITIONS IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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) For each of the calendar years 2010 to 2016 (to 5 May 2016);
(a) How many psychiatry positions were left unfilled in the South West Sydney Health District?
(b) What was the psychologist per mental health patient ratio?

Answer—

As at 7 June 2016 there were 6.75 FTE unfilled psychiatry positions in the South West Sydney Local Health District. Some offers have been made and recruitment is ongoing to fulfil the remaining positions.

It is not possible to provide the ratio of psychologist to mental health patients.

*3107 MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL CIVIL HEARINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 percentage of applicants to a Mental Health Review Tribunal civil hearing were represented by a legal practitioner in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16?
(2) What was the total number of applicants to the Mental Health Review Tribunal civil hearing in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Answer—

Information regarding Mental Health Review Tribunal civil hearings is available at www.mhrt.nsw.gov.au.

*3108 PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 incentives or initiatives will the Government implement in order to retain psychologist positions in the public sector, considering up to 38 percent of psychologists are threatening to quit the public sector in the next 12 months (from 5 May 2016) due to insufficient funding for public hospitals (Sydney Morning Herald, 29 April 2016)?

Answer—

The NSW Health Professionals Workforce Plan 2012-2022 outlines the strategies that NSW Health is undertaking to ensure that health services have access to the workforce required to meet demand for services.

*3109 RESPONSE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND CARE FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

What measures will the Minister be taking to address the issues raised in the New South Wales Council of Social Services report 'One in Seven' which highlighted that early childhood services in New South Wales were not in line with other states and that there is a \$400 per child deficit in early childhood education and care funding?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Early Childhood Education.

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*3110 NATIONAL PARKS, NATURE RESERVES AND CONSERVATION AREAS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What areas are currently being assessed for the establishment of new reserve nodes and build-up of existing reserves?
- (2) Which bioregions do not have at least 80 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves?
- (3) Which bioregions do not have at least 50 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves?
- (4) When are these regions expected to reach these marks?
- (5) How many bioregional sub-regions do not have at least 80 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves?
- (6) How many bioregional sub-regions do not have at least 50 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves?
- (7) When are these sub-regions expected to reach these marks?
- (8) Over the last five years to 5 May 2016, what areas have been identified as high priority with regard to:
 - (a) Poorly reserved ecosystems and habitats?
 - (b) Wetlands, floodplains, lakes and rivers?
 - (c) Critical landscape corridors?
- (9) When is New South Wales expected to reach the following long term reserve targets:
 - (a) 15 per cent of pre-1750 forest ecosystems?
 - (b) 60 per cent of old growth forests?
 - (c) 90 per cent of forested wilderness?
- (10) By 2019, how much of the state is expected to be conserved in national parks, nature reserves and conservation areas?

Answer—

(1) Details on the areas currently being assessed cannot be provided because reserve establishment, including the establishment of new reserve nodes and the build up of existing reserves, involves confidential negotiations for the purchase of properties from private landholders. The general priorities for acquisition of land for addition to the reserve system are outlined at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/acquiringland/WhatAreOurPrioritiesInAcquiringland.htm.

(2) Mulga Lands, Channel Country, Simpson-Strzelecki Dunefields, Broken Hill Complex, Murray-Darling Depression, Riverina, Cobar Peneplain, Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Nandewar and NSW South Western Slopes do not have at least 80 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves.

(3) Channel Country, Simpson-Strzelecki Dunefields, Broken Hill Complex and Darling Riverine Plains do not have at least 50 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves.

(4) There is no set timeframe for achieving reservation targets. Most areas required to increase the representation of ecosystems occur on private land. Acquisition of private land is voluntary, and therefore undertaken opportunistically when lands become available to purchase. In addition, there are highly cleared and fragmented landscapes where it will always be difficult to achieve reservation targets.

(5) 77 of the 131 sub-regions in New South Wales do not have at least 80 per cent of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves.

(6) 30 of the 131 sub-regions in New South Wales do not have at least half of their extant regional ecosystems represented in reserves.

(7) See answer to question 4.

(8) (a) Since 2011, nine new national parks and reserves have been created, totaling more than 15,000 hectares. Much of the new reservation is in poorly reserved ecosystems and habitats.

(b) Reservations of wetlands, floodplains, lakes and rivers since 2011 include 1,768 hectares reserved as Everlasting Swamp National Park on the Clarence Floodplain, 3,000 hectares of the Gwydir State Conservation Area, a wetland system near Moree, and 200 hectares added to Doodle Comer Swamp Nature Reserve near Henly.

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(c) During 2015-16, the government acquired 3,212 hectares in the Great Eastern Ranges landscape corridor.

(9) (a) and (b) These targets were formed as part of the Commonwealth Government's National Forest Reserve Criteria in 1997 and were set as a guideline. There are a number of highly cleared and fragmented landscapes where such targets will always be difficult to reach.

(c) More than 90 per cent of all identified wilderness in NSW is in the reserve system.

(10) It is not possible to estimate the proportion of the state that will be conserved in national parks, nature reserves and conservation areas by 2019, because additions to the reserve system are undertaken opportunistically to contribute to reserve targets and improve reserve manageability and connectivity, primarily through the voluntary acquisition of private land.

*3111 MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL MEDICAL WARD AND EMERGENCY SURGERY FACILITIES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

What are the funding requirements required to reinstate the Medical Ward and Emergency Surgery facilities at the Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

Mount Druitt Hospital performs routine scheduled (elective) surgery.

Any patient presenting to Mount Druitt Hospital requiring emergency surgery is transferred to Blacktown Hospital which has a 24 hour a day, seven day a week, surgical, anaesthetic and recovery team.

*3112 MRI MACHINE FOR MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

What progress has been made on the installation of the MRI scanning machine at the Mount Druitt Hospital?

Answer—

The NSW Government announced \$400 million towards Stage 2 of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals expansion. This follows the \$312 million Stage 1 redevelopment.

*3113 SENIORS CARD WEBSITE ADVERTISING—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

(1) Are there restrictions or guidelines for the display of advertising for third party businesses and organisations on Departmental websites such as the Seniors Card website?

(a) If yes, where can these be found?

(2) Who within the Department approved the recent Uber advertising on the Seniors Card website?

(3) Was there any consideration provided by Uber in exchange for this advertising?

(a) If yes, please detail monetary value or other form of consideration.

(4) How can the NSW Taxi Council or the NSW Taxi Drivers and Operators Association arrange for similar advertising and recruitment promotions on the Seniors Card website?

(a) Does the Department accept advertising or recruitment promotions on the Seniors Card website from the NSW Taxi Council or the NSW Taxi driver and Operators Association?

Answer—

(1) Each government agency is responsible for its own assets and makes individual agreements in relation to any third party advertisers. Any organisation wishing to advertise on the Seniors Card website or in any other Seniors Card channel must join the program and offer a discount to members.

(a) Information regarding Seniors Card business membership and advertising is available at www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au.

(2) The partnership is a formal commercial arrangement and was approved by the relevant Executive Director.

(3) Promotion of the Seniors Card partnership with Uber was included on the website as part of a 12 month commercial agreement signed by the Department of Family and Community Services. The agreement included a fee structure. However, the specifics of this are commercial in confidence.

*3114 GLENBROOK FIRE STATION—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Was the Glenbrook Fire and Rescue Service NSW station closed at any time on 14 April 2016?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) For how long?
 - (ii) At what time?
 - (iii) For what reason(s)?

Answer—

No.

- *3115 ULTIMO POWER STATION—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Will the Minister approve or reject the recommendation by the Heritage Council of NSW to include the Ultimo Power Station, currently the site of the Museum of Applied Arts and Science's Powerhouse Museum, on the State Heritage Register?

Answer—

The Heritage Council has not yet made its recommendation on the listing of Ultimo Power Station on the State Heritage Register.

- *3116 RIDE SHARING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) According to meeting disclosure documents published by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Premier met with the NSW Taxi Council on 28 July 2015, however, there is no indication within the disclosures that the Premier has met with ride-sharing business representatives such as Uber. Has the Premier had informal or unscheduled meetings with representatives from these companies or other industry representatives?
- (2) To what political pressure was the Government responding when it moved to regulate ridesharing in New South Wales?
- (a) From whom did this political pressure come?

Answer—

- (1) Under the Premier's Memorandum 2014-07, all government ministers are required to publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals. The summary discloses the organistaion or individual with whom the meeting occurred, details of any registered lobbyists present, and the purpose of the new meeting. Meeting summaries are published quarterly at www.dpc.nsw.gov.au.
- (2) None.

- *3117 COUNTRY AND URBAN TAXI INDUSTRIES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Given the significant differences between country and urban taxi industries, what country industry specific provisions or considerations exist within recent and proposed regulations or legislation associated with the legalisation of ride-sharing in New South Wales?
- (2) What modelling of the impacts of ridesharing regulation upon country taxi industries has been undertaken by your Department?
- (3) What action is being taken to relieve the commercial and competitive disadvantage faced by country taxi plate owners and drivers in the wake of ridesharing regulation?
- (4) Given ridesharing drivers and operators are not limited to operating in one region or another, will the Minister retain the distinction between T and TC taxi plates?

Answer—

The point to point transport reforms will help reduce cost and red tape for taxis in regional areas and will help make taxi businesses more sustainable. Additionally, the reforms will also open up more choice for regional customers with new types of booked services likely to become available.

Fewer restrictions on what services can be provided will help to encourage innovative new services that are better matched to customers' needs, as well as better use of existing services. For example, there will no longer be any restrictions on where booked services (including booked taxis) can be provided, with all taxi and booking companies free to provide booked services throughout the state.

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To further reduce cost for the taxi industry, the NSW Government accepted the recommendation of the Sturges Point to Point Transport Report to review compulsory third party (CTP) insurance to include point to point vehicles.

The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) is currently reviewing how CTP applies to taxis in both regional and urban areas, hire cars and other point to point services in light of recent reforms to industry, including ride share regulation. The aim is to have a system that is fairer and more equitable for the point to point industry. More information is available on the SIRA website.

*3118 RIDE SHARING REGULATOR—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the taxi plate owner compensation scheme be put to Parliament for approval in the form of specific legislation?
 - (a) If yes, when?
- (2) When will the proposed regulator for the ridesharing industry be created?
- (3) Which Government agency would undertake investigation and enforcement of ridesharing industry regulations once the proposed regulator has been established?

Answer—

Subject to a Bill passing Parliament, the NSW Government will establish a \$250 million industry adjustment package for taxi and hire car owners to help the industry adapt to the reforms. This legislation will also establish a stand-alone regulator for the point to point transport industry, including rideshare services.

*3119 REGULATION OF RIDE SHARING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the extent of formal negotiations and consultations between your Department and the NSW Taxi Industry ahead of recent regulatory changes in December 2015 to legalise ride-sharing in New South Wales?
- (2) Is it accurate (according to Ministerial meeting disclosure documents published by the Department of Premier and Cabinet) that between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2016, you or your predecessor met with the NSW Taxi Council on 14 occasions, NSW Taxi Operators and Drivers Association on four occasions, with Cabcharge on two occasions, with ridesharing app operator Uber on one occasion and with GoCatch and iHail taxi app developers on one occasion each?
- (3) What other informal meetings occurred or approaches were made by the ridesharing industry that is not documented in these disclosure documents?
- (4) Why did the Government move to regulate ridesharing so quickly?
- (5) Of the 22 formal meetings held with established taxi industry representatives in the past two years, 13 of these occurred before the regulation of ridesharing on 17 December 2015. At any of those 13 meetings, did you indicate to the industry that it was your intention to regulate and legalise ridesharing?

Answer—

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals are published in accordance with Memorandum 2015-07 Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

In July 2015, an independent taskforce was established to examine the future sustainability of taxis, hire cars and other emerging point to point transport providers.

The taskforce received thousands of submissions. The NSW Government responded to these recommendations and late last year announced reforms to the point to point transport sector.

*3120 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Could the Minister list all landholdings managed by Government Property NSW in the Granville electorate?
- (2) Could the Minister list all leaseholdings managed by Government Property NSW in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) 12 McFarlane Street, Merrylands.

*3121 SYDNEY WATER CAPITAL WORKS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) With reference to the answer to LA question 2294, of the \$40-50 million expected to be invested over the next five years from 24 March 2016 in networks augmentation within the Granville electorate, what estimates have been made of the investment to be made for:
 - (a) Water projects?
 - (b) Sewer projects?
 - (c) Wastewater treatment projects?
 - (d) Stormwater projects?
- (2) What are the locations of the five wastewater overflows which discharge the most wastewater into waterways in the Granville electorate?
- (3) What forecasts have been made of the increased volume of wastewater overflows into waterways due to increased development planned in the Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy?

Answer—

- (1) The \$40-50 million is an estimate of required investment based on current asset conditions and growth directions. The program of works will be refined throughout the year to identify specific projects and improvement work requirements, and in turn, estimate the associated costings.
- (2) Locations of the five wastewater overflows which discharge the most wastewater into waterways in the Granville electorate are:
 - (a) Military Road (Near the end of Elizabeth Street), Guildford,
 - (b) Brunswick Street, Granville,
 - (c) Lockwood Street, Merrylands,
 - (d) Good Street, Granville,
 - (e) Arthur Street, Granville,.
- (3) The volume of wastewater overflows into waterways could be expected to increase by 10 per cent. Sydney Water will undertake works to augment the wastewater system so that the wastewater overflow performance remains compliant with its Environment Protection Licence.

*3122 COMMUTER JOURNEYS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the daily average number of passengers travelling from the following stations during the morning peak period for each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15:
 - (a) Wentworthville?
 - (b) Westmead?
 - (c) Merrylands?
 - (d) Guildford?
 - (e) Granville?
 - (f) Clyde?
- (2) In the year to date (as at 10 May 2016) what is the daily average number of passengers travelling from the following stations during the morning peak period:
 - (a) Wentworthville?
 - (b) Westmead?
 - (c) Merrylands?
 - (d) Guildford?
 - (e) Granville?
 - (f) Clyde?
- (3) What forecasts are available for the future daily average number of passengers travelling from the following stations during the morning peak period:
 - (a) Wentworthville?
 - (b) Westmead?
 - (c) Merrylands?
 - (d) Guildford?
 - (e) Granville?
 - (f) Clyde?

Answer—

Information about barrier counts is publicly available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website. Data

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for 2016 is not yet available.

*3123 LEARNING MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current status of the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program in schools?
- (2) What does the Government propose to put in place if the Learning Management and Business Reform program is ended?
 - (a) How will that be funded?

Answer—

The LMBR systems will be progressively rolled out to all remaining NSW public schools during 2016 and 2017.

*3124 HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE ASSISTANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

What is being done to assist the Hunter Wetlands Centre in combating its problem with foxes, to ensure that the vast variety of species within the wetland's boundaries are safe?

Answer—

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) manages the Hunter Wetlands National Park adjacent to the Hunter Wetlands Centre.

NPWS carries out a fox control program within the national park to reduce fox numbers. This program helps limit the impacts of foxes on native animals in the national park and in neighbouring properties including the Hunter Wetlands Centre.

The Hunter Wetlands Centre may also seek advice and assistance through the Hunter Local Lands Service to help manage the impact of foxes on their lands.

*3125 LOWER HUNTER PARTICLE CHARACTERISATION STUDY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the Government doing to reduce the increasing levels of fine airborne particles in the Lower Hunter Region identified in the Environmental Protection Agency's 'Lower Hunter Particle Characterisation Study'?
- (2) Will the Government adopt stricter standards to improve air quality and reduce health impacts on residents in the Hunter region?

Answer—

(1) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) manages air pollution in the Hunter and NSW generally by: regulating and licensing industry such as mines and power stations; developing programs and regulation to reduce emissions such as coal dust along the coal transport chain and diesel emissions; providing education and support to local government on issues such as wood smoke reduction; and working with the Commonwealth and other states and territories at a national level to reduce emissions that contribute to air pollution.

The Lower Hunter Particle Characterisation Study did not identify increasing levels of fine air borne particles (PM 2.5) in the Lower Hunter Region. The most comprehensive set of lower Hunter valley monitoring data for PM 2.5, collected at Wallsend and Beresfield, shows no trends of increasing levels of PM 2.5 between the start of 2006 and the end of 2015.

(2) In December 2015, national environment ministers agreed to strengthen national ambient air quality standards for airborne particles. For PM 2.5, they adopted an annual average standard of eight micrograms per cubic metre and for 24-hour concentrations a standard of 25 micrograms per cubic metre. Ministers also adopted annual average and 24-hour standards for PM 10 of 25 micrograms and 50 micrograms per cubic metre respectively, and endorsed long term goals for PM 2.5 of seven micrograms per cubic metre and 20 micrograms per cubic metre respectively by 2025. The new national standards are amongst the most health protective ambient standards in the world.

*3126 REGISTERED NURSES IN AGED CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will patients be kept waiting for pain relief if registered nurses will not be employed around the clock in aged care in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, who will be qualified to provide immediate pain relief to sick patients?

Answer—

A range of state controls are already in place, linked to existing Commonwealth standards, to ensure prompt pain relief is available to residents.

Accreditation Standards for residential care facilities under the Commonwealth Quality of Care Principles 2014 also include standards requiring that 'all care recipients are as free as possible from pain'. Care workers are currently able to supply Schedule 2 or unscheduled pain medicines.

*3127 COST OF CARE FOR JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What has led to the significant increase in the average cost of the John Hunter Hospital admitted patients in the three years to 2013-14?
- (2) What is the Government doing to bring the average cost of care for admitted patients at John Hunter Hospital back down to be in line with the New South Wales average?

Answer—

(1) to (2) Activity Based Funding was rolled-out across NSW Health in 2012. During 2012-13 and 2013-14 the Hunter New England Local Health District focused on better understanding the new national approach and accurate allocation of expenditure to activity.

*3128 STEEL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Aside from the provisions set forth by the Australian Industry Policy Plan, what commitments is the Government making to utilise locally manufactured steel in their upcoming infrastructure projects and to support the 1200 Newcastle and Hunter steel industry workers in this time of uncertainty?

Answer—

The NSW Government is the largest purchaser of steel in the nation. In the past three years, almost 70 per cent of the Government's \$26 billion in construction spending went to New South Wales based suppliers. Australian steel (7,000 tonnes) was sourced to reinforce tunnels for Sydney Metro Northwest, and the Pacific Highway Kempsey Bypass project used 400 Australian steel piling tubes.

The NSW Government has worked closely with the Australian Government to prevent foreign producers dumping excess steel in Australia. The Australian Government recently increased duties for dumping steel products.

*3129 PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will affordable housing be built to address the 60,000 applicants in New South Wales awaiting public housing?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Will sites identified in the Growing Hunter City draft plans, including some in Wallsend, be used for affordable housing?

Answer—

- (1) The delivery of housing for applicants on the NSW Housing Register is a matter for the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- (2) Yes. Affordable housing is permitted in a broad range of residential and business zones. The draft Plan for Growing Hunter City identifies actions to ensure housing and services meet the needs of local communities. This includes requiring councils to prepare local housing strategies that, among other things, identify affordable housing needs and locations where affordable housing can be delivered.

*3130 RESPONSE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND CARE FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What measures will the Premier take to address the issues raised in the New South Wales Council of Social Services report 'One in Seven' which highlighted that early childhood services in New South Wales were not in line with other states and that there is a \$400 per child deficit in early childhood education and care funding?

Answer—

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Education, I have referred the question to the

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*3132 STATUTORY REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Why was the Statutory Review into Chapter 9A of the Coroners Act late in defiance of s101P of that Act?

Answer—

I am advised the Statutory Review was undertaken in accordance of s 101 (P) of the Coroners Act 2009.

*3133 RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is the Government's response to the 15 recommendations in the 2013-15 Annual Report by the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team?

Answer—

This information can be found at www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/dv_annual_reports.aspx.

*3134 RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is the Government's response to the 23 recommendations in the 2012/13 Annual Report by the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team?

Answer—

This information can be found at www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/dv_annual_reports.aspx.

*3135 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

In light of LA Question and Answer 1665, (asked 21 October 2015) what steps will you take to appoint an investigator to review the allegations made by Mr Warren in his Public Interest Disclosure granted that two investigators have subsequently withdrawn?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that an investigator has been appointed.

*3136 SURETY BONDS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) What consultation was undertaken by your Department prior to the recent introduction of Surety Bonds by the NSW Trustee and Guardian?

(2) Why is the Surety Bond Scheme being underwritten and managed by an organisation not primarily based in Australia?

(3) What analysis was done by NSW Trustee and Guardian before the adoption of the Surety Bond Scheme?

(4) Which consultants assessed the validity of the Surety Bond Scheme before its introduction?

(5) How was the fee amount for the Surety Bond set?

Answer—

(1) Refer to LA QON 3059.

(2) NSW Trustee & Guardian placed the Surety Bond out to a competitive tender. The most cost effective bid came from A viva Insurance Limited through the broker Willis Towers Watson.

(3) Information regarding NSW Trustee and Guardian is available on the NSW Trustee and Guardian website at: <http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/>

(4) and (5) Please refer to the answer to Question 2.

*3137 COMMUNITY HEALTH REVIEWS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

How much has been paid or is owed to PricewaterhouseCoopers for the South Western Sydney Local Health District Community Health Reviews?

Answer—

I refer you to the South Western Sydney Local Health District Annual Reports, located at; <http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/publications.html>.

*3138 HUB COMMUNITY HEALTH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will you release the total cost of the intended tender of the HUB Community Health Centre?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The total cost allocated by the South Western Sydney Local Health District to support the commissioning of a non-government organisation provider to manage The Hub will not exceed the costs allocated in the 2015-16 budget.

- *3139 CARPARK FACILITIES AT LEPPINGTON STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What action will you take to improve parking facilities around Leppington Railway Station?

Answer—

Please refer to my letter in response to your representations of 10 February 2016.

- *3140 CARPARK FACILITIES AT EDMONDSON STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What action will you take to increase parking facilities at Edmondson Park Railway Station?

Answer—

Please refer to my letter in response to your representations of 10 February 2016.

- *3141 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOGS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How long has maintenance been outstanding at the following Keira electorate high schools:

- (a) Woonona High School?
- (b) Bulli High School?
- (c) Corrimal High School
- (d) Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts?
- (e) Keira High School?
- (f) Figtree High School?

(2) When is the outstanding maintenance going to be completed for the following Keira electorate high schools:

- (a) Woonona High School?
- (b) Bulli High School?
- (c) Corrimal High School?
- (d) Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts?
- (e) Keira High School?
- (f) Figtree High School?

Answer—

The Department of Education undertakes regular maintenance of school facilities including preventative/statutory and routine maintenance, planned maintenance and essential urgent repairs.

On an annual basis a program of planned maintenance works is developed for each individual school in discussion with principals. Each school's life cycle assessment data and specific items that the school principal considers essential are taken into account during this process.

- *3142 BEACH PROTECTION IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to monitor significant seaweed dumping and displacement along Callala Beach?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to monitor scarping along Corrimal Beach?
- (3) How is the Government acting to ensure that marine ecosystems are not being damaged by human activity along the Illawarra coastline?

Answer—

(1) Seaweed deposition on beaches is a natural process. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) works with Shoalhaven City Council through the NSW Government's Coastal Management Program to address a range of coastal issues, including to understand the underlying processes bringing seaweed onto beaches at Jervis Bay, including Callala Beach. The Department of Primary Industries (Crown Lands)

and the Marine Estate Management Authority also assist council to manage seaweed on beaches as required.

(2) Scarping on beaches on the open coast of NSW is a natural process. The NSW Government regularly monitors beach profiles along Corrimal Beach, using historic aerial photography dating back to 1961. Scarping at Corrimal Beach continues to be observed, however, no assets are at direct risk. The government, through the Coastal Management Program administered by OEH, provides policy, technical and financial assistance to Wollongong City Council and other coastal councils to manage risks from coastal hazards, including coastal erosion.

(3) OEH's Beachwatch Program monitors and reports on recreational water quality along the Illawarra coastline. OEH's State of the Beaches report is used by local councils and wastewater managers to assess stormwater and waste water management and infrastructure to prioritise works and improvements. All 21 beaches monitored in the Illawarra region were graded as Good or Very Good in 2014-15. This information is available on the OEH website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/ar1415/SOB2015illawarra/index.html.

The NSW Government's Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) is developing options for enhancing marine biodiversity conservation while bioregion, which includes the Illawarra coastline and estuaries. Public submissions on eight proposed initiatives prescribed in the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Assessment Discussion Paper MEMA, 2016) closed on 8 May 2016. MEMA is considering the issues raised during the public consultation, and other social, economic and environmental information, and will make recommendations to government in the near future.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulates discharges to water using conditions it places on the environment protection licences that are issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. On the Illawarra coastline this includes major industries such as Port Kembla Steelworks (Biuescope Steel Pty Ltd) and municipal sewage treatment plants at Bellambi, Coniston, Port Kembla, Shell harbour and Bombo (Sydney Water Corporation). Copies of these licences and other regulatory information can be found on the EPA Public Register at www.epa.nsw.gov.au.

The EPA works with all stakeholders to improve water quality in NSW and encourages everyone to play a role by reporting pollution incidents to the 24/7 Environment Line 131 555 as soon as possible.

On 14 September 2015 the Premier announced a new priority goal to achieve a 40 per cent reduction in litter volume by 2020. The EPA is taking action to help achieve this ambitious goal. Littered containers account for the largest proportion of litter volume in NSW. An estimated 160 million containers were littered in 2014-15 representing 44 per cent of the total volume of litter. The NSW Government recently committed to introducing legislation to establish a 10 cent refund CDS for NSW commencing from July 2017. The introduction of a CDS will be a major step toward meeting the Premier's Priority goal to reduce the volume of litter.

*3143 POLICE CALL-OUT TIMES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many police call-outs were there in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate from January 2012 to January 2015:
 - (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?
- (2) What was the average response time between a call for assistance being placed and a police officer arriving at the scene in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate from January 2012 to January 2015:
 - (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?

- (3) What was the longest, average and shortest police response times from call-out to arrival in each year from January 2012 to January 2016 in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate:
- (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?

Answer—

NSW Police Force response times vary depending on a range of factors and the priority given.

*3144 AMBULANCE WAIT TIMES IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many ambulance call-outs were there in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate year from January 2012 to January 2015:
- (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?
- (2) What was the average response time between a call for assistance being placed and an ambulance arriving at the scene in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate from January 2012 to January 2015:
- (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?
- (3) On how many occasions were the patients alive at the time of the call to 000 and deceased when the ambulance arrived at the scene in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate from from January 2012 to January 2015:
- (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?
- (4) What was the longest, average and shortest ambulance response times from call-out to arrival in each year from January 2012 to January 2016 in the following suburbs in the Keira electorate:
- (a) Woonona?
 - (b) Figtree?
 - (c) Keiraville?
 - (d) Coledale?
 - (e) Thirroul?
 - (f) Corrimal?
 - (g) Balgownie?

Answer—

Ambulance response times are published on the NSW Ambulance website at: <http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/Our-performance/Response-Times.html>.

*3145 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

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- (1) How many patients have used the urgent primary care centre at Bulli Hospital over the twelve months to 3 May 2016?
- (2) What is the monthly average for patients using the urgent primary care centre at Bulli Hospital?
- (3) What is the average waiting time for patients using the urgent primary care centre?
- (4) How many patients had to be transferred to Wollongong Hospital for further treatment in 2015?
- (5) How many times was the centre closed due to a lack of available staff in 2015?

Answer—

Data relating to activity and performance of NSW public hospitals is regularly published by the Bureau of Health Information. The Bureau's website is www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*3146 APPIN ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How successful have point-to-point cameras been since their installation in New South Wales?
- (2) Is Appin Road is being considered as a future location for point-to-point camera installation?

Answer—

Information on point-to-point enforcement is available in the Transport for NSW 2015 Annual Speed Camera Performance Review.

Transport for NSW continues to monitor all speed camera programs in New South Wales.

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*3147 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in the Mount Druitt electorate do not have air conditioning installed in their classrooms and school halls?
 - (a) What are the names of these schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education's Air Cooling Policy provides air cooling for all habitable spaces in schools located in areas at and above 33 degrees Celsius mean maximum January temperature and to permanent classrooms in specific spaces in schools where the mean maximum January temperature is 30 degrees Celsius and over. In addition, air cooling is provided in all demountable teaching spaces.

The Department does not hold central records in relation to the number of classrooms air cooled at every school across New South Wales, as schools often air cool spaces with their own funds, outside of the Air Cooling Policy's requirements.

*3148 EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICES AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Can the Minister provide details of plans, including timing and cost, for the relocation of a Fire and Rescue NSW unit to the grounds of Mount Druitt Hospital with reference to the response to LA question 0925?

Answer—

A new fire station will be built at Mount Druitt on land that was previously part of the Mount Druitt Hospital grounds. The project is currently in the design phase with plans yet to be finalised.

*3149 EMERGENCY SURGERY AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients underwent emergency surgery at Blacktown Hospital from the following postcodes during 2015:
 - (a) 2770?
 - (b) 2761?
 - (c) 2766?

Answer—

Data relating to activity and performance of NSW public hospitals is regularly published by the Bureau

of Health Information. The Bureau's website is www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*3150 ADMISSIONS TO BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL MEDICAL WARD—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients were admitted to a medical ward at Blacktown Hospital during 2015 from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2770?
 - (b) 2761?
 - (c) 2766?

Answer—

Data relating to activity and performance of NSW public hospitals is regularly published by the Bureau of Health Information. The Bureau's website is www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

*3151 ROADSIDE CAR SALES—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—

Does the Government have any plans to introduce legislation to stop the emerging practice of roadside private car sales?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Local Government.

*3152 CCTV CAMERAS FOR MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

In light of a recent violent incident at the Mount Druitt Railway Station, what plans does Government have to invest in CCTV cameras in public areas in the Mount Druitt electorate?

Answer—

In February 2015, the NSW Government announced a \$20 million boost to improve customer safety and security at stations across NSW as part of the Transport Access Program. This is in addition to the \$40 million Park and Travel Safety Fund already invested. The Transport Access Program provides modern, safe and accessible transport infrastructure where it is needed most. Safety improvements have been completed at more than 30 locations across Western Sydney and include the provision of CCTV cameras, lighting, additional fencing and the roll-out of help points for customers.

Customers in Mount Druitt electorate have already benefited from safety improvements at Rooty Hill Station and Mount Druitt commuter car park.

Mount Druitt Station is attended by staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is currently equipped with CCTV cameras and a help point.

The NSW Government remains committed to improving public transport services and providing a world-class transport system people want to use.

*3153 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) How many applications were made by residents in the Granville electorate to the Community Support Program in each of the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15?
 - (a) How many of these applications made by residents were successful?
- (2) How many applications were made by residents in the Granville electorate to the Community Support Program in the year to date (as at 10 May 2015)?
- (3) How many applications made by residents to the Community Support Program in each of the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15 were successful?
- (4) How many applications made by residents in the Granville electorate to the Community Support Program have been successful in the year to date (as at 10 May 2016)?
- (5) What is the average waiting time before an application made by a resident from the Granville electorate to the Community Support Program is approved?
- (6) What is the average waiting time before any services are provided to a successful applicant from the Granville electorate to the Community Support Program?

Answer—

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(1) and (3) In 2013-14 one Community Support Program (CSP) application was received from an individual residing in the Granville electorate, which was successful. In 2014-15, four CSP applications were received from individuals residing in the Granville electorate. Two of these were successful.

(2) and (4) From 1 July 2015 to 10 May 2016, one CSP application has been received from an individual residing in the Granville electorate. This applicant has been deemed eligible.

(5) and (6) If an applicant is eligible for the CSP, I am advised the time taken for services to commence is dependent on when related processes can be completed by the applicant. Further information about the Community Support Program is available on the FACS website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*3154 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE ACTIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many drivers who reside in the electorate of Granville have had their licences cancelled or suspended by the State Debt Recovery Office in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (2) How many vehicles that were registered in the electorate of Granville had their registration cancelled in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (3) How many residents in the electorate of Granville had their assets seized or amounts deducted from their salary in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

(1) The table below provides the total number of residents with postcodes within the Granville electorate whose NSW Driver Licence was suspended for fine default for the periods requested. The Commissioner for Fines Administration (formerly State Debt Recovery Office) has not exercised the power to cancel a licence since the Fines Act 1996 commenced in 1998.

Financial Year	License Suspended
2012-13	4,655
2013-14	5,484
2014-15	4,425

(2) The table below provides the total number of vehicles registered in postcodes within the Granville electorate which were cancelled for fine default for the periods requested.

Financial Year	Registration Cancelled
2012-13	1,840
2013-14	1,764
2014-15	1,649

(3) The table below provides the residents with postcodes within the Granville electorate that had assets seized under a property seizure order issued for fine default, and the total number of residents whose wages were deducted under an employer garnishee order issued for fine defaults for the periods requested

Financial Year	Assets Seized (Property Seizure Order)	Assets Seized (Employer Garnishee Order)
2012-13	0	3
2013-14	0	68
2014-15	0	90

*3155 PARRAMATTA ROAD RAIL LEVEL CROSSING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How regularly is the level crossing at Parramatta Road (for the Carlingford railway line) inspected for safety reasons?
- (2) How many infringement notices at this crossing were issued in the 2014-15 financial year for:
 - (a) Failing to stop and give way at a stop sign or stop line at a level crossing?
 - (b) Entering a level crossing when the warning lights, bells or boom gates are operating?
 - (c) Entering a level crossing when a train is approaching and there is any danger of a collision?
 - (d) Entering a level crossing when vehicles prevent the motorist from clearing the crossing?
- (3) How many incidents since 1998 at this crossing have there been of a train colliding?

- (a) With a road vehicle at the level crossing?
(b) With a person at the level crossing?

Answer—

(1) Sydney Trains conducts the following routine maintenance inspections on the Parramatta Road level crossing to ensure network safety:

- Detailed Examination by Signal Maintainer every two months
- General Examination & Sighting by Signal Engineer every six months
- Level Crossing Examination by Track Maintainer annually
- Insulation testing of wiring by Signal Maintainer every four years
- Asset Management Review by Signal Maintainer every two years
- Sighting Distance Examination by Track Engineer is conducted whenever there is a change in configuration

(2) This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services & Property.

(3) Information on level crossing incidents is available from Office Of The National Rail Safety Regulator.

*3156 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN LAKE MACQUARIE AND NEWCASTLE REGION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the Government doing to address the increasing unemployment rates in the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle region?

Answer—

The unemployment rate for Newcastle and Lake Macquarie dropped from 8.1% in April 2015 to 6.8% in April 2016 (Australian Bureau of Statistics Labour Force Employment Profile).

The NSW Government is driving jobs growth throughout the region by investing in infrastructure through Rebuilding NSW. This is in addition to a range of other initiatives, including the Jobs Action Plan, which offers payroll tax rebates to companies that create new jobs; the Small Business Grant, which provides incentives for non-payroll tax paying businesses to recruit; and approximately \$3 billion investment in critical infrastructure across the Hunter region in the 2015-2019 period.

*3157 SOCIAL HOUSING TENANTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many social housing tenants have been evicted under the Government's three-strike rules for anti-social behavior since the legislation was introduced in 2015?

Answer—

The NSW Government's three strikes policy was implemented in February 2016 and several tenants have received strikes.

*3158 REVERSE VENDING MACHINES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

How will locations for reverse vending machines be determined as part of the successful cash-for-containers scheme adopted by the Government?

Answer—

The proposed container deposit scheme will have statewide coverage. The NSW Container Deposit Scheme Implementation Working Group has been established to provide advice on a range of issues including the use of technology, such as RVMs and the establishment of the collection network.

*3159 PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA VACCINE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health—

Considering that Lung Foundation Australia claims that 87 percent of seniors aged 65 to 74 believe they do not require a pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine as they felt fit and healthy, what measures is the Government taking to protect the health of seniors by promoting the pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine?

Answer—

The Australian Immunisation Handbook recommends a single dose of 23-valent pneumococcal vaccine for non-indigenous adults at 65 years of age who do not have a condition associated with an increased risk of invasive pneumococcal disease.

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A second dose of pneumococcal vaccine is recommended five years after the first dose for adults with a condition associated with an increased risk of invasive pneumococcal disease. Aboriginal people are recommended to have a dose at 50 years of age, followed by a second dose 5 years later.

At the commencement of the influenza season each year, Health Protection NSW writes to immunisation providers to promote seasonal influenza and pneumococcal vaccination in line with the Australian Immunisation Handbook recommendations.

NSW Health distributes over 100,000 doses of 23-valent pneumococcal vaccine each year to immunisation providers such as general practitioners, Aboriginal medical services and aged care facilities.

*3160 CROWDFUNDING FRAUD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What measures is the Government considering to crack down on fraud and scams using online crowdfunding sites?
- (2) How many complaints or reports of online fraud related to crowdfunding sites have been reported in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Fair Trading provides a free complaint handling service for anyone who believes they have been subject to fraud relating to crowdfunding sites. Fair Trading assesses all complaints and determines if further action will be taken, including whether the matter should proceed for compliance action. The laws administered by Fair Trading set minimum standards for business; and under those laws Fair Trading has a range of civil, administrative and criminal enforcement remedies at its disposal.
- (2) A search of NSW Fair Trading database has revealed two complaints relating to crowdfunding have been received matters since 1 January 2011, one in 2014 and one in 2016.

*3161 BUS RATIONALISATION PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to remove bus stops in Marrickville under its bus rationalisation program?
- (2) What consultation will the Government undertake in the event it plans to remove bus stops in Marrickville?
- (3) What provisions will the Government put in place to ensure elderly passengers, passengers with young families and passengers with a disability will not be adversely affected by any decision to remove bus stops and shelters?

Answer—

Sydney's Bus Future includes information on a range of projects to improve bus service reliability on key corridors, including corridors through Marrickville.

Consultation with the community, including with council, will be carried out once proposals are finalised.

*3162 MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOLS IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the overall estimated cost of repairs and improvements required for each of the schools in The Entrance electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at 11 May 2016)?
- (2) What were the actual costs allocated to completed repairs and improvements at each of the schools in The Entrance electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at 11 May 2016)?
- (3) What are all the current repairs and improvements required for each school in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Information regarding maintenance can be found on the Department of Education's website.

Final maintenance expenditure for each school will be available at the end of the 2015-16 financial year and published on the Department of Education's website.

*3163 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) When will the Minister respond to my letter requesting additional funding for Wyong Shire Council towards storm cleanup (reference:090/16/mp dated 29 March 2016)?

- (2) When will the Minister respond to my letter regarding the January storms (reference: 015/16/cw dated 19 January 2016)?

Answer—

I am advised that responses to both of the Member's letters have been sent.

- *3164 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE DEMOUNTABLES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms were relocated to a different school for the beginning of the:
(a) 2015 school year?
(b) 2016 school year?
- (2) How many demountable classrooms are currently used by Outside of School Hour Care (OSHC) providers?
- (3) How many demountable classrooms which were relocated for the 2016 school year were previously used by OSHC providers?

Answer—

- (1) Information regarding demountable classrooms is available on the Department of Education's website.
(2) and (3) Use of school facilities by Outside of School Hour Care (OSHC) providers is a decision made by the school principal. The Department does not hold this information centrally.

- *3165 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are currently located at schools in the Port Stephens electorate?
(2) What is the total number of demountable classrooms located at:
(a) Karuah Public School?
(b) Tea Gardens Public School?
(c) Anna Bay Public School?
(d) Bobs Farm Public School?
(e) Grahamstown Public School?
(f) Hinton Public School?
(g) Iona Primary School?
(h) Irrawang Public School?
(i) Medowie Public School?
(j) Mount Kanwary Public School?
(k) Raymond Terrace Public School?
(l) Salt Ash Public School?
(m) Seaham Public School?
(n) Shoal Bay Public School?
(o) Soldiers Point Public School?
(p) Tanilba Bay Public School?
(q) Tomaree Public School?
(r) Wirreanda Public School?
(s) Hunter River High School?
(t) Irrawang High School?
(u) Tomaree High School?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) Currently there are 39 demountables across 21 schools in the Port Stephens electorate.

- *3166 NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many crashes from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015 that occurred around Paul's Corner, Salt Ash have been categorised as:
(a) Fatal?
(b) Serious injury?
(c) Moderate injury?
(d) Minor, uncategorised or other injury?
(e) Non-casualty?
- (2) How many crashes from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015 that occurred along the full length of

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Richardson Road, from Raymond Terrace to Salt Ash, have been categorised as:

- (a) Fatal?
 - (b) Serious injury?
 - (c) Moderate injury?
 - (d) Minor, uncategorised or other injury?
 - (e) Non-casualty?
- (3) How many crashes from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015 that occurred along the full length of Marsh Road, Bobs Farm, have been categorised as:
- (a) Fatal?
 - (b) Serious injury?
 - (c) Moderate injury?
 - (d) Minor, uncategorised or other injury?
 - (e) Non-casualty?
- (4) How many crashes from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015 that occurred along the full length of Lemon Tree Passage Road have been categorised as:
- (a) Fatal?
 - (b) Serious injury?
 - (c) Moderate injury?
 - (d) Minor, uncategorised or other injury?
 - (e) Non-casualty?

Answer—

Finalised crash statistics are available on the Centre for Road Safety website. Crash data for the years 2014 and 2015 will be uploaded once they have been finalised.

*3167 MAYOR MACKENZIE CONDUCT—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

What action will the Minister and/or the Office of Local Government take against Mayor of Port Stephens Bruce MacKenzie following the fine issued by the Environment Protection Authority to his company Macka's Sand and Soil, for having 360 tonnes of asbestos waste on its premises which was in breach of a prior clean up notice issued by the Environment Protection Authority in 2013 and constituted land pollution under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997?

Answer—

The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 is the responsibility of the Minister for the Environment.

*3168 WARNING ISSUED TO MAYOR OF PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

What action will the Minister and/or the Office of Local Government take against the Mayor of Port Stephens Bruce MacKenzie following the warning issued by the Department of Planning and Environment to his company Macka's Sand and Soil, for having ten trucks over four days arriving up to an hour earlier than the approved 5am operating time, in breach of approval conditions for hours of operation at the quarry?

Answer—

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 is the responsibility of the Minister for Planning.

*3169 SENIORS LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) On what date were Government Members notified of the nomination details and opening dates of the Seniors Local Achievement Awards?
- (2) On what date were Opposition Members notified of the nomination details and opening dates of the Seniors Local Achievement Awards?

Answer—

All Members of Parliament were invited to recognise and celebrate the achievements of seniors in their local electorate by running their own Achievement Awards program.

I am advised all Members of Parliament were notified via email from my office by Tuesday 1 March 2016.

*3170 AGED CARE SKILLS SHORTAGE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the Government's plan to address the shortage of aged care workers in the Port Stephens electorate?
- (2) Will the Government commit to an immediate plan to increase the number of people trained in aged care in the Port Stephens area, to ensure that this shortage does not have a long-term impact on the lives of our elderly population?
- (3) Will the Government commit to returning funding to the Tomaree Community College so it can offer courses in aged care which are affordable to students?

Answer—

(1) While there is no identified shortage of aged care workers in the Port Stephens electorate the NSW Government has a number of strategies to address skills shortages and provide aged care training.

The NSW Government is addressing skills shortages by:

- Building a vocational education and training system which directs funding towards qualifications that are linked to jobs, creates training opportunities for more people, and opens up free training to the most vulnerable in society.
- Investing in TAFE NSW as the public provider while supporting TAFE NSW as it transforms into an efficient, flexible and modern vocational education and training institution.

Subsidising qualifications that are linked to jobs, creating more training opportunities and providing free training to those who need it

Under Smart and Skilled the NSW Government funds over 7 40 qualifications that have been identified as supporting jobs which are in demand or in critical niche sectors. There are 41 government-subsidised aged care qualifications on the 2016 Skills List.

The NSW Government is addressing skills shortages by increasing opportunities to train and participate. Measures implemented since 1 January 2015 include:

- Investing \$2.3 billion in vocational education and training; supporting over 510,000 training places this financial year.
- \$25 million for the Jobs of Tomorrow scholarships; making available 25,000 scholarships for students to encourage them to enrol in qualifications in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These disciplines make up three-quarters of Australia's fastest growing occupations.
- Investing up to \$100 million to increase training options for employers, and supporting over 47,000 training places for apprentices and trainees.
- Investing \$10 million into fee-free pre-apprenticeship and pre-traineeship training, targeting school leavers.
- Capped fees for traineeships at \$1,000 from this year; meaning that over 85 per cent of traineeship qualifications on the NSW Skills List are cheaper for students than they were in 2015, with the average saving being \$1,128.
- Capped fees for apprenticeships at \$2,000.
- Ensuring training is affordable by keeping 2016 student fees at 2015 levels. The NSW Government pays an average of 90 per cent of the cost of foundation skills, 75 per cent of Certificate II- III, 70 per cent of Certificate IV and 60 per cent of Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas.
- \$48 million in fee-free scholarships for disadvantaged young people and for survivors of domestic violence.
- Investing \$10 million for an additional 2,000 places for students undertaking qualifications at Certificate IV level or above to support the workforce skills needs of the NDIS rollout in NSW. Qualifications identified to support the delivery of aged care include the Certificate IV in Ageing Support, Certificate IV in Community Services and Diploma of Community Services.

There are early signs that this investment is working.

Our \$10 million pre-apprenticeship and pre-traineeship program was fully subscribed in just seven months; with over 6,000 people enrolling in the fee-free training.

Nearly 22,000 young people are training under our fee-free scholarship program; with over 2,100 of these people coming from social housing.

Our \$100 million investment in apprenticeships and traineeships has seen a turnaround in approvals this year. NSW Department of Industry approvals data for the April 2016 calendar year shows that apprenticeships and traineeships are up by almost 2,000 approvals or 11 per cent (from 17,650 for the period January to April 2015 compared to 19,584 for the same period in 2016).

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Investing in TAFE NSW as the public provider

The NSW Government is investing over \$1.9 billion in TAFE NSW, a \$122 million increase on last year.

Through its \$1.9 billion investment in TAFE NSW, the NSW Government is addressing skills shortages in New South Wales.

Leveraging the NSW Government's \$100 million capital works allocation, TAFE NSW is investing in modern, industry-standard facilities, establishing specialist industry centres of excellence and developing online learning portals to provide students with access to training on the latest equipment and technology.

This also helps ensure industry has the skilled workers needed to meet the NSW Government's record \$60 billion infrastructure building program.

The NSW Government is focused on building a strong, modern TAFE NSW that will continue to innovate and train students for not only the jobs of today but those needed in the future.

The NSW Government's investments in TAFE NSW facilities in the Hunter include:

- Kurri Kurri Campus - Plant, Heavy Vehicle and Auto Electrical Training Centre - an investment of \$13.1 million.
- Maitland Campus - Building Finishing Centre - worth nearly \$10 million.

(2) Training Services NSW has established the Hunter Care Alliance (which includes Port Stephens) to provide a coordinated approach towards training and workforce needs in aged care, disability care, home and community care in the broader Hunter region. Members of the Alliance include major aged care organisations.

Following the first meeting on 5 May 2016, the Alliance will meet bi-monthly to identify training needs for existing workers and new entrant trainees, schoolbased traineeships and pre-vocational training requirements for individual care facilities across the region. Job Active providers will be invited to participate to link jobseekers with employment opportunities.

(3) In 2016 the NSW Government has increased its commitment of funding to the Tomaree Community College and the College should be able to meet any demand for aged care training that may develop.

*3171 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Has the Commonwealth Government provided funding towards the construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass in the 2016-17 Budget?

(a) If so, what is the amount of funding provided?

(2) What conditions apply to the use of the funding?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) \$52.5 million.

(2) The funding is provided through the Commonwealth's Asset Recycling Initiative.

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*3172 WAIT TIMES AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

What is the average waiting time for a non-urgent patient to see a public orthopedic specialist at Maitland Hospital outpatient clinic?

Answer—

All appointments are allocated in order of clinical priority.

*3173 AMBULANCE STATION IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Has a site been selected for the new and/or upgraded ambulance station in the Maitland area (reference LA question 0528)?

(a) If so, where is this site?

- (2) How many ambulances are currently available in the Maitland area?
- (3) How many ambulances will be allocated to the new/upgraded ambulance station?
- (4) What funds have been allocated for the construction or upgrade?
 - (a) Will additional funds be allocated in the upcoming budget?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The 2015-2016 NSW State Budget included an investment of \$122 million over ten years for the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration program, including Maitland.

The Government has made a \$3.8 million commitment towards the construction or upgrade of the ambulance station for the Maitland region.

- *3174 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Are there any plans to privatise Hunter Water Corporation?

Answer—

The Government has no intention to privatise Hunter Water at this time.

- *3175 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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 mental health services are available in Maitland?
 - (a) Which of these mental health services receive state funding?
 - (b) How much funding is allocated disaggregated by service?
- (2) How many hours of face-to-face outpatient public mental health services are available in Maitland per week?
- (3) How many hours of face-to-face residential or inpatient public mental health services are available in Maitland per week?
- (4) What is the waiting time for people waiting to access public outpatient mental health services?
- (5) What is the waiting time for people waiting to access residential or inpatient public mental health services?

Answer—

Information about mental health services for the Hunter New England Local Health District is available at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

- *3176 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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 Minister aware that only 1 in 5 women living in the Central Coast escaping domestic violence are being accommodated because they can't get accommodation in either refuges or motels/caravans?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that a major local operator says up to 2 women are sleeping in cars and tents each week on the Central Coast due to a lack of crisis accommodation?

Answer—

The NSW Government is investing a record amount of money in tackling the scourge of domestic and family violence, one of the biggest social issues affecting the lives of women and children.

Last October I was pleased to stand with the Premier, and the Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing to announce additional support to Specialist Homelessness Services.

I am advised the NSW Government recently informed local service providers who received a funding boost.

The funding boost means women escaping domestic and family violence will have more access to support, housing and financial assistance.

For further details about this funding and other housing supports, this question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing, the Han Brad Hazzard MP, who administers Specialist Homelessness Services.

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*3177 FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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) Which refuges will the \$20 million earmarked for women's domestic violence refuges be directed to?
- (2) Will 24 hour on-call access be implemented at every refuge?
- (3) Are regional contacts suitable when Link2Home already exists and most refuges would prefer having a staff member on call?

Answer—

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*3178 TESTERS HOLLOW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Government provide funding in the upcoming Budget to commence planning and/or upgrading of Cessnock Road at Testers Hollow (reference LA question 2312)?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to my response to LA2312.

*3179 SURETY BONDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General—

With reference to the New South Wales Trustee and Guardian's provision of surety bonds to private managers, what is the total sum of fees associated with these bonds that are projected to be paid by private managers in the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised this information is not available.

*3180 SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Do the Social Impacts Bonds being delivered as Newpin and the Benevolent Society Bond have measures and performance criteria against which success or failure can be measured?
- (2) Are the measures and performance criteria publicly listed and available?
 - (a) If yes, where can they be found?
- (3) Who sets and drafts the measures and performance criteria for each of the Bonds?
- (4) Will the measures and performance criteria that will be used to measure success and subsequent financial return on investment not change during delivery of the program?
- (5) Was the Newpin program considered successful and deemed to be meeting and delivering its objectives when it was a Government funded program?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Information about measures and performance criteria is available online at www.dpc.nsw.gov.au.

*3181 SAFEWORK NSW YOUTUBE PRODUCTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Were the production costs of the YouTube productions uploaded by SafeWork NSW 'WorkCover Injured Workers Forum' on 14 July 2015 and 'Creating a Better Workers Compensation System for NSW' on 3 August 2015 fully funded by SafeWork NSW?

(a) If yes, what was the cost of each?

(b) If no, who financed the production costs and what was the cost to each contributor?

Answer—

These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*3182 FUNDING FOR FLYING FOX CAMPS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) How much funding was provided in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (as at 12 May 2016) for reserve management funding for Flying Fox Camp Management Plans?

(2) At what locations was the funding provided for?

Answer—

(1) and (2) No funding has been provided in the years identified.

*3183 SOCIAL IMPACTS BONDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) On what basis do you determine that the two social benefit bonds referred to by you in an answer to a Question Without Notice on 10 May 2016 were 'successfully delivered'?

(2) Do these Social Impacts Bonds have measures and performance criteria against which a success or failure can be measured?

(3) Are the measures and performance criteria publicly listed and available?

(a) If so, where can they be found?

(4) Who sets and drafts the measures and performance criteria for each of the Bonds that were referred to?

(5) Was the Newpin program considered successful and deemed to be meeting and delivering its objectives when it was a Government funded program?

(6) What are the terms and conditions of returns for private investors?

(a) Are these terms and conditions of returns for private investors publicly available?

(i) If so, where can they be found?

(7) What was the total injection of funds into these 'successfully delivered' programs by the various investors?

(8) What will be the total cost to the New South Wales Budget in payment of the returns of investment upon completion and financial maturity?

(9) Is there a timing (year) for payment from the New South Wales budget back to the investors for the two successful bond programs that were referred to?

Answer—

The NSW Government successfully established Australia's first social benefit bonds (SBBs - also known as social impact bonds) in 2013, and the bonds are still in operation.

The most recent results for the Newpin SBB were measured on 30 June 2015. At that time the Newpin program had achieved a cumulative net restoration rate of 62 per cent, compared to a business as usual rate of 25 per cent. This delivered an 8.9 per cent return to investors, building on the 7.5 per cent return they received for the 60 per cent restoration rate in the first year of operation. Over its first two years the SBB has restored 66 children to their families and supported 35 families to prevent their children entering out of home care.

For the Benevolent Society SBB, payments to investors are not made until the end of the 5-year term. However, the NSW Government is encouraged by the early achievements of the service and will continue to monitor the progress of the Bond closely.

I refer you to websites including the Office of Social Impact Investment and our partners in the bonds - Uniting and The Benevolent Society, for future information relating to your questions.

*3184 IMPACT ON NEW SOUTH WALES BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011

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- on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-13 Budget?
- (2) What departments took steps to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
 - (3) What were the steps that were implemented, in the form of various fees and charges, as a result of the anticipated effect on departmental budgets?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
 - (4) Were there any legacy fees or charges, introduced as new in 2012-13 or 2013-14, still in place and still being paid for by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill in the 2015-16 Budget?
 - (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid for by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

- (1) I refer you to the New South Wales Budget Papers.
- (2) to (5) This information is held by multiple departments, therefore more appropriately directed to the respective Ministers.

*3185 VALUE CAPTURE FOR PARRAMATTA PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Has a final decision about the use of the value capture concept been made with regard to Parramatta projects?
- (2) Has value capture been implemented to fund and account for rail and light rail projects in Parramatta?
- (3) What is the expected/modelled annual revenue intake from value capture for the Parramatta Light Rail?
- (4) What are the proposed geographical boundaries for any proposed value capture model to be applied to the Parramatta Light Rail?
 - (a) Where can the mapping that applies to this modelling be viewed?
- (5) What are the proposed charges per square metre that Treasury NSW has modelled regarding the Special Infrastructure Contribution to fund value capture?
- (6) What is the average amount that those homes/houses/flats/units/apartments subject to value capture would pay for the Parramatta Light Rail under NSW Treasury modelling?
- (7) Does the Government have any plans to apply value capture to any other projects across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that this question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

I look forward to the Opposition's ongoing support for Parramatta Light Rail.

*3186 PENSIONER AND SENIORS CONCESSIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to the Pensioner and Seniors Concessions that, prior to the Commonwealth 2014-15 Budget, have historically been co-funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments:

- (1) What was the total funding toward the Pensioner and Seniors Concessions scheme from the Government and the Commonwealth Government in each of the financial years from 2014-15 to 2015-16?
 - (a) What was the respective balance of these contributions?
- (2) What will be the total funding toward this scheme and what will be the respective balance of contributions from the Government and Commonwealth Government in the 2016-17 financial year?
- (3) Since the May 2014 Commonwealth Budget, which sought to withdraw from funding concessions for Pensioners and Seniors, has any New South Wales Treasurer sought to have this matter listed for any Council of Australian Governments (COAG) discussions or agenda?
 - (a) If so, which Treasurer sought to have this matter listed at the COAG meeting?
 - (i) At which COAG meeting(s) was the matter listed and discussed?

(ii) What was the outcome?

- (4) What was State to Commonwealth breakdown of funding amounts in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (to 12 May 2016) for each of the following:
- Public transport concessions?
 - Council rates?
 - Water bill exemptions?
 - Electricity rebates?
 - Fee exemptions for driver's licences, tests and mobility parking schemes?

Answer—

I refer you to the New South Wales Budget Papers.

*3187 NEW SOUTH WALES DEBT AND LIABILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- What was the net debt of New South Wales as at 30 April 2016?
- What was the gross debt of New South Wales as at 30 April 2016?
- What was the total value of funds, from asset sales, held by Restart NSW as at 30 April 2016?
- In the financial year 2011-12, what caused the net debt to jump to \$14.127 billion from its 2010-11 position of \$7.96 billion?
- What funding sources were used to reduce the 2011-12 net debt of \$14.127 billion to the 2013-14 level of \$6.869 billion?
- Were asset sales used to reduce the 2011-12 net debt?
 - If so, what asset sales were used and at what value of sale?
- What caused the net financial liabilities to jump from the 2010-11 level of \$55.022 billion to the 2011-12 level of \$79.512 billion?

Answer—

I refer you to the New South Wales Budget Papers.

*3188 SES STORM RESPONSE TRUCK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

When can the Newcastle SES expect to have their 23 year old storm response truck replaced?

Answer—

I am advised by the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) that the City of Newcastle Unit received a new Medium Storm Response Truck in June 2015.

*3189 SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

When will the Government introduce a ban on single use plastic bags?

Answer—

The NSW Government has convened an inter-jurisdictional committee with the Queensland and Victorian Governments to further assess policy options for an east coast approach, including a ban, with respect to the impacts of single use lightweight plastic shopping bags.

*3190 TREE TRIMMING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- What measures does the Government have in place to ensure that street trees are pruned correctly by Ausgrid contractors?
- What measures does the Government have in place if street trees are incorrectly pruned by Ausgrid contractors?
 - If a tree is incorrectly pruned by Ausgrid contractors and is required to be completely removed, does the Government provide compensation to the owner of the tree?

Answer—

(1) Trees that grow through or near overhead electricity mains can create a serious hazard to the public and adversely affect the reliability of the electricity supply.

Ausgrid's responsibility to safely manage vegetation growing near its assets is set out under the NSW Electricity Supply Act 1995 and the Electrical Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014.

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Requirements for contractors maintaining minimum safety clearances around Ausgrid's overhead network are also set out in ISSC3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation near Powerlines (ISSC3). In addition, contractors must trim in accordance with the Australian Standard 4373 - Pruning of Amenity Trees (AS4373).

Vegetation management around the network is overseen by Ausgrid's contract inspectors and qualified arborists. Under Ausgrid's tree trimming contracts, companies must employ one arborist and one horticulturalist per contract to oversee works and undertake compliance checking as part of a self-audit program. Contract crews are required to have appropriate qualifications and should refer the proposed removal of significant limbs to Ausgrid's arborist for risk assessment and consultation with Council.

Regular site inspections and random audits are performed by Ausgrid's arborist, contract officers and management to assess the standard of pruning and its compliance with the minimum safety clearances and the industry and Australian standard. These checks are completed both before and after tree trimming works to allow appropriate comparison. Ausgrid arborists also inspect all pruning which has been subject to customer or council complaint.

Councils are advised of programmed tree trimming works in advance so they can consider whether to remove or replace inappropriate species planted directly under the electricity network. Ausgrid also supports a tree removal program for hazardous trees, including inappropriate species planted directly underneath the network which will not respond well to pruning.

(2) Contractors are required to rectify any incorrect pruning. In the past, inspections by Ausgrid and contractors have only identified minor compliance issues against the industry and Australian standard.

Vegetation management contracts include a non-conformance system which monitors the performance of the contractor and individual employees. Should any contractors be found to carry out defective pruning they would be issued with a non-conformance notice which would be recorded against the contract's performance requirements. Repeated non-conformances may result in an individual being removed from the works and/or retrained. Consistent poor performance across a range of indicators could result in no further contracts or contract extensions being issued.

(a) Ausgrid is not aware of any trees required to be removed as a result of pruning by its contractors. In some circumstances Ausgrid works with local councils and property owners to remove any hazardous trees identified during pruning cycles, at no cost to the land owner.

*3191 NEWCASTLE LIQUOR LICENSING LAWS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Does the Government currently have plans to review Newcastle liquor licensing laws?

Answer—

The operation of existing liquor licensing arrangements in Newcastle is monitored on a regular basis as part of the ongoing responsibilities of Liquor & Gaming NSW, and enforcement action is taken as appropriate.

*3192 NEWCASTLE BOGEY HOLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What is the current status of the geotechnical study currently being undertaken at the Bogey Hole in Newcastle?
- (2) When will the report of this study be released?
- (3) What is the expected cost of repair works required so that the site can reopen?
- (4) On what date will the Bogey Hole reopen?

Answer—

- (1) The Geotechnical Assessment Report is in draft and is in the process of being finalised.
- (2) The Geotechnical Assessment Report will be placed on the Department of Primary Industries- Lands website once it is complete.
- (3) and (4) This is dependant in part upon the finalisation of the report.

*3193 KING EDWARD PARK, HEADLAND RESERVE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Why was Schedule 1 of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 amended to include a function centre as a permitted use given the Plan of Management on which Schedule 1 relied, was under challenge in the Land and Environment Court at the time?
- (2) What development is now permissible on the former bowling club site on King Edward Park Headland Reserve?

Answer—

These are land use planning matters, which are regulated by Newcastle City Council under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Land use matters are the responsibility of the Minister for Planning.

- *3194 STOCKTON BOAT HARBOUR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What are the estimated costs of repairs required at the Stockton boat harbour?
- (2) When will these repair works be carried out?
- (3) What was the cost of repair works carried out at the Wollongong slipway?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Information on the Stockton Harbour Remediation Project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

(3) Matters relating to the Wollongong slipway should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water.

- *3195 FLASHING LIGHTS AT NEWCASTLE SCHOOLS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Have all schools in the Newcastle electorate received at least one set of flashing lights as promised under the School Flashing Lights Program?
- (2) What are the criteria for assessing the roll-out of the second phase of the program?
- (3) Have any schools in the Newcastle electorate applied for, or made the Government aware of, the need for a second set of flashing lights?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) All applications will be assessed and prioritised using the School Pedestrian Risk Model, which takes into account foot traffic, the speed limit, vehicle volumes, lane numbers, sight distance and the type of pedestrian facilities installed.
- (3) Yes.

- *3196 HIRE CARS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What financial assistance or compensation is the Government providing to Hire Car License holders as part of the point to point transport reforms?

Answer—

The NSW Government has committed to a \$250 million industry assistance package to help taxi and hire car licence plate owners.

For perpetual hire car licence owners, the adjustment package will include \$10 million to assist owners and a hardship fund of \$142 million for taxi and hire car licensees facing significant financial difficulties as a result of the changes.

- *3197 HAZARD REDUCTION FIRES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What criteria are used to determine the timing and number of hazard reduction fires underway at any one time?
- (2) How much notice is given to affected communities about fires and potential smoke impacts?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that vulnerable people with respiratory conditions such as asthma do not suffer from smoke impacts?
- (4) How is information about hazard reduction fire smoke impacts:
 - (a) Provided to the community?

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(b) Included in the Rural Fire Service 'Fires Near Me' App?

(5) Noting the significant smoke affecting Sydney after recent hazard reduction fires, what further action will the Government take to prevent hazard reduction fire smoke impacts?

Answer—

(1) Hazard reductions are well planned and resourced, with comprehensive environmental and community risk assessments undertaken prior to any hazard reduction work taking place. There are only narrow opportunities to conduct this important work and a range of criteria must be met, including suitable land and weather conditions.

(2) Residents in immediately affected areas are regularly advised of hazard reduction activities via a range of means including letterbox drop, doorknocking, roadside signs and social media. It should be remembered that this work is subject to change at short notice due to changing weather conditions.

(3) The NSW RFS works with agencies such as NSW Health and the Asthma Foundation to limit the impact of smoke and provide health information for people who may be affected.

(4) In addition to the measures outlined in (2) above, hazard reduction works undertaken by all agencies appear on the NSW RFS Fires Near Me web page and app, providing detailed information including health advice.

(5) The NSW RFS will continue to work with agencies including NSW Health to ensure the impacts of smoke are considered, while also recognising the critical importance of continuing hazard reduction activities to protect communities. The NSW RFS is also working with the Office of Environment and Heritage, Environment Protection Authority and Ministry of Health on longer term smoke management strategies.

*3198 WOOLLOOMOOLOO SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPLY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many social housing tenancies are there in Land and Housing Corporation owned properties in the suburb of Woolloomooloo?

(a) How many residents are in these properties?

(2) How many of these tenancies are managed by a community housing provider?

(3) How many of these properties and tenancies are considered 'transitional'?

(a) What plans does the Government have for these properties?

(4) How many properties owned by Land and Housing Corporation in Woolloomooloo are protected on the NSW Heritage register?

(a) What protections apply to these properties?

(5) What plans does the Government have for redevelopment of the Woolloomooloo social housing estate?

(6) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of social housing tenancies or tenants in Woolloomooloo?

(7) Has the Government committed to maintaining social housing in Woolloomooloo in line with the tripartite agreement?

Answer—

A total of 506 public housing properties are managed by FACS in Woolloomooloo. As at 31 May 2016, there are 497 tenancies for these properties; two properties are vacant land and 7 properties are being prepared for re-letting. 13 of these tenancies are managed by community housing providers.

None of these properties are considered 'transitional'. One property is subject to the specific maintenance and approval requirements prescribed under the Heritage Act 1977. New social housing is being built at 130-132 Dowling Street providing 20 new social housing dwellings. There are no other current plans for new social housing in Woolloomooloo. The NSW Government has committed to maintain social housing in Woolloomooloo in line with the tripartite agreement.

*3199 WOOLLOOMOOLOO VACANT LAND—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What investigation has been done into the future use of vacant Land and Housing Corporation land at 56-66 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo (reference to LA question 0158)?

(2) How long has this property been vacant?

(3) What consideration has been given to building new social housing on this site?

(4) What plans does the Government have for developing this site?

Answer—

Options for the site at 56-66 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo are under investigation by FACS.

*3200 HOMELESS OLDER WOMEN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Considering the Homelessness NSW Older Women's Housing and Homelessness Group's report 'A Plan for Change' and the increasing numbers of older women who are homeless or living in housing stress, how does the Government collect and provide information about the homeless older women in the inner city?
- (2) What programs does the Government provide to address the housing needs of older women?
 - (a) What targets have been set on these programs?
 - (b) What progress has been made on these programs?
- (3) What inner city homelessness services and housing programs does the Government provide or fund specifically target older women?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to support older women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Data on specialist homelessness services is provided to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Older women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness have access to private rental assistance products and specialist homelessness services that provide client-centred responses, according to identified needs.

Information about specialist homelessness services, including those in the inner city, is available on the FACS website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*3201 REGIME FOR RENOVATING BATHROOMS IN STRATA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What assessment has been made on the overheads, delays and likely disputations, in conducting bathroom renovations with the new requirement for individual lot owners to convene a general meeting to get approval by special resolution for routine bathroom renovations even where there are no significant changes to the common property, particularly in schemes where it is difficult to reach a quorum?
- (2) What assessment has been made on the increased costs that owners and owners corporations will incur as a result of this regime, particularly in large strata schemes where the cost of calling a general meeting could exceed the cost of the renovations?
- (3) How does the requirement to call a general meeting to approve routine bathroom renovations align with the original aim of the Strata Law Review to reduce red tape?
- (4) To what extent will the Government monitor the new requirement after it commences?
- (5) How does the requirement to approve routine bathroom renovations by special resolution at a general meeting align with the fundamental intent of the strata concept to confer common property rights to the owners of strata lots, given only a small minority of owners will be able to block any such renovation work?
- (6) What action will the Government take to ensure there are simple and straightforward approval mechanisms for all routine apartment renovations, including bathroom renovations?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 (the Act) provides for streamlined processes to facilitate meetings of the owners corporation and the strata committee. It allows for teleconferencing and electronic voting which will enable meetings to be held (and motions passed) without the need for attendees to be physically present in a location.

It will be possible for notices and documentation to be served on committee members and other lot owners electronically. These measures will make it possible for schemes to save on costs such as room hire and document printing.

(3) The Act reduces red tape in relation to the quorum required at a general meeting for the consideration and voting on a motion, if a lot owner wishes to obtain permission for a renovation involving waterproofing. The chairperson can, after half an hour when no quorum exists, either adjourn the meeting for seven days, or declare that the persons present either personally or by duly appointed proxy and who are entitled to vote on the motion constitute a quorum for considering that motion. This provision reduces

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the likelihood that lack of a quorum may force the adjournment of consideration of the lot owner's motion.

It will be possible for some forms of bathroom renovations to be completed as cosmetic work under section 109 of the Act without the need to seek approval of the owners corporation. It is important to note that section 110(6) provides that the by-laws of a strata scheme may permit the owners corporation to delegate its functions for approval to the strata committee if it wishes.

(4) Fair Trading monitors all legislation to ensure it is operating efficiently and effectively, and is meeting the needs of consumers and stakeholders.

(5) See response to Question 3.

(6) The Act creates a new three-tier framework for approval of renovations by lot owners, introducing greater certainty for lot owners and strata schemes. It recognises the relative risks that arise from certain types of renovations and aligns these with proportionate approval mechanisms.

*3202 NEW SOUTH WALES SCREEN PRODUCTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on Victoria's new Creative State Strategy, which includes a new vision for Victoria's screen sector?
- (2) What assessment has been made on the potential for screen production work that New South Wales could lose to Victoria as a result?
- (3) What aspects of Victoria's strategy will New South Wales consider adopting?
- (4) What action will the Government take to help the locally produced screen production grow in New South Wales?
- (5) How will screen funding change in the next budget?

Answer—

The NSW Government has its own arts and cultural policy, Create in NSW – NSW Arts and Cultural Policy Framework, launched in 2015.

NSW remains the leading state for film and television production, with almost 60% of people employed in the screen sector based in NSW. The NSW Government, through Screen NSW, will continue to support local productions and attract significant international projects to ensure that NSW remains the premier destination for screen production in Australia.

With the announcement on 8 June 2016 of Made in NSW, a new fund of \$20 million over the next two years, New South Wales is well positioned to support productions from NSW production companies, in addition to attracting major screen projects to the state

*3203 BASIX MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) compliance monitoring occurs on multi-unit dwellings with BASIX certificates?
- (2) What assessments have been done on the extent of compliance and noncompliance of BASIX requirements in multi-unit dwellings?
- (3) What concerns have been raised with the Government that multi-unit dwellings with BASIX certificates do not comply with requirements?
- (4) What follow-up assessment occurs on multi-unit dwellings in which energy and water efficient appliances contributed to BASIX certificates to determine whether the appliances have not been replaced with ones of lower water and/or energy ratings?
- (5) What are the most common ways for multi-unit dwellings to achieve a BASIX certificate for:
 - (a) Water efficiency?
 - (b) Energy efficiency?
 - (c) Thermal comfort?
- (6) What consideration will the Government give to amending the BASIX State Environmental Planning Policy to allow councils to impose more stringent environmental targets?

Answer—

- (1) Local councils and building certifiers are responsible for checking compliance with the BASIX requirements at the approval, construction and occupations stages.
- (2) BASIX is a robust and evidence-based policy with an ongoing monitoring component. The Department of Planning and Environment has been working with utilities such as Sydney Water, universities and other research organisations to investigate actual water and energy savings from

BASIX-affected multi-unit dwellings after occupation. The Department has BASIX outcomes data on its website.

- (3) Investigations of actual water and energy savings after occupation have not identified significant issues about non-compliance in relation to multi-unit dwellings.
- (4) BASIX certificates set the conditions of consent for residential developments. Certifiers and Councils are responsible for ensuring compliance with these conditions. Replacement of appliances after the building is occupied with ones of lower efficiency ratings is not within the scope of BASIX.
- (5) BASIX is a performance-based assessment system. It does not prescribe compliance pathways to achieve BASIX certificates. BASIX outcomes data shows that:
 - (a) BASIX water efficiency requirements are most commonly achieved by planting low water-use species in gardens, installing water tanks and water efficient fixtures. Around half of the multi-unit dwellings have connected to water tanks as an alternative source of water for non-potable uses.
 - (b) Energy efficiency requirements are most commonly achieved by installing gas or solar hot water systems, and improving thermal comfort to reduce energy consumption from space heating and cooling.
 - (c) For thermal comfort, more than half of the multi-unit dwellings achieve a rating of at least 6 stars under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme by installing extensive insulation and high-performance windows.
- (6) As an outcome of the BASIX stringency review in late 2013, the Department of Planning and Environment has been working with local councils, including the City of Sydney, to investigate more stringent environmental targets for multi-unit dwellings on the basis of feasibility and cost-and-benefit outcomes, as part of ongoing discussions.

*3204 MOORE PARK LIGHT RAIL ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many square metres of Moore Park grassland will be lost as a result of the development of pedestrian pathways ?
 - (a) What destinations will the pathways link?
- (2) What is the exact location of the operations control centre?
 - (a) What will be the floor space ratio of the centre?
 - (b) How many metres high will the centre be?
 - (c) Will there be fencing around the centre?
 - (d) How many square metres of grassland will be removed from public use as a result?
- (3) What is the exact location of the driver's facility structure (referenced in LA Q2642)?
 - (a) What will be the floor space ratio of the structure be?
 - (b) How many metres high will the structure be?
 - (c) Will there be fencing around the structure?
 - (d) How many square metres of grassland will be alienated from public use as a result?

Answer—

The design of the pedestrian pathways, the operations control centre, and the drivers' facility are still being finalized.

*3205 YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How much funding did the youth mentoring program which operates across New South Wales, launched in February 2015 by the Premier and Minister for Citizenship and Communities, receive in 2015?
- (2) How long will the youth mentoring program continue to receive funding?

Answer—

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

*3206 HERITAGE MAINTENANCE IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many buildings in New South Wales public schools in the Summer Hill electorate are deemed to be heritage buildings?
- (2) How many demountable buildings are located in public schools in the Summer Hill electorate?
- (3) Of the \$6,614,653 maintenance backlog in New South Wales public schools in the Summer Hill

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electorate, what proportion of this is due to:

- (a) Maintenance of heritage buildings?
- (b) Maintenance of demountable buildings?

Answer—

- (1) Five schools in the Summer Hill electorate contain a total of 12 heritage listed buildings.
- (2) There are 23 demountable buildings on NSW public school sites in the Summer Hill electorate as of 18 March 2016.
- (3) The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance backlog data for every school in New South Wales. The information can be accessed at: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/plansreports-and-statistics/key-statistics-and-report/backlog-maintenance-report.pdf>.

*3207 WESTCONNEX AIR QUALITY M5 REPORT—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 the Minister read the Independent Air Quality Review by Todoski Air Sciences regarding the WestConnex- New M5 Environmental Impact Statement which was commissioned by the Department of Planning as part of the New M5 Planning Department approval process?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that this review raised serious questions about the methodology and impacts of the New M5 including that the net effect of the project on the community 'cannot be shown to be positive in terms of air quality' and that the project 'may have a more significant (than marginal) net negative outcome on air quality relative to the do minimum case that would otherwise be expected'?
- (3) Is the Minister also aware that this Review states that :
 - (a) There is no reasonable evidence provided in the air assessment or in the responses to the preliminary review to show that the uncertainty in the predicted annual average PM2.5 results lies within an acceptable range?
 - (b) That the review was not convinced that the proponent's (the Sydney Motorway Corporation and Roads and Maritime Services) claims of a 'considerable safety margin' can be supported with regard to PM2.5s?
- (4) What action will the Minister take to prevent the serious health impacts of this project on the communities that will be so badly impacted by WestConnex?

Answer—

Planning approval for the New M5 project was received from the Minister for Planning on 21 April 2016 stipulating a number of environmental protections which include strict air quality limits for the tunnel and ventilation facilities, and the establishment of an Air Quality Consultative Committee with members of the community and local councils.

The Air Quality Consultative Committee will provide advice on the locations of air quality monitoring stations and on the dissemination of monitoring results and other information on air quality issues.

*3208 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR WESTCONNEX CONTRACTORS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Does the requirement of the NSW Procurement Board 'Construction Procurement Direction C2013-01: Financial Assessments' regarding obligations on agencies to undertake financial assessments prior to and throughout the life of a Government procured construction project apply to the Sydney Motorway Corporation and the WestConnex project?
- (2) What assessments have been done on companies that are contracted for WestConnex work, considering that the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation's 'Central Repository: Financial Assessment Services Reports 13/01/2016' do not contain financial assessments of many of the companies that have been awarded contracts for WestConnex including Leighton Holdings, AECOM or Samsung C & T.?

Answer—

Please refer to my response, LA 2990.

*3209 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE ORGANISATIONS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Attorney General—

Will you provide extra funding to Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service organisations in areas with a high multicultural population to cover the cost of translation and interpreter services?

Answer—

I am advised that details of the NSW Budget 2016-17 will be available from 21 June 2016 at: <http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au>.

*3210 NORTH STRATHFIELD STATION—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will North Strathfield Station be upgraded?
- (2) How many commuters used North Strathfield Station during weekday peak hour periods in each calendar year from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

(1) As part of the 2015-16 Budget the NSW 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 make it easier for customers to access public transport and provide a more comfortable travel experience.

North Strathfield Station and transport interchange was upgraded as part of this program. Work included new weather shelters, pedestrian access ramps, bicycle facilities and kiss and ride zones.

Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next. Improved accessibility at North Strathfield Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

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

(2) This information is publicly available.

*3211 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

When will you reply to my letter referenced 042/16/cw dated 2 March 2016?

Answer—

There is no record of any such correspondence being received by my office.

*3212 MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS IN THE WYONG ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the annual maintenance budget spent during each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (to 12 May 2016) on each of the state roads located in The Entrance electorate (Wyang Road, Central Coast Highway, Pacific Highway)?

Answer—

Capital expenditure for road projects is provided by project in the State Electoral Papers. Total asset maintenance expenditure is reported in the NSW Budget papers.

*3213 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the annual sum spent on pedestrian safety for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (to 12 May 2016) for each state road located in the electorate of The Entrance?

Answer—

The NSW Government has invested over \$16.5 million for pedestrian safety improvements across the Central Coast since 2011. Improvements have included installing and extending shared paths, pedestrian refuges, and mid-block pedestrian traffic signals through funding provided from numerous programs.

*3214 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What funding is being spent on specialist homeless services for young people in the period until June 2020?

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- (a) How many specialist homeless services will be opened in the Bankstown electorate?
(i) If none, why not?

Answer—

I refer to my media release on 29 April 2016 on this issue, which is available on the Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*3215 SALES FROM MILLERS POINT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) In what suburbs in Sydney's west will the new dwellings built from the \$215 million in proceeds from sales of public housing at Millers Point be constructed in?
(2) In what suburbs in the Sydney CBD will these dwellings be constructed in?

Answer—

Information on the sale of government owned properties in Millers Point and the use of proceeds is available on the Government Property NSW website at: <https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/>.

*3216 YOUTHS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many children aged between 12 to 15 years old have been known to Family and Community Services to be residing in a homeless refuge for a period of one month or more, in the 12 months prior to March for each year from March 2012 to March 2016?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to Question on Notice 3103.

*3217 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Considering reports of a strong link between youth homelessness and the prevalence of domestic violence in New South Wales, what is the Minister doing to address the lack of integration between child protection, domestic violence, and homelessness support service providers to ensure that vulnerable homeless youth are given the care and support they require?

Answer—

I refer to my media release on 29 April 2016 on this issue, which is available on the Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*3218 BANKSTOWN AND CANTERBURY COUNCIL MERGERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will the Minister release the full KPMG report and financial modelling provided to the Government concerning the Bankstown and Canterbury Council merger?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

KPMG's analysis and modelling of the merger proposals is entirely contained within documents that have been made publicly available.

*3219 COUNCIL MERGERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What consultation did the Minister or the Department of Local Government have with the Mayors or General Managers of Canterbury or Bankstown Councils to advise on whether the merger would in fact proceed prior to the 12 May 2016?
(2) Will the Minister confirm the dates of these meetings?

Answer—

The Mayors and General Managers of the former Canterbury and Bankstown Councils were not advised whether the merger would proceed prior to the 12 May 2016.

*3220 BANKSTOWN COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

Given that the 2015 IPART Assessment of Councils report found Bankstown Council was financially fit, and having the scale and capacity to remain a standalone council, why has the Minister ignored the

recommendations of both the IPART and the Sansom Reports, and proceeded with a merger of Canterbury and Bankstown Councils?

Answer—

In determining merger proposals, the Government considered the views of the Independent Local Government Review Panel, the outcomes of the Fit for the Future process and community and council consultation.

The Delegate's report and comments from the NSW Boundaries Commission were considered before deciding to proceed with the merger. This information is available at www.strongercouncils.nsw.gov.au.

*3221 AMENDMENT OF LOCAL AREA PLANS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning—

Will the Minister undertake to review the decisions made at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Bankstown Council on 11 May 2016 to amend Local Area Plans, without exhibiting the amendments?

Answer—

Local Area Plans are policy documents used by Bankstown Council respond to the challenges of future growth of areas within the former Bankstown local government area. They are non-statutory local policy documents which are matters for the Council.

*3222 FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING MAINTENANCE BACKLOGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Will the Treasurer commit any of the \$9.2 billion in stamp duty proceeds in the 2014-15 financial year towards clearing the \$330 million Department of Housing maintenance backlog?

Answer—

The recently released Future Directions policy directs significant expenditure to reinvigorating the public housing stock through new supply. This will improve the configuration of housing stock while also reducing backlog maintenance associated with properties being replaced.

*3223 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many new places have been created in government and non-government school communities under the \$20 million 'Before and After School Care Fund'?
- (2) What electorates have these been placed in?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Early Childhood Education.

*3224 CORRIMAL HOUSING OFFICE CLOSURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the average number of clients currently visiting the Corrimal Housing Services office?
- (2) What will be the maximum number of Housing Services staff rostered, at any one time, in the Service NSW Corrimal Office?
- (3) Are there any safety measures required to be carried out prior to this relocation of staff?
 - (a) If yes, what are they?
 - (b) If yes, when will they be undertaken?

Answer—

- (1) Approximately 10-15 clients per day. Most housing applicants access services at the FACS Coniston One Place Service Centre.
- (2) Two.
- (3) A Risk Assessment will be undertaken prior to Housing Services staff relocating to the Corrimal Service NSW Office.

*3225 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BUDGET—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the total school maintenance budget in 2015-16 for
 - (a) Karuah Public School?
 - (b) Tea Gardens Public School?
 - (c) Anna Bay Public School?
 - (d) Bobs Farm Public School?
 - (e) Grahamstown Public School?

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- (f) Hinton Public School?
- (g) Iona Primary School?
- (h) Irrawang Public School?
- (i) Medowie Public School?
- (j) Mount Kanwary Public School?
- (k) Raymond Terrace Public School?
- (l) Salt Ash Public School?
- (m) Seaham Public School?
- (n) Shoal Bay Public School?
- (o) Soldiers Point Public School?
- (p) Tanilba Bay Public School?
- (q) Tomaree Public School?
- (r) Wirreanda Public School?
- (s) Hunter River High School?
- (t) Irrawang High School?
- (u) Tomaree High School?

Answer—

Maintenance is undertaken in schools on an ongoing basis. Final maintenance expenditure for each school will be available at the end of the 2015-16 financial year and published on the Department of Education's website.

*3226 OUTSTANDING SCHOOL MAINTENANCE IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will outstanding maintenance be completed at the following Fairfield electorate primary schools:
- (a) Canley Vale Public School?
 - (b) Fairfield Public School?
 - (c) Fairfield West Public School?
 - (d) Old Guildford Public School?
 - (e) Carramar Public School?
 - (f) Fairfield Heights Public School?
 - (g) Canley Heights Public School?
 - (h) Yennora Public School?
 - (i) Guildford West Public School?
 - (j) Fairvale Public School?
 - (k) Villawood North Public School?
 - (l) King Park Public School?

Answer—

The Department of Education undertakes regular maintenance of school facilities including preventative/statutory and routine maintenance, planned maintenance and essential urgent repairs.

On an annual basis a program of planned maintenance works is developed for each individual school in discussion with school principals. Each school's life cycle assessment data and specific items that the principal considers essential are taken into account during this process.

*3227 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How long has maintenance been outstanding at the following Fairfield electorate primary schools:
- (a) Canley Vale Public School?
 - (b) Fairfield Public School?
 - (c) Fairfield West Public School?
 - (d) Old Guildford Public School?
 - (e) Carramar Public School?
 - (f) Fairfield Heights Public School?
 - (g) Canley Heights Public School?
 - (h) Yennora Public School?
 - (i) Guildford West Public School?
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 - (k) Villawood North Public School?

(l) King Park Public School?

Answer—

The Department of Education undertakes regular maintenance of school facilities including preventative/statutory and routine maintenance, planned maintenance and essential urgent repairs.

On an annual basis a program of planned maintenance works is developed for each individual school in discussion with school principals. Each school's life cycle assessment data and specific items that the principal considers essential are taken into account during this process.

*3228 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE IN THE ELECTORATE OF FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How long has maintenance been outstanding at the following Fairfield electorate schools:

- (a) Verona School?
- (b) Westfields Sports High School?
- (c) Canley Vale High School?
- (d) Fairvale High School?
- (e) Fairfield High School?

Answer—

The Department of Education undertakes regular maintenance of school facilities including preventative/statutory and routine maintenance, planned maintenance and essential urgent repairs.

On an annual basis a program of planned maintenance works is developed for each individual school in discussion with school principals. Each school's life cycle assessment data and specific items that the principal considers essential are taken into account during this process.

*3229 OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

(1) When will outstanding maintenance be completed at the following Fairfield electorate schools:

- (a) Verona School?
- (b) Westfields Sports High School?
- (c) Canley Vale High School?
- (d) Fairvale High School?
- (e) Fairfield High School?

Answer—

The Department of Education undertakes regular maintenance of school facilities including preventative/statutory and routine maintenance, planned maintenance and essential urgent repairs.

On an annual basis a program of planned maintenance works is developed for each individual school in discussion with school principals. Each school's life cycle assessment data and specific items that the principal considers essential are taken into account during this process.

*3230 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS ON HAMILTON ROAD, FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many speeding infringements were issued on Hamilton Road, Fairfield in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 to:

- (a) Motor vehicle drivers?
- (b) Heavy vehicle drivers?

Answer—

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command was established to remove the barrier of Local Area Command boundaries. Traffic enforcement is delivered through a single Command with 25 regional clusters that coordinate both statewide and local traffic operations.

*3231 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS ON THE HORSLEY DRIVE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many speeding infringements were issued on The Horsley Drive in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 to:

- (a) Motor vehicle drivers?
- (b) Heavy vehicle drivers?

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Answer—

The NSW Police Force issued approximately 2,000 speeding infringements on The Horsley Drive from 2011 to 2015, including 20 issued to heavy vehicle drivers.

*3232 OPERATIONAL CAPACITY OF LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the operational capacity of the following Local Area Commands:
- (a) Fairfield?
 - (b) Cabramatta?
 - (c) Holroyd?

Answer—

Operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website.

*3233 TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAY PATROL COMMAND OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many Traffic and Highway Patrol Command officers are stationed at the following Local Area Commands:
- (a) Fairfield?
 - (b) Cabramatta?
 - (c) Holroyd?

Answer—

The Traffic and Highway Patrol Command was established to remove the barrier of Local Area Command boundaries. Traffic enforcement is delivered through a single Command with 25 regional clusters that coordinate both statewide and local traffic operations.

*3234 VEGETATION MAINTENANCE FOR THE SYDNEY WEST ZONE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How often is vegetation maintenance scheduled for median strips within the Sydney West zone?
- (2) Is there a backlog of maintenance works to be undertaken in the Sydney West zone?
 - (a) If so, how many projects are presently backlogged?
 - (i) How long have these projects been backlogged?

Answer—

- (1) This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (2) All maintenance works in the forward program are on track.

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*3235 DARLING HARBOUR MASTERPLAN—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering that the Darling Harbour Masterplan indicates that the new Darling Harbour development project will retain Tumbalong Green, the Chinese Garden, a new Theatre, the new ICC Convention Centre, a new ICC Hotel and new developments at the site of the old Sydney Entertainment Centre, now dubbed 'The Haymarket', and that the existing multistorey car parking at Darling Drive and Hay Street has been demolished, what is the specific location among these planned or proposed developments that the advertised 1200 public car parking spaces be built?
 - (a) What form will this car parking take?
 - (b) Will the car parking be multi storey above ground or underground?
- (2) Are there any plans to incorporate the current site of the Powerhouse Museum into the new Darling Harbour development project?
 - (a) What function and form would this take?

Answer—

- (1) The Sydney International Convention, Exhibition & Entertainment Precinct will provide 1,200 public car parking spaces for the facilities. The existing Sydney Exhibition Centre car park will be retained and a further 400-space car park will be constructed.
- (2) Infrastructure NSW worked in collaboration with various stakeholders to improve pedestrian flows and access to the Darling Harbour precinct. This includes opening up the Goods Line to Macarthur Street, enabling better access to the new entrance to the current Powerhouse Museum site.

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- 3236 LIGHT RAIL OPTIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3237 OPAL CARDS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3238 EXTENSION OF NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3239 TRAFFIC CONGESTION—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—
- 3240 M1 PACIFIC MOTORWAY EXTENSION—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—
- 3241 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3242 IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3243 FUNDING FOR EDUCATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
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- 3245 OFFICE OF THE NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN BANKSTOWN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 3246 OFFICE OF THE NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN BURWOOD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 3247 OFFICE OF THE NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN CHATSWOOD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 3248 OFFICE OF THE NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN HURSTVILLE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 3249 OFFICE OF THE NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN PENRITH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 3250 LISA KARAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 3251 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3252 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3253 ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE AND INDICATOR BOARDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3254 PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

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- 3256 WOMEN CYCLISTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3257 PREMIUM LAND TAX—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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- 3258 AIR CONDITIONING FOR HEBERSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 3260 SERVICES AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3261 MAINTENANCE IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3262 ZOOLOGICAL PARK WESTERN PARKLANDS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
- 3263 UNUSABLE OPAL CARDS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3264 UPGRADE OF ROOTY HILL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3265 HOME CARE—Ms Julia Finn 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—
- 3266 LOWER PROSPECT CANAL RESERVE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
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- 3269 ESTABLISHMENT OF CUMBERLAND COUNCIL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3270 FORCED COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Local Government—
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- 3272 SOCIAL HOUSING PRIVATISATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
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- 3274 MOORE PARK 1860 SANDSTONE TOLL HOUSE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- 3275 BARANGAROO RESTRICTED GAMING FACILITY SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3276 GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 3277 ANIMAL BREEDING REGISTRATION SYSTEM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 3278 CROWN LAND LEASES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 3279 GAMBLING HARM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
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- 3284 DEMENTIA LEVELS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3285 URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning—
- 3286 HOMES ACQUIRED FOR THE M4 EAST WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3287 ASHFIELD COMMUTER CAR PARK—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 3290 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIM NEAR TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 3291 KANGY ANGY INTERCITY FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3292 ST JOHNS COLLEGE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3293 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3294 TREE TRIMMING IN THE INNER WEST OF SYDNEY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- 3295 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF STRESS LEAVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
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- 3298 CHILDREN AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
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- 3300 CALLS TO THE CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 3301 LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
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- 3311 TARGET OPERATIONAL CAPACITY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
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- 3313 CAR REGISTRATION FEES—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
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- 3315 NOISE COMPLAINTS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3316 TREE LOPPING ON DEVONSHIRE STREET, SURRY HILLS—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
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- 3327 HUNTER STREET BUSINESSES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMPENSATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3328 RURAL AND REGIONAL WATER POSITIONS—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
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- 3332 FIRE TRUCK UNITS IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 3333 MANLY MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 3334 FINES FOR SMOKING ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 3335 PERITONECTOMY CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3336 INGLEBURN ORAL HEALTH CLINIC—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3337 ANOREXIA NERVOSA PROGRAMS AND FACILITES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3338 ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 3339 BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT GRANTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 3340 REVIEW INTO LICENCES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 3341 WOMEN'S REFUGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—

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- 3342 FUNDING FOR THE LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—
- 3343 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES IN GOULBURN—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—
- 3344 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—
- 3345 WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SHELTERS FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—
- 3346 RAILWAY STATION STAFF—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3347 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 3348 MAINTENANCE WORKS FOR 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—
- 3349 PRINCES HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND SAFETY STUDY—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—
- 3350 LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3351 SALE OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Education—
- 3352 EMERGENCY SERVICES UNITS PROPERTY TITLING AND REGISTRATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 3353 LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- 3354 POLICE ACCESS TO PROPERTY TITLING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- 3355 INTERACTIONS WITH THE LAND TITLE AND REGISTRY UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 3356 INTERACTIONS WITH THE LAND TITLE AND REGISTRY UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- 3357 INTERACTIONS WITH THE LAND TITLE AND REGISTRY UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 3358 LAND TITLING AND REGISTRATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 3359 STRATA RENEWAL—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 3360 REPLACEMENT OF THE PELICAN MARINA—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- 3361 COST OF THE DEMOLITION OF THE PELICAN MARINA—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- 3362 BELMONT TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 3363 BELMONT TAFE CAMPUS ENROLMENT NUMBERS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 3364 INGLEBURN MILITARY HERITAGE PRECINCT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

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- 3365 JUVENILE FACILITIES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) How many juvenile justice facilities in the Hunter are currently used to imprison young offenders?
 - (2) How many places are there in each of these facilities?
 - (3) How often are these facilities at capacity?
- 3366 IT STOPS HERE SAFER PATHWAY SAFETY ACTION MEETINGS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) What evaluations have there been of the It Stops Here Safer Pathway Safety Action Meetings?
 - (a) If so, when will these evaluations be publicly released?
 - (b) If no evaluations have been done, why have they not been done?
- 3367 ROADSIDE CAR SALES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- Does the Government have any plans to introduce legislation to stop the emerging practice of roadside private car sales?
- 3368 ARCHBOLD ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Are there future plans in place to upgrade and extend Archbold Road, Minchinbury, to link the industrial areas of Eastern Creek and Minchinbury?
- 3369 STATE INSURANCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many State Insurance Regulatory Authority Inspectors were employed at 30 April 2016?
 - (2) How many positions were vacant as at 30 April 2016?
 - (3) What is the average number of inspections conducted per work day by each inspector?
- 3370 SAFE WORK NSW INSPECTORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many Safe Work NSW inspectors were employed as at 30 April 2016?
 - (2) How many positions were vacant as at 30 April 2016?
 - (3) What is the average number of inspections conducted per work day by each inspector?
- 3371 SAFEWORK NSW YOUTUBE PRODUCTIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) Were the production costs of the YouTube productions uploaded by SafeWork NSW 'WorkCover Injured Workers Forum' on 14 July 2015 and 'Creating a Better Workers Compensation System for NSW' on 3 August 2015 fully funded by SafeWork NSW?
 - (a) If yes, what was the cost of each?
 - (b) If no, who financed the production costs and what was the cost to each contributor?

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- 3372 VALUE CAPTURE FOR PARRAMATTA PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Has a final decision about the use of the value capture concept been made with regard to Parramatta projects?
 - (2) Has value capture been implemented to fund and account for rail and light rail projects in Parramatta?
 - (3) What is the expected/modelled annual revenue intake from value capture for the Parramatta Light Rail?
 - (4) What are the proposed geographical boundaries for any proposed value capture model to be applied to the Parramatta Light Rail?
 - (a) Where can the mapping that applies to this modelling be viewed?
 - (5) What are the proposed charges per square metre that Treasury NSW has modelled regarding the Special Infrastructure Contribution to fund value capture?
 - (6) What is the average amount that those homes/houses/flats/units/apartments subject to value capture would pay for the Parramatta Light Rail under NSW Treasury modelling?
 - (7) Does the Government have any plans to apply value capture to any other projects across New South Wales?
- 3373 COSTS TO REPAIR THE WOLLONGONG SLIPWAY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- What was the cost of repair works carried out at the Wollongong slipway?
- 3374 KING EDWARD PARK, HEADLAND RESERVE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) Why was Schedule 1 of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 amended to include a function centre as a permitted use given the Plan of Management on which Schedule 1 relied, was under challenge in the Land and Environment Court at the time?
 - (2) What development is now permissible on the former bowling club site on King Edward Park Headland Reserve?
- 3375 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made by residents of the:
 - (a) Holroyd Local Government Area (LGA);
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
 - (2) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made concerning properties in the:
 - (a) Holroyd LGA;
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
 - (3) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Holroyd LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
 - (4) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Parramatta LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
 - (5) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, which were the top ten government agencies or authorities to which the NSW Graffiti Hotline referred the most reports of graffiti clean-up and removal?
 - (6) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what was the average time taken between reporting of graffiti and clean-up/removal?
- 3376 FLOOD STUDIES FOR WOODVILLE ROAD, GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

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- (1) What proportion of the \$1.06 million in Government grants provided to the former Holroyd City and Parramatta City Councils for flood studies that include the Granville area related to flooding at Woodville Road at Crescent Street, Granville and the railway underpass?
- (2) What assistance has the Office of Environment and Heritage provided to date in studying or mitigating flooding at Woodville Road at Crescent Street, Granville and the railway underpass?
- 3377 PARRAMATTA ROAD RAIL LEVEL CROSSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many infringement notices at this crossing were issued in the 2014-15 financial year for:
- Failing to stop and give way at a stop sign or stop line at a level crossing?
 - Entering a level crossing when the warning lights, bells or boom gates are operating?
 - Entering a level crossing when a train is approaching and there is any danger of a collision?
 - Entering a level crossing when vehicles prevent the motorist from clearing the crossing?
- 3378 WOODVILLE ROAD CLOSURE RISK—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) What studies have been undertaken by UrbanGrowth or planning agencies concerning actions to reduce the risk of the closure of Woodville Road at Crescent Street, Granville and the railway underpass due to flooding?
- (2) What assessments have been made by UrbanGrowth or planning agencies of the economic impact of temporary closures of Woodville Road at Crescent Street, Granville and the railway underpass?
- 3379 WOODVILLE ROAD, GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What studies have been undertaken to reduce the risk of the closure of Woodville Road at Crescent Street, Granville and the railway underpass due to flooding?
- (2) What assessments have been made of the economic impact of temporary closures of Woodville Road at Crescent Street, Granville and the railway underpass?
- 3380 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What number and percentage of Category One patients were admitted to Auburn Hospital within the required 30 days in each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 30 May 2016)?
- (2) What number and percentage of Category Two patients were admitted to Auburn Hospital within the required 90 days in each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 30 May 2016)?
- (3) What number and percentage of Category Three patients were admitted to Auburn Hospital within the required 365 days in each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 30 May 2016):
- 3381 ORTHOPAEDIC OPERATIONS AT AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many people are currently awaiting orthopaedic operations at Auburn Hospital as at 20 June 2016?
- (2) How many of these people have been waiting for:
- Less than one month?
 - Between one and three months?
 - Between three and six months?
 - Between six and twelve months?
 - More than twelve months?
- (3) What percentage of these patients in each part of question two are public patients and privately insured patients?
- (4) How many orthopaedic surgeons operate at Auburn Hospital?
- 3382 MATERNITY SERVICES AT AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many birthing suites are located in Auburn Hospital?
- (2) How many rooms are dedicated to postnatal patients?
- How many of these rooms are single patient rooms?
 - How many of these rooms are for two or more patients?
- (3) In the event of higher than normal demand for maternity services at Auburn Hospital how many patients have been transferred to other hospitals in each year from 2011 to 2015?
- (4) How many births have taken place at Auburn Hospital in each year from 2011 to 2015?

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- 3383 RAIL CORRIDOR MAINTENANCE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) With regard to maintenance services on the T1 North Shore, Northern and Western line, T2 Airport, Inner West and South line, the T3 Bankstown line and the T7 Olympic Park line that serve the electorate of Auburn, How often is the rail corridor cleaned of rubbish, weeds and graffiti per year?
 - (2) What is the total budget allocation for these services in each of the calendar years from 2011 to 2015?
- 3384 COAL MINES AVOIDING REHABILITATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) What coal mines have voids that do not need to be rehabilitated after closure?
 - (a) What is the reason for the exclusions?
 - (2) What assessment has been made on coal mines applying for expansions when operations are ending to delay or avoid the need to rehabilitate the site after a mine is closed?
- 3385 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What consideration will the Government give to imposing a timeframe on police to contact a driver who tested positive in a roadside test on the results of follow up laboratory tests?
 - (2) What consideration will the Government give to requiring police to inform drivers who tested positive in a roadside test that follow up laboratory tests were negative and to update their database on the false reading?
 - (3) What advice will the Government give to the community about the timeframe in which particular drugs can affect their driving or produce a positive reading in a roadside test?
 - (4) What guarantees can the Government give that testing will only result in the conviction of drivers who have been affected by the drug detected in their system?
 - (5) What consideration will the Government give to adopting tests used elsewhere, such as in Great Britain, which identify whether a person's driving is impaired and the level of drugs in their system?
- 3386 YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison 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 much funding did the youth mentoring program which operates across New South Wales, launched in February 2015 by the Premier and Minister for Citizenship and Communities, receive in 2015?
 - (2) How long will the youth mentoring program continue to receive funding?
- 3387 YASMAR SITE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1) For how many years was Juvenile Justice the tenant of the Yasmar site in Haberfield?
 - (2) How much rent was paid by Juvenile Justice to occupy the Yasmar site over this time?
- 3388 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) How many public schools in the Wallsend electorate have an outside of school hours care centre (OHSC) located on site?
 - (a) What is the total capacity of those centres?
 - (2) What percentage of public schools have an OSHC centre located on site across New South Wales?
- 3389 RESPONSE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND CARE FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- What measures will the Minister be taking to address the issues raised in the New South Wales Council of Social Services report 'One in Seven' which highlighted that early childhood services in New South Wales were not in line with other states and that there is a \$400 per child deficit in early childhood education and care funding?

- 3390 IMPROVING CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
What is the Government doing to improve classroom participation of indigenous students following the release of the 'Closing the Gap report' 2016?
- 3391 SCHOOLS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
Will overcrowding and underfunding issues will become a bigger problem for schools in the Wallsend electorate in the coming years?
- 3392 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
(1) How many of the literacy and numeracy teachers appointed in 2010 are currently in Wallsend schools as at 21 June 2016?
(2) Which schools have these teachers been assigned?
- 3393 PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
(1) Will affordable housing be built to address the 60,000 applicants in New South Wales awaiting public housing?
(a) If so, when?
(b) If not, why not?
- 3394 STEEL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
Aside from the provisions set forth by the Australian Industry Policy Plan, what commitments is the Government making to utilize locally manufactured steel in their upcoming infrastructure projects and to support the 1200 Newcastle and Hunter steel industry workers in this time of uncertainty?
- 3395 FUNDING FOR DEMENTIA PREVENTION AND CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health—
(1) How much funding was allocated to dementia prevention and care in New South Wales in the 2015-16 State Budget?
(2) How much funding will be allocated for dementia prevention and care between 2016 and 2017?
(a) How is that funding allocated?
- 3396 AUSGRID HUNTER AND WALLSEND JOB LOSSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
(1) How many jobs were lost at Ausgrid Hunter/Wallsend between 1 January 2016 and 1 June 2016?
(2) What was the reason for the job losses?
- 3397 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
What are the Government's long term plans for the Beresfield Police Station?
- 3398 APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COUNCILLORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Local Government—
What process is being applied for councils which are being merged, in selecting the 'temporary' Councillors who will manage the merged council prior to its first election as a merged entity?
- 3399 HUNTER STADIUM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—
How much money is the Government planning to invest in Hunter Stadium over the next two years?
- 3400 FIRST HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
How much financial assistance was given to first home buyers in the Wallsend electorate in the twelve months from 21 June 2015 to 21 June 2016?

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- 3401 RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
What action, if any, has the Government taken in response to Recommendation 8 of the Final Report of the Social Issues Committee on Domestic Violence Trends and Issues in New South Wales?
- 3402 REVIEW INTO POSSIBLE PROSECUTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
When will the review into possible prosecutions arising from the death of Lynette Daley be completed?
- 3403 PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Do you propose any legislative changes in response to *Maroubra Rugby League Football Club Inc v Malo and Anon* [2007] NSWCA 39?
 - (2) Do you propose any legislative changes to allow the more frequent occurrence of jury trials in civil matters in NSW Courts?
- 3404 PRIVATE MANAGERS OF ESTATES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) How many Private Managers of Estates are there in NSW?
 - (2) How many of these Private Managers objected to the direction by NSW Trustee and Guardian to complete and return a Surety Bond application Form?
 - (3) How many of these Private Managers lodged internal reviews or appeals against the direction by NSW Trustee and Guardian to complete and return a Surety Bond application form?
 - (4) How many of these Private Managers in fact completed and returned within the requisite 14 days the Surety Bond application form demanded by NSW Trustee and Guardian?
- 3405 NSW MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATION SECURITY SURVEY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Have you received the results of the 2015 security survey carried out by the NSW Magistrates Association?
 - (a) If so, when?
- 3406 NSW SHERIFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Has the NSW Sheriff ever directed Sheriffs Officers not to exercise the power of arrest pursuant to s100 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002?
 - (2) Has the NSW Sheriff ever given any advice or direction to Sheriffs Officers in relation to s100 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002?
 - (a) If so, what was that direction or advice?
- 3407 SHERIFF'S OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
Of the 40 new Sheriff Officers employed in 2015, how many are still employed as Sheriff's Officers?
- 3408 MOUNT DRUITT LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Was the Local Court at Mount Druitt closed down on 20 April or 21 April 2016?
 - (a) If so, why was it closed down?
- 3409 LIVERPOOL PARRAMATTA TRANSITWAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
What is the degree of compliance by buses with the timetable on the Liverpool Parramatta Transitway?
- 3410 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) Did WorkCover offices in NSW take time during working time on the International Day of Mourning (IDM) on 28 April 2016 to pause to commemorate workers who have died as a result of a workplace incident or occupational disease?
 - (2) Did any WorkCover NSW offices on 28 April 2016 pause during working time to think about the significance of work health and safety and how workplace incidents can affect those around them?
 - (3) Did any WorkCover NSW offices on 28 April 2016 conduct a formal service to commemorate IDM?
 - (4) Did any WorkCover NSW offices located on the Central Coast on 28 April 2016 conduct a formal service to commemorate IDM?
 - (a) If not, will they in future?

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- 3411 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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) What level of funding has been provided to mental health services in New South Wales to assist readiness for the National Disability Insurance Scheme?
 - (2) Is this funding more or less than has been provided to non-government organisations in the disability sector?
 - (a) If it is less, why?
- 3412 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) How many new places have been created in government and non-government school communities under the \$20 million 'Before and After School Care Fund'?
 - (2) What electorates have these been placed in?
- 3413 DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- Considering that disaster relief funding is distributed based on local government area, what modelling has been done to examine the cost impact of the Government's proposed council amalgamations on disaster recovery payments?
- 3414 DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS—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 drug education programs has the Government implemented in New South Wales schools?
- 3415 EARLY INTERVENTION DRUG PROGRAMS—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 early intervention drug programs has the Government implemented to assist Non-Government Organisations throughout the community?