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\*4287 EXTENSION OF INUNDATION ZONE—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Will any additional land be acquired for the extension of the inundation zone?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

\*4288 RAISING THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) Does the Government expect more developable land as a result of the raising of the dam wall?

(a) If so, how much?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

\*4289 BUSINESS CASE FOR RAISING THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

When will the business case for the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall be finalised?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

\*4290 GLENDALE INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) In relation to the recent announcements of injections of funds from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Funds (HIIF), will the remaining \$12 million be allocated to the Glendale Interchange?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government allocated \$100 million from the Restart NSW Fund to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund in the 2014-15 Budget. The full amount of the fund has been committed.

Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services and Sydney Trains continue to provide in kind support to Council as it progress with planning for future stages of this project.

\*4291 WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

How many public schools within the Wallsend electorate are completely wheelchair friendly?

Answer—

The Department of Education meets the specific needs of students and staff while also increasing the number of fully accessible schools each year.

\*4292 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What priority and resources are directed to finalising the plans for Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass?

(2) What recent action has been taken toward this project?

Answer—

Planning is well under way for the 3.4 kilometre final section of Newcastle Inner City bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond.

In June 2014, the Government announced it would provide \$280 million for stage five of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, including \$150 million from Restart NSW.

The 2016-17 Budget includes \$5 million to progress the concept design and the Environmental Impact Statement for stage five, which is expected to be displayed for community feedback by the end of 2016.

\*4293 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG IN HUNTER SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

What action are you overseeing to address the \$70 million dollar maintenance backlog in Hunter schools?

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

The 2016-17 Budget allocated \$330 million over the next two years to reduce the backlog maintenance including those schools in the Hunter region.

\*4294 LIFTS AT TUGGERAH RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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

Answer—

Please refer to my response to LA 4131.

\*4295 NORAH HEAD BOAT CLUB—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What is the current situation with the landslip at the Norah Head Boat Club at Cabbage Tree Harbour?

Answer—

The Department has met with the Norah Head Boat Club and the Member for Wyong around the landslip issue.

The Department has met Council to discuss potential alternate sites for Marine Rescue NSW, and is seeking a specific meeting to further discuss with Council, a solution on the landslip and the wider coastal erosion issues at Cabbage Tree Bay.

\*4296 GREEN VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) (a) Are there too many police at Green Valley Local Area Command (LAC)?

(b) (i) Do you propose to reduce the number of police at Green Valley LAC?

(ii) If so, when?

Answer—

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

\*4298 BEDS IN WOMEN'S CRISIS ACCOMMODATION CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) Does the Government keep track of how many beds are available in women's crisis accommodation centres across the state?

(a) If so, how is this tracked?

(b) If so, how many beds are available?

(c) If so, how many women are turned away by shelters each week?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing, who has responsibility for specialist homelessness services.

\*4299 FUNDING FOR EDUCATION PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate to education projects and initiatives in the

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Wallsend electorate in each of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years (as at 17 October 2016)?

Answer—

The Department of Education's major works project descriptions are contained in the NSW Budget papers.

\*4300 WIFI ACCESS AT THE CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Does the Calvary Mater Hospital have free WiFi for patients and visitors?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Earlier this year, I was delighted to launch a trial of a patient Wi-Fi service at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, which was followed by a further trial at Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

Pending the outcomes of the pilots, eHealth NSW intends to provide the Hunter New England Local Health District with the necessary capabilities to provide hospitals in the District, including Calvary Mater Hospital, with guest/patient Wi-Fi services.

\*4301 WIFI ACCESS AT THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Does the John Hunter Hospital have free WiFi for patients and visitors?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Earlier this year, I was delighted to launch a trial of a patient Wi-Fi service at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, which was followed by a further trial at Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

Pending the outcomes of the pilots, eHealth NSW intends to provide the Hunter New England Local Health District with the necessary capabilities to provide hospitals in the District, including John Hunter Hospital, with guest/patient Wi-Fi services.

\*4302 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

How does the Minister propose to fund the announced raising of the Warragamba Dam wall?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

\*4303 RELEASE OF THE BUSINESS CASE FOR THE RAISING OF THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Will the Government release the proposed business case for the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

\*4304 KOORI CHILDREN'S COURT FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

What is your response to requests for funding from the Koori Children's Court?

Answer—

Questions relating to funding for NSW Courts should be directed to the Attorney General, who is the Minister responsible.

\*4305 DRUG REHABILITATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

How many places/beds are there in New South Wales for full-time drug rehabilitation for young people?

Answer—

This year the Government will invest \$197 million in drug and alcohol services.

This includes the recently announced commitment to invest an additional \$75 million over four years to support more young people, more families and more people into treatment.

Key components of this investment include:

- \$24 million over four years to help more young people into youth detox and treatment services.
- \$24.5 million over four years to help more families, including the expansion of substance use in pregnancy services and residential rehabilitation for women and parents with dependent children.
- \$26.5 million over four years to help more people into treatment and ongoing holistic support including to help people with severe substance dependence.

NSW Health engages non government organisations to support achievement of outcomes in these areas and the model of care varies for counselling, case management, intensive holistic services and residential rehabilitation services.

\*4306 VACANT POSITIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) (a) How many boards, positions on statutory bodies or statutory positions within your portfolio remain vacant?

(b) Which positions are they?

(c) How long have they been vacant?

Answer—

The positions on the Anti-Discrimination Board, including the President, are expected to be filled soon.

I am advised that other boards within my portfolio as Attorney General are able to meet their quorum requirements set out in their legislation

\*4307 COURT ATTENDANCE FOR CAMDEN AND SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Why do residents of Camden and surrounding areas have to attend Moss Vale Court for Local Court matters rather than a closer court house?

Answer—

Local Court sitting arrangements are a matter for the Chief Magistrate. A comprehensive list of all Local Court sittings is available on the Department of Justice website at [http://www.localcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/court\\_lists.html,c=y.aspx](http://www.localcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/court_lists.html,c=y.aspx).

\*4308 LEGISLATION CONCERNING UNAUTHORISED RELEASE OF INTIMATE IMAGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When do you propose to introduce legislation as a result of your Discussion Paper on the unauthorised release of intimate images?

Answer—

It is anticipated that legislation will be introduced in 2017.

\*4309 OPENING OF LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Will you attend the official opening of the Liverpool Police Station?

Answer—

The Commissioner and I officially opened the new Liverpool police station on 9 November 2016 in a formal ceremony.

\*4310 SERVICE NSW CUSTOMER ADVISORY BOARD—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many individuals were shortlisted for membership of the Service NSW Customer Advisory Board?

(2) How many private individuals or representatives of non-government organisations, charities or advocacy bodies were considered?

(3) When will the next round of membership of the Board be advertised?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Customer Advisory Board membership includes retail, financial, technology and HR experts all of whom have expertise that correlate to the customer service transformation work being undertaken across the NSW public sector as well as by Service NSW.

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I am also advised that at this time there are no plans to advertise for positions.

A list of current members of the NSW Customer Advisory Board can be viewed at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/about-us/customer-advisory-board>.

\*4311 000 EMERGENCY CALL CENTRE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Are there any future plans to privatise the '000' Emergency call centre?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Commonwealth Department of Communications.

\*4312 HOUSING NSW MANGED PROPERTIES IN GREATER SYDNEY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

For each individual housing allocation zone in Greater Sydney, how many properties were managed by Housing NSW in each of the years 2011 and 2016?

Answer—

Information regarding social housing dwellings is available in the FACS Annual Reports and on the Housing Pathways website [www.housingpathways.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housingpathways.nsw.gov.au).

\*4313 CONSTRUCTION OF AN AMBULANCE FACILITY ON HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

When will the construction of the Ambulance facility on Hoxton Park Road opposite Gill Avenue be completed?

Answer—

The Government is constructing a new NSW Ambulance Superstation at Liverpool as part of the \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy.

Early works for the new superstation were completed in June 2015 with the site establishment and demolition of the suspended slab and car park slab. The building contract was awarded to Hansen Yunken and main works began in early 2016.

\*4314 ACTION AGAINST A SENIOR CONSTABLE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What actions will be taken in relation to Senior Constable John Wasko following failed Local Court proceedings against Simone White?

Answer—

As previously advised, in compliance with privacy principles in the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1988, complaint outcomes are not publicly revealed. The NSW Police Force has advised me that appropriate action has been taken in this matter.

\*4315 OPTIONS FOR THE INTERNAL SURCHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What other options (for example storage) were considered by Sydney Water before 'Internal surcharge' was chosen as the preferred solution?

Answer—

Internal surcharge is not a solution.

Options considered must be able to mitigate public health risk as well as environmental and social impacts in a fiscally responsible way. This can include fixing the problem on customers' property to increase network capacity, an emergency relief structure or a storage tank. The preferred option will depend on how the issues being faced by customers is best addressed.

\*4316 INTERNAL SURCHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) Was there a cost difference between storage and internal surcharge as proposed options?

(a) If yes, what was the cost difference?

Answer—

Internal surcharge is not a solution. Internal surcharge is a wastewater surcharge from the sewer into a home, which is a problem addressed by Sydney Water's Internal Surcharge Improvement Program (ISIP)

\*4317 DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS CASE FOR THE INTERNAL SURCHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) Was a business case developed by Sydney Water when deciding on the merits of the 'Internal Surcharge Improvement Program'?

(a) If yes, will the Government release the business case?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) Sydney Water will provide copies of business cases to the Member, with commercial in confidence information redacted.

\*4318 COST OF THE INTERNAL SURCHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What is the total cost of Sydney Water's 'Internal Surcharge Improvement Program'?

Answer—

The cost of the Internal Surcharge Improvement Program for 2016-2020 is \$16 million.

\*4319 TENDER APPLICATION FOR THE OPERATION OF TITLING AND REGISTRY SERVICES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Will the tender application for the operation of the Titling and Registry Services be open to overseas bidders?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the NSW Treasurer, who has responsibility for the LPI transaction.

\*4320 PENSIONER CONCESSION CARDS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Are Pensioner Concession Cards still valid as a form of identification for fare concessions when travelling on New South Wales public transport?

Answer—

This information is available on the Opal website.

\*4321 REPLACEMENT OF TRAINS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the Government's timetable to replace the 'Old Blue Rattler' trains that service passengers travelling from metropolitan to country towns?

Answer—

I refer you to the media release of 28 October 2016.

\*4322 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL DISEASE CONTROL MEASURES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

What percentage of patients contracted Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) at the Blacktown Hospital between October 2015 to October 2016?

Answer—

Data on healthcare associated infections are regularly published by hospitals on the MyHospitals website at [www.myhospitals.gov.au](http://www.myhospitals.gov.au).

\*4323 CARDIOLOGY WARDS AT BLACKTOWN AND NEPEAN HOSPITALS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

What is the nurse to patient ratio during the hours of 8pm to 8am on the cardiology wards at Blacktown

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and Nepean Hospitals?

Answer—

The Government is constructing a new NSW Ambulance Superstation at Liverpool as part of the \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy.

Early works for the new superstation were completed in June 2015 with the site establishment and demolition of the suspended slab and car park slab. The building contract was awarded to Hansen Yunken and main works began in early 2016.

\*4324 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERS BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Has the Commercial Fishers Business Adjustment Program been assessed for environmental impacts which may occur as a result of the introduction of the Program?

Answer—

Yes.

\*4325 INDIGENOUS HEALTH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Considering the release of the 2016 'Closing the Gap' report, what is the Government doing to improve indigenous health outcomes?

Answer—

- The Government is firmly committed to closing the gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal people in New South Wales. This is reflected in the NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023, developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW.
- The Government supports a strong and effective Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service sector. High quality, culturally safe, community controlled health services contribute to closing the significant gap in health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.
- In 2016-17, the Government has committed over \$23 million to the community controlled sector to fund a wide range of targeted programs to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people. This includes initiatives to address drug and alcohol misuse, chronic care, childhood immunisation, oral health, domestic and family violence, mental health, cardiovascular health and preventive health care. This includes an additional \$1.6 million allocated to 20 services from 2016-17, to align distribution of funding across the sector to address the Premier's Priorities and key health priorities for Aboriginal people in New South Wales.
- NSW Health is also strengthening the health system to make it more culturally appropriate and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal people by:
  - improving the identification of Aboriginal people in New South Wales health data
  - developing strategies to reduce discharge against medical advice
  - ensuring the needs and interests of Aboriginal people are embedded into all NSW Health initiatives through the Aboriginal Health Impact Statement
  - implementing workforce initiatives to strengthen cultural competence of health services through Respecting the Difference: An Aboriginal Cultural Training Framework
  - initiatives to address environmental health issues in Aboriginal communities, including Housing for Health Projects to ensure safe and healthy living environments within Aboriginal homes, and the NSW Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program
  - increasing recruitment and retention of Aboriginal staff in health care settings o implementing a range of targeted programs to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people, including Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Services, which provide accessible, culturally appropriate maternity care programs for Aboriginal families across New South Wales and Quit for New Life, and a smoking cessation support program for Aboriginal mothers with babies.
- Cardiovascular disease makes the largest contribution to the gap in morbidity and mortality between Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people. To address this, New South Wales undertakes activities as part of Better Cardiac Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, a national initiative supported by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council as part of the Australian Government's commitment to closing the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

- Better Cardiac Care encompasses a range of initiatives to improve primary and secondary prevention to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease among Aboriginal people.

\*4326 MANUFACTURE OF TRAIN CARRIAGES IN SOUTH KOREA—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Regarding the Government's decision to have 500 train carriages built in South Korea, will there be benefits for the people of New South Wales and the Hunter?

Answer—

There are many benefits for the people of New South Wales, including the people of the Hunter.

The New Intercity Fleet achieves a significant improvement in the customer experience while achieving value for money for the New South Wales taxpayer.

Intercity customers, including those from the Hunter, will experience unprecedented levels of convenience and comfort. The new fleet will have comfortable two by two seating. Each seat will have tray tables and cup holders, as well as the ability to charge mobile devices via USB or charging facilities.

There will also be dedicated luggage and bicycle racks, extra space for wheelchairs and prams and fully accessible toilets.

Customers will also benefit from increased levels of security with each carriage equipped with modern CCTV technology, help points and digital announcements.

Additional benefits are outlined on the Transport for NSW website.

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\*4327 LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How much money did the Government allocate to funding libraries in the Maitland Local Government Area in each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 13 September 2016)?

Answer—

Information on NSW Government funding for public libraries is available online at <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au> and in the State Library of NSW Annual Reports.

\*4328 RELOCATION OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Can assurances be given that the Department of Education's 'protocols for schools where recess, closures, amalgamations or other educational provision models are to be considered' have been strictly adhered to with regards to the decision to move Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield to the Hawkesbury?

Answer—

The Department of Education's "Protocols for schools where recess, closure, amalgamation or other educational provision models are to be considered" are only relevant to schools that go into recess, are amalgamated or closed.

\*4329 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the cost of the Government's current advertising campaign for the Revitalising Newcastle project?

Answer—

The campaign is being delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$510 million investment in Newcastle through the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program. This is a program of urban renewal and transport initiatives designed to attract people back to the city centre and rekindle the vibrancy of Newcastle's CBD.

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\*4330 OLD NEWCASTLE COURT HOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) When will the old Newcastle Court House be put on the market for sale?
- (2) Has the Government decided on a date to put the Courthouse up for Expression of Interest?

Answer—

- (1) The marketing campaign for the sale of the Newcastle Courthouse commenced on Friday 28 October 2016.
- (2) Property NSW appointed Colliers International to manage the sale of this historic property by public auction. The auction is scheduled for 15 December 2016.

\*4331 COMMERCIAL FISHERS BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Has the Commercial Fishers Business Adjustment Program been assessed for workplace health and safety risks which may occur as a result of the introduction of the Program?

Answer—

Please see my answer to Supplementary Question 203 from my Budget Estimates Hearing.

\*4332 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Given that the CBD of Bankstown is expected to house an extra 36,000 residents under the Sydenham to Bankstown urban renewal corridor plan, do you agree that the retention of the Ambulance Station at the corner of Meredith Street and Rickard Road in Bankstown is necessary?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my previous response for question on notice LA3989.

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(Paper No. 96)

\*4333 RACING SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How much government funding was provided in sponsorship and/or grants to racing codes in New South Wales to each separate code of gallopers, trotters and greyhounds in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Racing NSW

2013-14

Grants: \$10,010,000

- The Championships, 2013-14, \$10 million
- Scone Cup Carnival, 2013-14, Destination NSW, Regional Flagship Event Program, \$10,000

Sponsorships: Commercial-in-confidence

- The Championships. Destination NSW worked with Racing NSW in 2013-14 to deliver a marketing campaign to support the launch and promotion of the new event. Destination NSW stated that as the marketing contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.
- Albury Gold Cup, March 2014. Destination NSW invested in this event but stated that as the event contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.

2014-15

Grants: \$10,000,000

- The Championships, 2014-15, \$10 million

Sponsorships: Commercial-in-confidence

- Albury Gold Cup, March 2015. Destination NSW invested in this event but stated that as the event contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.

2015-16

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: Commercial-in-confidence

- Albury Gold Cup, March 2016. Destination NSW invested in this event but stated that as the event contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.

Harness Racing NSW

2013-14

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: Commercial-in-confidence

- Tabcorp Inter Dominion Championships at Menangle, March 2014. Destination NSW invested in this event but stated that as the event contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.

2014-15

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: Commercial-in-confidence

- Tabcorp Inter Dominion Championships at Menangle, March 2015. Destination NSW invested in this event but stated that as the event contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.

2015-16

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: Commercial-in-confidence

- Tabcorp Inter Dominion Championships at Menangle, March 2016. Destination NSW invested in this event but stated that as the event contract in relation to this initiative is commercial-in-confidence, the Destination NSW investment figure cannot be disclosed.

Greyhound Racing NSW

2013-14

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: n/a

2014-15

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: n/a

2015-16

Grants: n/a

Sponsorships: n/a

My department consulted with NSW Treasury, Destination NSW and the three racing controlling bodies in preparing this response. It advised it is not aware of any other Government grants or sponsorships to the three racing codes

\*4334 BROADMEADOW SPORTING PRECINCT MASTERPLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) In light of recent funding announcements for basketball and netball associations at Broadmeadow, is the Government any closer to producing a sporting precinct Masterplan for the site?
  - (a) Will that Masterplan include a site for a regional skatepark?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to 3470.

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\*4335 OLD NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Considering the Government committed to selling the old Newcastle Courthouse by the end of 2015, when will the old Newcastle Courthouse be placed on the market for sale?

Answer—

Please see the response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 4330.

\*4336 WRITING SKILLS IN THE BETTER PRISONS EDUCATION REFORM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Is writing no longer considered to be important to be assessed in the new online literacy and numeracy assessments which are set to be used under the Better Prisons Education reform?
- (2) Is the ability to write considered a vital skill for inmates to gain employment upon release?

Answer—

- (1) Inmates' writing skills are important and will be assessed by the external provider as part of the development of individual learning plans.
- (2) Yes

\*4337 COATES HIRE NEWCASTLE SUPERCAR 500 GRAND FINALE 2017—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Considering the former Government established the Homebush Motor Racing Authority (HMRA) through the Homebush Motor Racing (Sydney 500) Act 2008 and provided funding to ensure the operational success of the Sydney Supercar event, will such an authority be established for the Newcastle 500 event?
  - (a) If so, will it be based on the same structure?
  - (b) If not, what will be its structure?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated to this entity?
- (3) How much funding has been provided by the Government for the whole event in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?
- (4) Will an independent body undertake community consultation for the event?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) There is no intention to establish an authority similar to the Homebush Motor Racing Authority.
  - (a) Not applicable.
  - (b) There is no intention to establish any new authority.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Event investment is commercial-in-confidence between the event proponent and the Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW. As such, Destination NSW does not disclose the level of funds committed to commercial event investment.
- (4) Community information sessions are being managed by Supercars Australia, the event organiser, in consultation with Newcastle City Council.

\*4338 RESULTS GENERATED BY COMPUTERISED PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Why do the results generated by the new computerised program which will be utilised to assess an inmates needs fail to measure below level 1 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ASCF)?

Answer—

- (1) Inmates' writing skills are important and will be assessed by the external provider as part of the development of individual learning plans.
- (2) Yes.

\*4339 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BETTER EDUCATION REFORMS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Following the full implementation of the Better Education reforms, will any additional security provisions be provided by Corrections NSW to ensure the safety of new corrections trainers (employed by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO))?

- (a) If yes, what is this projected to cost?
- (b) If no, will the provider be required to provide their own security?

Answer—

No. Corrective Services NSW existing security and work health and safety protocols ensure the safety of anyone entering a correctional centre.

\*4340 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made on the demand for palliative care services in the Maitland electorate?
- (2) When will the Government provide additional funding to provide 24/7 palliative care nurses for those wanting palliative care support at home?
- (3) What is the Government doing to fund the unmet need for home-based palliative support in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

The Lower Hunter Community Health Service normally provides 24-hour palliative care services to the Maitland community. However, due to unexpected leave and nursing resignations the service had to temporarily reduce the hours of care that it can offer. The Service has recently recruited nursing positions with successful applicants due to start shortly.

In the meantime, alternative avenues to provide palliative care are being accessed and patients and families have been provided with options for support. This includes community nursing and symptom management with general practitioners.

In addition, the Maitland Palliative Care Service is partnering with the non-government organisation, Silver Chain in Maitland to provide morning and evening nursing care to clients in their home.

Further support is also available from the state-wide Palliative Care After Hours Helpline on 1800 548 225. This service provides information and support for patients, their families and carers outside of business hours and is available to all NSW residents requiring palliative care.

\*4341 THE ROCKS LEASING POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority terminated the lease of The Button Shop in Nurses Walk at The Rocks?
- (2) What is the NSW Property policy for leasing of shops in this precinct?
- (3) Does this include maintaining a diverse range and unique businesses?
- (4) What is the rationale for replacing existing businesses with cafes?
- (5) What other businesses are having leases terminated or being replaced?
- (6) What plans does the government have to return this precinct to local government management under the City of Sydney?
- (7) What plans does the government have to change business profile at The Rocks?

Answer—

(1) The Button Shop's lease expired in September 2006. After the lease expired they operated on a month-to-month basis. Property NSW (PNSW), in accordance with the Rocks Leasing Policy, provided the tenant with the required one month's notice following an open market leasing process.

(2) to (4) and (7) The Rocks leasing policies and Strategic Directions are available on PNSW's website at [www.property.nsw.gov.au/leasing-and-property-management](http://www.property.nsw.gov.au/leasing-and-property-management).

(5) In accordance with the Rocks Leasing Policy and as good market practice, businesses do not have an automatic right to the renewal of its lease. The lease renewal process is outlined on PNSW's website at <https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/leasing-and-property-management>.

(6) There are no plans to transfer the ownership and/or management of The Rocks to the City of Sydney.

\*4342 WESTCONNEX NOISE MITIGATION PROCESS—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) Will residents of properties which have been assessed in the WestConnex Environmental Impact Statement process as requiring noise mitigation receive this mitigation, prior to work commencing in the vicinity of their homes?

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- (2) What is the timeframe for residents receiving notice of noise mitigation installation in their properties?
- (3) Will the level of mitigation be equivalent to the guidelines of the NSW Road Noise Policy and the Noise Mitigation Guidelines (RMS 2015)?
- (4) Will residents receive details of the form of noise mitigation planned for their properties, prior to the installation of the same?
- (5) What recourse will residents of properties have regarding inadequate noise mitigation which is installed prior to works commencing but found to be inadequate or insufficient after Westconnex works commence?

Answer—

The Environmental Impact Statement identifies a number of properties which are potentially eligible for acoustic property treatment for the operational phase of the project. These properties are currently being confirmed by further noise modelling and will also undergo architectural acoustic assessment to confirm whether treatment is required and if so what type. Residents who are eligible for mitigation measures will be informed of the type of noise treatment they will receive prior to its installation. The level of mitigation will be equivalent to the guidelines of the NSW Road Noise Policy and the Noise Mitigation Guidelines (RMS 2015).

The project team will contact property owners in a staged approach to set up the initial property acoustic assessments. The New M5 team commenced this process in November 2016. The M4 East team will commence this process in December 2016. Installation of acoustic property treatments will commence in early 2017. The project will prioritise properties which are closest to the works as early installation may be of benefit during construction.

Construction noise is managed in accordance with the mitigation measures contained in the project Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plans. Temporary construction noise walls have and will continue to be installed during the site establishment phase. All acoustic sheds for the M4 East have been constructed. Noise levels are monitored throughout the construction phase to ensure ongoing compliance with the project Conditions of Approval.

\*4343 WESTCONNEX ASBESTOS ISSUES - KINGSGROVE—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) Was any asbestos contaminated road fill used throughout the Kingsgrove North WestConnex construction site?
- (2) Were any asbestos contaminated soils excavated from the embankment adjacent to the Kingsgrove Linear Park as part of the works in the Kingsgrove North WestConnex construction site?
- (3) Why weren't asbestos warning signs installed along the barrier fences at the Kingsgrove North WestConnex construction site and other nearby WestConnex works site prior to the excavation of large amounts of soil from this embankment and other excavations and demolitions which were undertaken prior to the placement of asbestos warning signage?
- (4) What asbestos testing has been done on this site?
  - (a) Please provide records of this testing?
- (5) Is the Minister satisfied that the health and safety of workers and residents has been adequately protected in relation to asbestos concerns with this WestConnex site and surrounds?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) Material containing asbestos has been safely excavated as part of the work at the New M5 Kingsgrove North construction site.
- (3) In line with the New M5 Conditions of Approval, a Remediation Action Plan has been prepared. Excavation work at the Kingsgrove site is being undertaken in accordance with the Remediation Action Plan.
- (4) Testing was undertaken and a Soil Contamination Report has been prepared in line with the New M5 Conditions of Approval. The New M5 project team is complying with all reporting requirements associated with the New M5 Conditions of Approval.
- (5) All material containing asbestos is being managed in line with strict legislation under Work Health and Safety, and that of the Environment Protection Authority and its licenses.

\*4344 COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering your statement during Budget Estimates 31 August 2016 (page 5-6 of transcript) that read "In the past four years the New South Wales Government has acquired 1,713 properties ", in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16, how many of these properties were:
- Easement properties?
  - Rural industrial properties?
  - Rural commercial properties?
  - Rural other properties?
  - Rural residential properties?
  - Urban commercial properties?
  - Urban industrial properties?
  - Urban other properties?
  - Urban residential properties?

Answer—

These are a matter for the relevant acquiring authority.

\*4345 CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- Considering the proposed changes to the Emergency Services Levy (ESL), and the proposed shift from an insurance based levy to a rate based levy, to be collected by councils across New South Wales, when will you introduce legislation to this effect?
- Will the legislation allow for an adjustment to the current three per cent rate peg applied to local councils?
- What will the average charge per residential block, across New South Wales for the proposed new ESL on rates?
- Is there any plan to adjust the rate base from Unimproved Value to a new model of Capital Improved Value and if so, when will this come into effect and how long will councils be given to make this adjustment?
- Has any financial impact modelling been done to assess the financial impact on councils of this proposed new process, considering that they will now have responsibility to administer the scheme?
  - If so, is that modelling publicly available?
  - Where can it be found?
- Considering that legislation has not been introduced to allow for councils to begin collecting the proposed new ESL, nor has legislation been introduced to remove the responsibility from insurers, is the issuing notices by insurers of the change to ESL to be in keeping with the current laws of New South Wales?
- Have you or your Department issued any instruction to insurers about the timing of a scale-back of collection of ESL fee during the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

- Legislation to abolish the insurance-based Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and introduce an Emergency Services Property Levy (ESPL) will be introduced into Parliament in the first half of 2017.
- The ESPL will be entirely separate from council rates.
- The average insured residential property owner is expected to save around \$40 per annum under the ESPL.
- The ESPL will be based on the unimproved land values.
- The Government will fully compensate local governments for all reasonable costs of ESPL implementation and operation.
- Yes.
- As you are aware, the Government has appointed Professors Allan Fels AO and David Cousins AM as Insurance Monitor and Deputy Monitor. The Monitors provide advice and guidance to consumers and the insurance industry to make certain that insurers genuinely phase out the insurance-based levy during to the transition to the property based levy.

\*4346 BREAKDOWN OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS BY PROJECT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to the sum total of compulsory acquisitions, which you told Budget Estimates on August 31, 2016 was at 1,713 for the preceding four years:

- Please identify the four year period to which you were referring?

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- (2) Please break down the acquisitions into a number on a project by project basis and provide that detail on a year by year basis for each of those projects (eg WestConnex, NorthConnex, etc)?

Answer—

- (1) The four year period refers to Road and Maritime Services' acquisitions for the financial years 2012/13 to 2015/16.  
(2) This is a matter for the relevant acquiring authority.

\*4347 COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS TAKEN TO THE LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to your statement during Budget Estimates August 31, 2016 (pages 5-6 of transcript) that read "In the past four years, 68, that is 4 per cent, have gone to the Land and Environment Court":

- (1) Please identify the four year period to which you were referring?  
(2) Please provide a break down, per year, of the number of matters that went to the Land and Environment Court during the four year period to which you were referring?  
(3) For each of the years, during the four year period to which you were referring, what number of cases which went to the Land and Environment Court were completed pre-hearing and what number of cases were completed at hearing?  
(4) Does your figure of " 68 " appear to be at odds with the figures shown on page 7 of the NSW Parliament Library Research Paper titled Compulsory Acquisition of Land: A brief Legislative and Statistical Overview (September 2016)

Answer—

- (1) The four year period refers to Roads and Maritime Services' acquisitions for the financial years 2012/13 to 2015/16.  
(2) Fourteen in FY 2012/13  
One in FY 2013/14  
Seven in FY 2014/15  
Forty-six in FY 2015/16.  
(3) This question should be directed to the Attorney General.  
(4) The Parliamentary Library's paper refers to acquisitions at the whole of government level.

\*4348 NEW SOUTH WALES NET DEBT POSITION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Is the State of New South Wales free of debt?  
(2) Is the State of New South Wales free of borrowings?  
(3) Is Table C2 on page C-3 of Budget Paper 1 2016-17 accurate when it indicates:  
(a) Borrowings of approximately \$33.073B?  
(b) Interest charges of \$2.165 billion for the year against our borrowings of approximately \$33.073 billion?  
(4) What is the total value of cash on hand as a result of the various asset sales, lease, concessions, etcetera across New South Wales?  
(5) Is it this pool of funding that you are measuring against the borrowings of the state when you declare the State "net debt free"?  
(6) Do you agree with the Auditor General's claim that Total State Sector:  
(a) Borrowings is at \$80.1billion?  
(b) Net debt is at \$39 billion?

Answer—

As you are aware, the Report on State Finances shows the NSW General Government Sector (GGS) to be free of net debt. I note that under the former Labor government, GGS net debt was forecast to rise to \$19 billion in 2014-15.

\*4349 BROKEN TEACHING CAREER PATHS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering the Department's new policy of decreasing the salary of experienced teachers who take off five years to the same rate as a beginner teacher, what measures is the Minister putting in place to assist teachers and employees who experience broken career patterns such as women who take absences to have children?

- (2) How does the Minister respond to criticisms that this measure makes it more difficult to retain professional and experienced teachers and diminishes the standard of teaching in New South Wales classrooms?

Answer—

Teachers in NSW Government schools are entitled to career breaks of up to five years with no impact on their salary or accreditation level.

NSW Department of Education employees who take leave to have children are entitled to parental leave until their child reaches school age. Employees on parental leave will not only retain their salary level from prior to taking the leave, they will also be eligible for incremental credit while on parental leave.

The department has generous maternity leave entitlements that encourage and support teachers who are raising a family to maintain connectivity with their profession through right of return and part time work.

\*4350 PALLIATIVE CARE AT GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Where will palliative care patients be placed at Goulburn Base Hospital and what is the health service going to provide for end of life care for those patients and their relatives?
- (2) Do current ward facilities at Goulburn Base Hospital provide relatives a place to stay with their family member during their end of life care?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Goulburn Health Service already provides palliative care to patients in the Goulburn Base Hospital.

Family members wishing to stay overnight with a palliative patient are accommodated within the patient's room. There is capacity to utilise a larger room for one patient and family members where it is desirable to do so.

\*4351 PEDIATRICIAN WAITING TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the longest wait time for a child who is on the waiting list to see a pediatrician at Maitland Hospital?
- (2) How many children have been on the waiting list to see a pediatrician at Maitland Hospital for more than two years?
- (3) What is the Government doing to reduce the waiting time for patients who are on the waiting list to see a pediatrician at Maitland Hospital?

Answer—

\*4352 TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are there plans in the immediate future to upgrade the following train stations:
  - (a) Telarah;
  - (b) Lochinvar;
  - (c) High Street;
  - (d) East Maitland;
  - (e) Victoria Street;
  - (f) Metford;
  - (g) Thornton?
- (2) If so, what is the scope of works for each station?
- (3) What is the budget allocation for each station?
- (4) When are these works expected to commence?
- (5) Will the works be contracted out to local businesses?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next.

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\*4353 CLOSURE OF THE NSW SOLAR BONUS SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

(1) Considering that Maitland is one of the fastest growing regional cities in New South Wales, has the Department of Industry scheduled an information workshop about the closure of the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme in Maitland?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) No. There is no plan to hold a workshop in Maitland, however, there is a workshop planned for Newcastle on 16 November 2016.

(a) The locations and frequency of the Workshops were based on a number of factors, including the number of Solar Bonus Scheme customers in a region, the need to ensure access for customers in regional areas of NSW and the availability of appropriate venues in the areas identified.

Division of Resources and Energy (ORE) is arranging a professional videographer to video one of the earlier Workshops and will be making this video available for Scheme customers to view on their personal computer to benefit the Scheme customer who could not attend the workshops. A link to this video will be uploaded to the ORE website by the end of November

\*4354 FAULTY OPAL CARDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many replacement pensioner Opal cards have been issued due to cards that have become inactive due to a fault since their introduction?

(2) What is the percentage of cards that are faulty and unable to be used on a daily basis?

Answer—

0.65 per cent of Pensioner Opal cards have been replaced after they were reported as faulty by customers.

\*4355 7 ELIZABETH STREET METRO ACQUISITION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Is it true that negotiations for the compulsory acquisition of 7 Elizabeth Street were underway at the same time that the Government was considering an unsolicited proposal for redevelopment of the site?

(2) What information was provided to owners of 7 Elizabeth Street about the Government's plans to sell the site and airspace for redevelopment after completion of the metro project?

(3) To what extent did offers to owners include benefits from the uplift value of the property after it is redeveloped?

(4) What is the estimated difference between total costs paid to owners and renters for compulsory acquisition of 7 Elizabeth Street and the projected income from its sale for redevelopment?

(5) How did the Government select the 7 Elizabeth Street site for the Martin Place Metro Station, given it accommodates an important heritage listed building occupied by residents and owned by various individual owners, over the next door site at 9 Elizabeth Street, which is not heritage listed, reported to be occupied only by bicycle spaces and lockers, and owned entirely by Macquarie Bank?

(6) When did Macquarie Bank first indicate its idea to redevelop airspace above the Martin Place Metro Station following its completion with the Government?

(7) How will the Government demonstrate to the community that 7 Elizabeth Street was acquired under just terms and without undue influence or benefit to other parties?

Answer—

(1) The acquisition process for 7 Elizabeth Street commenced in November 2015, immediately after the Government's announcement to commence the Sydney Metro City & Southwest Project, and before any unsolicited proposal was submitted.

(2) The landowners were informed that the properties are required for the construction and operation of the future Martin Place Metro Station.

(3) Offers to landowners are based on independent valuations, taking into consideration all the Heads of Compensation entitled to land owners under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Act. The act ensures that the highest and best use of the land is analysed and adopted as the basis for determining Market Value.

(4) The acquisition costs are based on the land owners entitlement to compensation. The building is required for the operation of the Martin Place station.

- (5) The site selection is based on finding suitable sites that meet the complex requirements to build and operate the proposed station. The sites are selected on the basis of best long term operational benefits for rail customers.
- (6) This is a matter for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (7) Transport for NSW is acquiring the properties in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Act.

\*4356 NURSE AND PATIENT RATIOS—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current nurse/patient ratios at:
  - (a) Wyong Hospital?
  - (b) The private sector?

Answer—

I refer you to the Public Health System Nurses) and Midwives' (State) Award 2015.

\*4357 ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the competitive evaluation process used for the awarding of contracts for maintenance and construction of Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District assets?
- (2) How many contracts have been awarded since March 2015 (to 20 October 2016) for maintenance and building jobs in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District?
  - (a) How many unique contractors were employed for these contracts?
- (3) How many jobs are currently under construction in the electorates of Kiama and South Coast?
  - (a) How many contractors applied to carry out jobs currently being undertaken in the aforementioned electorates?
  - (b) How many unique contractors were successful in their applications?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) to (3) In accordance with Government procurement policy, maintenance and construction services are procured by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District through a contestable process, when over \$30,000 in value. In evaluating tenders, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District may take into consideration not only price, but also other factors affecting value for money. The evaluation criteria used to assess value for money is prepared subject to the nature, scale and risk profile of the project. When used, evaluation criteria are advised to the tenderers. Individual weightings and scores are confidential and are not disclosed.

Local health districts do not routinely collect information on building and maintenance contracts by electorate.

\*4358 178 DOWLING STREET DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) When does the Government expect the development of new social housing at 178 Dowling Street to be completed?
- (2) Were funds from the sale of Millers Point properties used to fund this new development?
- (3) Is it true the units will be for people over 55 years of age only?
- (4) How will homes in this development be allocated?
- (5) Will the Government give priority to local social housing tenants who need accessible homes and are awaiting transfer?

Answer—

(1) Construction is expected to be completed in mid 2017.

(2) No.

(3) to (5) Units within this property will be allocated sensitively and prioritised in accordance with the allocation strategy of the Women's Housing Company. As many of the units in this building have lift access, priority will be given to applicants over 55 years of age where appropriate, and all allocations made to single women through Housing Pathways

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\*4359 GREYHOUND INDUSTRY REFORM PANEL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How can community members contribute concerns about and ideas to improve the greyhound racing industry to the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel?
- (2) How can people contact the panel?
- (3) Will the panel hold public hearings, call for public submissions or provide for comment on draft proposals?
- (4) Will the panel engage with animal welfare groups other than the RSPCA NSW, including organisations that have previously gone undercover in the industry in order to expose serious cruelty?
- (5) Who has been appointed to the Expert Advisory Committee included in the panel's terms of reference, and how will this group operate?
- (6) Why does the NSW Justice Office of Racing provide the number 1800 812 115 on its website for information about the panel, given a call to the number on Monday 17 October 2016 indicated it is a counselling and medical service for people upset by the greyhound ban?
- (7) How can people in the community find out more information about the panel?
- (8) How is the reform panel being funded and what contribution is the industry making to this panel and its work?

Answer—

The Government has established the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel to determine a new regime that will ensure greyhound racing in NSW has the toughest regulatory guidelines in the country and prioritises animal welfare. The Panel, chaired by former Premier Morris Iemma, includes representatives from RSPCA NSW, the greyhound industry and government.

This new regime will be based on proposals the industry itself has put forward, including commitments that every greyhound bred in NSW will have a full and natural life; controlled breeding; zero tolerance for animal cruelty; and the provision of stringent and safe racing environments. The Government, and all of NSW, will be holding the industry to account to these commitments.

The Government has asked the Panel to consider:

- mandatory life bans and increased jail terms for live baiting
- registering greyhounds for their entire lives
- an independent regulator with strong new powers to ensure accountability
- substantially increased resources for enforcement and prosecution as well as animal welfare.

Subject to the report of the Panel, legislation will be introduced early next year repealing the racing ban and establishing the new regulatory regime. The Panel will also determine the timing and criteria for a statutory review of the new legislation and regulatory regime.

The Government remains committed to ensuring greyhound welfare considerations are the foundation of industry reform and we will continue to work with animal welfare organisations to secure this outcome. The Panel will determine an appropriate industry structure and regulatory framework and associated resources that will be required to implement the necessary reform and ensure rigorous oversight going forward.

Members of the Expert Advisory Committee include:

- John Gibbons, GRNSW Administrator
- Micheil Brodie, Executive Director, Office of Racing
- Scott Parker, CEO, Greyhounds Australasia.

The Panel is also able to seek advice from any other expert it chooses.

The work of the Panel is being supported using existing government resources.

Please find more information about the Panel's work at [www.racing.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/greyhound-racing-nsw.aspx](http://www.racing.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/greyhound-racing-nsw.aspx).

\*4360 CYCLING RULES: CHILDREN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What data does the Government have about the number of bike riders under:
  - (a) 12 years of age;

- (b) Between 12 and 15 years of age?
- (2) What data does the Government have about the number of accidents involving bike riders under:
- (a) 15 years of age;
- (b) Under 12 years of age?
- (3) What proportion of bike riders killed or injured are children?
- (4) Is it true that 10 to 15 year old bike riders are more at risk than other age groups?
- (5) What is the rationale for the NSW Road Rule 250 1 providing that children under 12 may ride on footpaths?
- (6) Is it true that other States and Territories do not use these age restrictions?
- (7) What assessment has the Government carried out into the developmental capacities of adolescents in order to determine the age from which riders should no longer use footpaths?
- (8) What liaison has the Government carried out with other States and Territories and the Commonwealth about common National Road Rules allowing for children under 15 to ride on footpaths?
- (9) What plans does the Government have to increase the age at which bike riders are no longer allowed to ride on footpaths to 15?

Answer—

- (1) The 2012 Sydney Cycling Survey is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.
- (2) and (3) Crash and casualty statistics are available on the Centre for Road Safety website.
- (4) There is no evidence to suggest that 10-15 year old children are more at risk than other age groups.
- (5) to (9) The NSW Road Rules 2014 are based on the national model law of the Australian Road Rules. These rules are developed by representatives of each State and Territory on the Australian Road Rules Maintenance Advisory Group and administered by the National Transport Commission.

I recently asked the Centre for Road Safety to look into the age of riding a bicycle on the footpath.

In reviewing policy proposals, our experts at the Centre for Road Safety will consider stages of cognitive and physical development in children, as well as the safety of bicycle riders and pedestrians.

- \*4361 REOPENING OF FISHING IN TILLIGERRY CREEK AND FULLERTON COVE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Noting that the Department of Primary Industries media release 'Fishing closures at Williamtown to be lifted' dated 27 September 2016 does not specify the recommended consumption volumes/weight for fish and/or crustaceans caught from Tilligerry Creek and Fullerton Cove following the reopening of fishing of Tilligerry Creek and Fullerton Cove in response to the Williamtown RAAF PFAS contamination;

- (1) What is the Minister doing to ensure that the wider community is aware of the recommended limits?
- (2) How is the Minister assessing whether these (if any) actions are effective and ensure the safety of the community from PFAS contaminated seafood?

Answer—

(1) The media releases displayed on the relevant departmental websites contain specific links to the dietary advice and are readily accessible. The advice was also presented to the Williamtown Community Reference Group and a dedicated meeting for commercial fishers from the area. The dietary advice is additionally featured on the EPA Williamtown investigation website and included in the most recent FAQ provided on that NSW EPA website and raised during interviews with local media.

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has developed additional advisory material which will be distributed directly to the local community. The NSW Government was also represented at the Department of Defence led Community Walk in Session on 2 November 2016.

(2) Careful re-assessment of the Human Health Risk Assessment Investigations by the NSW Government appointed Expert Advisory Panel has guided the preparation of consumption advisories for local residents subject to additional exposure pathways for those few seafood consumers who consume unusually large amounts of seafood from PFAS affected areas. This continues the precautionary and thorough approach to minimising risks to the community.

- \*4362 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much funding has been spent on Treasury's Financial Transformation Management project (as

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at 19 October 2016)?

- (2) How much funding was spent on recruitment agencies to attract staff for this project (as at 19 October 2016)?
- (3) Will this project be completed in time to be used for the next New South Wales Budget?

Answer—

I refer you to my most recent answer, QoN 3621.

\*4363 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFFING LEVELS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What was the full-time equivalent staffing level at the Department of Industry Lands office in Maitland at:
  - (a) 30 June 2014?
  - (b) 30 June 2015?
  - (c) 30 June 2016?
- (2) What is the current full-time equivalent staffing level at the Maitland office?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (c) I refer the Honourable Member to the answer to Question on Notice No. 1010 asked by the Hon Mick Veitch MLC on the Legislative Council Question and Answer Paper dated 21 June 2016. The staff numbers quoted in response to that question related to Crown Lands as a discrete entity/function.

(2) As at 7 October 2016 there were 32.1 FTE Department of Industry - Lands staff employed at the Maitland (East Maitland) office.

\*4364 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ASSETS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the total value of Department of Education assets sold in the past five financial years (to 20 October 2016)?
- (2) What is the total value of Department of Education assets on school properties sold in the past five financial years (to 20 October 2016)?
- (3) What is the total value of Department of Education assets on school properties in the Summer Hill electorate sold in the past five financial years (to 20 October 2016)?

Answer—

The Department of Education only sells land where it is deemed surplus to current or future educational use.

The department provides an updated list of annual sales and acquisitions on its website.

\*4365 LEASES EXECUTED BY THE LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many concurrent leases with community housing providers is the Land and Housing Corporation expecting to execute within the next 12 months (from 20 October 2016)?

Answer—

In the next 12 months it is expected that up to 800 concurrent leases will be executed. These relate to properties remaining from earlier property transfer programs included in the recently announced Social Housing Management Transfer Program.

\*4366 DIALYSIS SERVICES FOR MEDOWIE AND TILLIGERRY AND TOMAREE PENINSULAS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many residents currently receive dialysis from the postcodes:
  - (a) 2315 (including the suburbs of Nelson Bay, Corlette, Fingal Bay and Shoal Bay)?
  - (b) 2316 (including the suburbs of Anna Bay, Boat Harbour and Bobs Farm)?
  - (c) 2317 (including the suburbs Soldiers Point and Salamander Bay)?
  - (d) 2318 (including the suburbs Medowie, Salt Ash and Oyster Cove)?
  - (e) 2319 (including the suburbs Tanilba, Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage)?
- (2) Are there any services available for residents living in the postcodes 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318 and 2319 to access dialysis locally?
- (3) Where do the residents living in the postcodes 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318 and 2319 receive dialysis

treatment?

- (4) For a person receiving dialysis treatment, how often, on average, do they need to attend a dialysis service each week?  
(5) What is the average length of time someone receives dialysis treatment?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of patients on dialysis across the Hunter New England area varies from time to time.

Home dialysis is considered the best treatment option for patients and is the first option for those who are capable of this level of self-care.

In addition to supported care within the patient's home, services at the Raymond Terrace Dialysis Unit (if suitable) are available. Private patients can also access a private dialysis unit in Newcastle.

Patients on haemodialysis need to attend three days per week on average, and the average haemodialysis treatment is usually five hours.

\*4367 REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Will you make public the reasons why a community housing provider will be registered under the local scheme rather than the uniform national scheme?  
(a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

I refer you to the Legislative Assembly Hansard of 19 October 2016 in which I quoted the undertaking made on 18 October 2016 by the Registrar of Community Housing.

\*4368 CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What are the names of each member of the Children's Guardian Expert Advisory Panel?  
(2) What was the date when each panel member was appointed?

Answer—

- (1) Ms Emily Baron; Dr Russell Pratt and Mr Dale Tolliday.  
(2) Panel members were appointed on 22 August 2016

\*4369 HOME BIRTHING OPTIONS FOR KARUAH—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are residents living in Karuah able to receive support from the Belmont Midwifery Group, a program operated by the John Hunter Hospital?  
(a) If not, why not?  
(2) If an expecting mother has already been accepted into the Belmont Midwifery Program, and subsequently moves from Medowie to Karuah, would they be excluded from the program?  
(a) If so, on what basis?  
(3) Is there any Government home birthing service, other than the Belmont Midwifery Group, available to residents from the Karuah region?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Hunter New England Local Health District is committed to the safety of women, their babies and staff.

The Belmont Midwifery Group Practice offers women the option of birthing in the midwifery-led birthing unit at Belmont Hospital or with the homebirth service.

In accordance with clinical guidelines for homebirths, the planned place of birth must be accessible to NSW Ambulance and be no more than 30 minutes from the nearest maternity unit. This is to ensure the safety of women and their babies.

Women who live outside the radius are able to access the Belmont Midwifery Group Practice for pregnancy and birthing care, provisional on them birthing in the Belmont Birth Centre or at John Hunter Hospital Birth Centre.

\*4370 TEA GARDENS/ HAWKS NEST DIALYSIS —Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

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- (1) How many residents from the suburbs of Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest, Pindimar, Bundabah, Karuah and North Arm Cove currently receive dialysis?
- (2) Are there any facilities available for people in the Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest/Karuah region to access dialysis?
- (3) On what days and times is dialysis available at Raymond Terrace's HealthOne Clinic?
- (4) Where do the residents from the Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest/Karuah region receive dialysis treatment?

Answer—

The number of patients on dialysis across the Hunter New England area varies from time to time.

Home dialysis is considered the best treatment option for patients and is the first option for those who are capable of this level of self-care.

In addition to supported care within the patient's home, services at the Raymond Terrace Dialysis Unit (if suitable) are available. Private patients can also access a Private Dialysis Unit in Newcastle.

\*4371 WILLIAMTOWN BLOOD TESTING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) When will voluntary blood testing be made available to residents impacted by the Williamtown RAAF contamination?
- (2) Where will residents need to go for the blood testing to occur?
- (3) How will residents access the blood testing?
- (4) What documentation will residents need to demonstrate that they are inside the investigation area?
- (5) Will blood testing be made available to residents who have formerly lived within the investigation area but have since moved away?
- (6) What information or advice is being provided to residents before and after they access blood testing?
- (7) What mental health support is being offered to residents before and after they access blood testing?
- (8) Who is funding the blood testing?
- (9) Who is responsible for taking the blood?
- (10) Who will be undertaking the testing of the blood and preparing the report?
- (11) In what format will the report on the blood test be provided to residents?

Answer—

The voluntary blood testing of residents near the Williamtown RAAF base is a Federal Government initiative and all questions pertaining to this topic should be referred to the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care.

\*4372 WILLIAMTOWN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Considering the epidemiological health study being conducted for residents impacted by the Williamtown RAAF contamination how will residents participate in the study?
- (2) What information will be:
  - (a) Made available to residents prior to participating in the study?
  - (b) Collected during the study?
  - (c) Provided to residents during the study?
  - (d) Provided to residents at the conclusion of this study?
- (3) Will the results of the study be made publicly available?
- (4) When will the study commence?
- (5) Over what period of time will it be conducted?
- (6) When will a report be produced on the outcomes of the study?
- (7) How will the information be used?
- (8) What privacy protections will be in place for participants in the study?
- (9) Who is funding the study?
- (10) Who is conducting the study?
- (11) What were the terms of reference provided to the person or entity conducting the study?

Answer—

I am advised:

The undertaking of an epidemiological study on residents near the Williamtown RAAF base is a Federal government initiative and all questions pertaining to this topic should be referred to the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care.

\*4373 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

In areas where councils have been forcibly amalgamated, if a resident had a development application underway at the time of the merger should they be charged the fee set by the original council or should they be charged the fee of the now amalgamated council?

Answer—

Residents lodging development applications are generally charged the applicable fee at the time of application. Therefore the fee payable would depend on when the resident lodged their application.

\*4374 ADLER A110 LEVER-ACTION SHOTGUNS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many Adler A110 seven shot lever-action shotguns have been confiscated in New South Wales since the Commonwealth Government ban was instigated in 2015?
- (2) How many Adler A110 five shot lever-action shotguns are currently licensed in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me as at 26 October 2016:

- (1) The NSWPF does not record magazine capacity of seized firearms.
- (2) 5,025 (Adler brand only).

\*4375 INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ENROLMENT CAPACITY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) As part of applications to the Department of Planning, how many independent and private schools have been granted an increase to their enrolment capacity in New South Wales in each of the past three calendar years (to 20 October 2016)?
  - (a) How many of these applications were in the Summer Hill electorate?
- (2) How many complaints or objections were received during consultations for these applications in both the Summer Hill electorate and in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Two State significant development applications have been approved in the last three calendar years that permit an increase in school enrolment capacity: St Catherine's School in Waverley and the Wahroonga Adventist School.
  - (a) Neither of these schools are in the Summer Hill electorate.
- (2) 196 objections were received for the St Catherine's School application, and no objections were received in relation to Wahroonga Adventist School

\*4376 EXCEEDED EMISSIONS STANDARDS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Considering the recent revelations that Volkswagon and other diesel vehicles have substantially exceeded emissions standards, what action is the Government taking to inspect and prosecute owners of these vehicles?
- (2) Does limiting the definition of excessive air impurities to visible smoke only in The Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 constrict meaningful action to curb vehicle emissions?
  - (a) If so, what is the Government doing to planning anything to rectify this?
  - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

(1) The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development administers the development and implementation of Australian Design Rules that incorporate national motor vehicle emission standards.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has issued a recall of Volkswagen and Audi vehicles that have been identified as using a defeat device in United States government actions. The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development advise that recalled vehicles are expected to be rectified in a way that makes them compliant with Australian Design Rules.

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(2) No. The Environment Protection Agency's (EPA) modelling of exhaust emissions from motor vehicles, which incorporates the real world emission performance of light duty diesel vehicles, shows that exhaust emissions have declined significantly as a consequence of tighter vehicle emissions, fuel quality standards and Government enforcement activities. The EPA expects that exhaust emissions from motor vehicles will continue to decline.

NSW requirements for the compliance of motor vehicles with Australian Design Rules is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, the Hon Duncan Gay MLC.

\*4377 OUT-OF-AREA ENROLMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many public schools within the Summer Hill electorate no longer accept out-of-area enrolments?

(2) How many public schools in New South Wales no longer accept out-of-area enrolments?

Answer—

Each of the 16 public schools in the Summer Hill electorate have developed school enrolment procedures and work with non-local applications on a case by case basis.

These steps are in accordance with the Department of Education's Enrolment of Students in Government Schools: A Summary and Consolidation of Policy.

In schools where demand for non-local places exceeds availability, the school will establish a placement panel to consider and make recommendations on all non-local enrolment applications.

Children are entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend.

The department does not keep a centralised record of the decisions of schools regarding the acceptance of non-local enrolments.

\*4378 SPECIALIST TRAUMA SERVICES IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen 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 specialist trauma counselling services are available in the Summer Hill electorate to women who have experienced domestic violence?

(a) What is the waiting time for access to these services?

(2) What specialist trauma services exist for children and young people in the Summer Hill electorate?

(a) What is the waiting time for access to these services?

Answer—

There are a number of services available to residents of the Summer Hill electorate that provide trauma counselling and related services to women who have experienced domestic violence. Services are provided through the Sydney Local Health District Sexual Assault Counselling Service, Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre, Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia, Cara House - Centre for Resilience and Recovery and NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors.

Trauma counselling services are available to children and young people through the Sydney Local Health District, including, the Child Protection Counselling Service, Youth Health Service (Youthblock), Rivendell (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service), Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services, Catholic Care Sydney- Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Program, and Jannawi, a specialist therapeutic child protection service. The Sydney Children's Hospital Network also provide services.

\*4379 MEDIAN PRICE FOR PROPERTIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What was the median price paid for properties compulsorily acquired for the:

(a) Westconnex M4 East project in Ashfield and Haberfield?

(b) Northconnex project?

(c) Sydney Metro stage 1?

(2) What was the median price paid for properties voluntarily acquired under hardship exceptions for the:

(a) Westconnex M4 East project in Ashfield and Haberfield?

(b) Northconnex project?

(c) Sydney Metro Stage 1?

Answer—

(1) and (2) This is a matter for the relevant acquiring authority.

\*4380 OVER 55'S PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many public housing properties in the Cessnock electorate are designated for Over 55's?
- (2) How many tenants in the properties designated for Over 55's are under the age of 55 years?
- (3) Are existing tenants consulted or advised if the 'Designated for Over 55's' criteria is amended to allow younger tenants to reside in these properties?

Answer—

Properties that are subject to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for seniors or people living with a disability) 2004 are for:

- Clients over 55 years of age;
- Clients who receive a disability support pension (regardless of age);
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients who are 45 years of age or over;
- A client whose partner (married or de facto) is aged over 55 years or receives a disability support pension.

FACS builds and refurbishes homes so tenants with a disability or older people are able to live safely and comfortably. Social housing applicants are matched to accommodation suitable to their needs.

\*4381 SOCIAL HOUSING PLACEMENT IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applications for new social housing placement in the Cessnock electorate were outstanding as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2012?
  - (b) 1 July 2013?
  - (c) 1 July 2014?
  - (d) 1 July 2015?
  - (e) 1 July 2016?
- (2) How many people were housed in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

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

\*4382 PROJECTED SIZE OF CLASSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the projected size of classes under the education restructure following the Better Education reform?
  - (a) How many trainers would be allocated to this class size?
  - (b) What is the maximum number of inmates a single trainer can instruct?

Answer—

The size of classes will vary from centre to centre based on inmate security classification, centre operations and the type of program being delivered.

\*4383 NEWCASTLE POST OFFICE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

Now that the Awabakal Land Council has been placed into administration can the plans to redevelop the old Newcastle Post Office still progress?

Answer—

An administrator was appointed to the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council on 13 October 2016 to act independently in the best interests of the Land Council, and to return the Land Council to full compliance with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

The management of the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council's land and property is now at the discretion of the administrator in accordance with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

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\*4384 COMMERCIAL FISHING REFORMS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What support does the Government plan to provide for small fishing businesses in the Hunter who, under the proposed commercial fishing reforms, are required to purchase additional shares to meet minimum shareholding requirements while hampered by the contamination of Fullerton Cove and upper Tilligerry Creek?

Answer—

DPI has suspended the share class linkage reform for Hunter Prawn Trawl fishery and those fishers will not need additional shares.

Hunter fishers also hold shares used more widely than the Hunter and Port Stephens. The subsidised trading market is there to support fishers who need shares or want to change how they work.

DPI is continuing with efforts to support promotion of local seafood.

There are no on-going restrictions on commercial fishing in the Hunter River or Port Stephens, apart from dusky flathead from the Hunter River.

DPI is providing extensive support for ongoing sampling of seafood by Defence to gain better information about the pathways that lead to PFAS presence in local seafood.

\*4385 PARKING SPACES IN NEWCASTLE CBD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) How does the Government plan to accommodate for an influx of university students, court house attendees and other commuters in the future, considering that drivers in Newcastle CBD will soon face losing 1000 car spaces?

(2) When is Newcastle City Council expected to receive a city parking strategy from the Government?

Answer—

The Government is committed to working with Newcastle City Council to deliver better planning outcomes for Newcastle.

The Government is currently working with Newcastle City Council and other key stakeholders to develop a Parking Strategy. While parking is ultimately a responsibility of local council, the parking strategy will help inform council's approach to managing parking requirements for their growing city.

\*4386 MEASURES FOR CONTRACTED TRAINERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What measures will any contracted trainer be required to take should they assess an inmate who scores the very lowest end of the spectrum in their entrance assessments?

Answer—

The external service provider will be required to develop an individual learning plan for all inmates referred for participation in education and vocational training including inmates who score very low results on the core skills assessment.

The new model will ensure that inmates with the lowest levels of literacy and numeracy will be given priority for participation in intensive learning programs.

\*4387 CHANGES TO EDUCATIONAL HOURS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Following the implementation of the Better Education reforms, will there be any change in the amount of educational hours inmates will be undertaking?

(a) If so, approximately how many hours are projected to be gained or lost?

(i) How will these hours be gained or lost?

Answer—

Yes. The reforms are specifically designed to increase the amount of educational hours inmates will be undertaking.

The educational hours will be delivered based on the identified needs of inmates and the specific need for programs at each correctional centre. There will not be a reduction in total hours available for education and training programs. Importantly, educational programs will be delivered year round.

\*4388 INTRODUCTION OF THE BETTER EDUCATIONS REFORM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Have any specialist external providers been consulted and/or contracted to assist in operations following the introduction of the Better Educations reform?
  - (a) Which providers have been consulted?
  - (b) Were any reports provided?
    - (i) Will these reports be made publicly available?

Answer—

Asset Technologies Pacific has been engaged to provide professional procurement services.

O'Connor Marsden and Associates has been engaged to provide probity advice in relation to the procurement process.

\*4389 BETTER PRISONS REVIEW—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Were any of the Corrective Services NSW educational staff consulted as a part of the KPMG review 'Better Prisons'?

Answer—

Yes. Senior management from the education head office staff were consulted as part of the review.

\*4390 SPECIALIST EDUCATION CRITERIA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How will legislated disability requirements be met for vulnerable double disadvantaged offenders, considering there will be no requirement for the training officers to meet specialist education criteria?

Answer—

The service provider will be required to provide tailored programs to meet the needs of inmates with a disability. The provider must ensure the education and vocational training services are delivered in accordance with all relevant anti-discrimination legislation.

\*4391 THE LIMB CENTRE AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is there a cost to have artificial limbs repaired at The Limb Centre at John Hunter Hospital?
  - (a) If so, are EFTPOS facilities currently available for clients who visit The Limb Centre at John Hunter Hospital?
  - (b) If not, are there plans in the immediate future to offer this facility?
- (2) How many individuals have contacted NSW Health requesting the introduction of EFTPOS facilities at the Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no cost to consumers to have the prosthesis provided to them through the NSW Health Prosthetic Limb Service repaired at the Hunter Prosthetic and Orthotic Service located at John Hunter Hospital. Charges will apply for limbs where the consumer has self-funded the prosthesis. In these situations, payment can be made using EFTPOS.

\*4392 BEDS AT THE NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many beds will there be in the new Lower Hunter Hospital under the proposed public-private partnership scheme?
  - (a) Of these beds, what percentage will be available for public patients?

Answer—

I am advised:

Final bed capacity will be determined as planning for the New Maitland Hospital progresses.

\*4393 BUS STOP REMOVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many bus stops has the Government removed since the October 2015 CBD bus changes?

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- (2) How many other bus stops has the Government removed across Sydney?
- (3) How many additional bus stops are currently approved for removal?
- (4) How many bus stops are under consideration for removal?
- (5) What is the standard used to determine the distance between bus stops and has this been applied in all these cases?
- (6) What evidence does the Government have about the impact of removing bus stops on:
  - (a) Public transport use?
  - (b) Bus service reliability?
- (7) What action will the Government take to reduce traffic congestion that causes buses to be delayed and to maintain bus stop standards?

Answer—

(1) to (4) A total of 6 bus stops have been closed to improve service delivery and reliability as a result of the construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail. The management of bus stops is the responsibility of local councils. Transport for NSW would consult with councils and members of the local community on any future changes to the location of bus stops in Sydney.

(6) Sydney's Bus Future outlines the criteria for bus stop spacing. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.<sup>6</sup> Transport for NSW uses data and information from a variety of sources when assessing the impact of removal of bus stops. Patronage on public transport varies day to day; however, there has been no significant shift in patronage levels as a result of these changes. However, these changes have resulted in travel time savings.

(7) Information regarding our plan to reduce traffic congestion resulting in bus delays is contained in Sydney's Bus Future and Bus Priority Future. These documents are available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*4394 MINISTERIAL INVESTMENT ORDER—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) How does the Government ensure that council investments are in projects and programs that are:
  - (a) Environmentally sustainable?
  - (b) Socially sustainable?
- (2) What restrictions does the Government impose that would prevent or preclude this investment?
- (3) What controls does the Government impose to prevent councils investing in harmful fossil fuel projects?
- (4) What information or advice does the Government provide to councils to help them focus on sustainable investments?
- (5) What further steps will the Government take to help, promote or support sustainable investment by local government bodies?

Answer—

Each council is responsible for determining the investment priorities that are appropriate for their community. Councils are governed by strict considerations of probity, transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public funds for public purposes.

When planning to make significant investment decisions, the legislative framework provides for councils to undertake a process that allows for participation by affected groups and considers their views.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework recognises that most communities share similar aspirations including a safe, healthy and pleasant place to live and a sustainable environment.

Furthermore, Councils' Charter, under Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993, comprises of a set of principles that guide a council in carrying out its functions. These principles recognise the importance of sustainability by requiring councils to consider "the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations" and "the principles of ecologically sustainable development".

\*4395 CANCER REPORTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What data does the Government have about a possible cluster of cancer diagnoses in Woolloomooloo?
- (2) How many people living in Woolloomooloo have been diagnosed with cancer over the past 20 years?
- (3) What types of cancer have been recorded?
- (4) What is the trend in cancer reports for this period?
- (5) What assessment has the Government carried out about the significance of this data?

- (6) How does the Government identify clusters of cancer reports?
- (7) Does this data show any statistical likelihood of a cluster of cancer in this locality?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to investigate or act on these reports?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (8) The Public Health Unit, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District has not received any complaints or other communications regarding the possibility of an increased number of cancer cases among Woolloomooloo residents or workers.

The NSW Cancer Registry (housed at Cancer Institute NSW) records all instances of cancer diagnosis and deaths due to cancer, which are monitored at local health district level.

There is no evidence of unusual incidence of a particular cancer type(s) in Woolloomooloo residents and moreover, no hazardous exposure in relation to Woolloomooloo residents has been documented or postulated.

\*4397 ARTS NSW AND SCREEN NSW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What proposals about the future of these agencies have been considered since the 7 September 2016 media reports about forced amalgamation?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to inform the community and hear feedback about the proposals being considered?
- (3) Is the Government committed to maintaining existing funding and staffing for these agencies?
- (4) Does the Government see these agencies as appropriately in the Department of Justice cluster?
- (5) When is a decision expected about these agencies' future?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that support for the arts and culture in New South Wales is maintained given significant federal budget cuts?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has approved the establishment of a new entity – Create NSW – Office of Arts, Screen and Culture, which will absorb the functions undertaken by Arts NSW and Screen NSW. It will also have the capability to undertake additional functions to support, and advocate for, the sector and to provide integrated advice to Government.
- (2) A strategic communications plan has been developed to help inform stakeholders and the community of the organisational reforms and of the greater capacity for the new entity to engage with, and support, the sector. The decision to establish the new entity and the related organisational arrangements has been informed by feedback from key stakeholders, as well as staff of Arts NSW and Screen NSW.
- (3) The staffing-related budget for Create NSW will be the same as the combined staffing-related budget for Arts NSW and Screen NSW. Create NSW will maintain the same number of full time equivalent roles as the combined number of full time equivalent roles in Arts NSW and Screen NSW.
- (4) It is appropriate that Create NSW – Office of Arts, Screen and Culture be located within the Department of Justice's Division of Justice Services, Arts and Culture, which includes a number of other service delivery agencies.
- (5) Staff of Arts NSW and Screen NSW were informed of the Government's decision to establish an integrated entity for administering arts, screen and culture on 2 September 2016. Over a six week period, staff were engaged in a consultation process that resulted in the final organisational design. This consultation occurred through various means – all staff briefings, regular question and answer sessions and a "suggestions and feedback" email process. Many of the staff engaged in this process provided sound suggestions which were adopted. Following this consultation process, staff were informed on 24 October 2016 of the approved structure, for the new entity and of the accompanying change management process.
- (6) Federal grants to the arts sector are a matter for the Australian Government. The NSW Government continues to strongly support NSW arts and culture, regardless of changes to Commonwealth funding arrangements. The NSW Government has increased its annual funding to the arts sector to over \$52 million. More than \$7.3 million has been committed to funding programs in 2016-17 to support the NSW screen industry. In addition, in July 2016, the Made in NSW Fund was launched, providing \$20 million over two years to support local TV drama production and attract major overseas productions to NSW.

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- \*4398 KING EDWARD 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—

Considering the Office of Environment and Heritage has written to Crown Lands asking them to expedite the consideration of the land claim over King Edward Headland Reserve, when will an outcome for the Awabakal Land Council's 2012 land claim over the King Edward Headland Reserve be expected?

Answer—

The investigation into the Aboriginal land claim over King Edward Headland is currently in progress.

- \*4399 THE STORE BUILDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is the Government planning to demolish the Store Building as part of the planned Wickham Interchange?

Answer—

The NSW Government has bought the Store site that adjoins the new transport interchange currently under construction at Wickham.

Transport for NSW and UrbanGrowth NSW are working together with key stakeholders to determine how to best integrate the two sites and ensure great transport and urban renewal outcomes are achieved at Wickham.

- \*4400 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Does the Government have any plans to privatise the Crown Lands Agency?

Answer—

No.

- \*4401 BANKSTOWN OLD TOWN PLAZA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Does the Government intend to compulsorily acquire any properties in the vicinity of the Bankstown Old Town Plaza as part of the South West Metro project?

(a) If yes, how many properties will be acquired?

Answer—

In designing major infrastructure projects, Transport for NSW makes every possible effort to avoid the need to acquire property.

Transport for NSW is continuing work on detailed design and planning for Metro operations at Bankstown.

- \*4402 ADVICE FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Has the Department received advice from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse regarding the case of 'Girl X'?

(2) Will you make this advice public?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has not provided any advice in relation to this matter.

- \*4403 REVIEW OF GIRL X CASE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Given that you requested the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to review the case of Girl X, what advice have you or the Department received from the DPP to date (20 October 2016)?

(2) Will you make this advice public?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Director of Public Prosecution's usual practice is to make his decision public if appropriate.

\*4404 GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Do the 2006 Guidelines for the Management of Conduct and Performance of staff specify that any staff placed on non-child related alternative duties must not conduct these duties anywhere on school grounds at any time?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Staff can be placed on alternative duties for a range of different reasons. Staff charged with a Schedule 2 Offence under the Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012 are never placed on public school sites.

\*4405 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF AT BANKSTOWN AND PUNCHBOWL RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many full-time equivalent staff have been employed at Bankstown Railway Station and Punchbowl Railway Station in each of the past five years (to 20 October 2016)?

Answer—

Opal Ticketing has provided Sydney Trains an opportunity to improve its approach to customer service. While there has been a change to total numbers of staff, customers have noticed more staff out on stations helping them with their journeys.

This approach was trialled extensively across the network and along with other initiatives, has increased customer satisfaction.

\*4406 CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Is the Children's Guardian Expert Advisory Panel currently in operation?

(a) If yes, please specify the date in which the Panel became operational?

(b) If yes, please specify the number of occasions to date that the Panel has provided advice to either the Children's Guardian or the NCAT?

(c) If no, what has been the reason for the delay in its operation?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) 22 August 2016.

(b) The Panel has met on one occasion to discuss a number of issues relating to the Working with Children Check. The Panel has no role in relation to the NCAT.

\*4407 PROCESSES FOR DISPOSAL OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

What action has the Minister taken to amend the Government's processes for the disposal of environmentally sensitive land since the sale of Mambo wetland?

Answer—

Planning controls establish limitations on the type of development possible without restricting the sale of specific land.

Questions relating to the disposal of specific public land should be directed to the Minister responsible for that portion of land.

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\*4408 BERESFIELD LAND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

What 'timely and coordinated' infrastructure is the Government planning on delivering in Beresfield to 'make land more attractive for business and also contribute to market demand' as outlined in the Minister's report 'Hunter Regional Plan 2036'?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- The Hunter Regional Plan 2036 provides an overarching framework to guide development proposals and infrastructure decisions.
- The Regional Plan acknowledges infrastructure investment across the Hunter will be essential to underpin the growth and to deliver new jobs, housing and services such as new schools, roads, health and emergency services.
- The NSW Government is developing a Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan to identify infrastructure required to support growth foreshadowed by the Hunter Regional Plan 2036.
- A Discussion Paper on the Hunter Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan is on exhibition until 16 December 2016.

\*4409 FLOOD PREVENTION WORKS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

How much money did this Government spend in the last financial year (2015-2016) on flood prevention works in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

\*4410 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the average cost of service provision to a chronically homeless person in New South Wales?
- (2) Has the Minister or the Department explored a supportive housing model to reduce the cost of service provision to the chronically homeless?

Answer—

- (1) In 2016–17, funding for homelessness services and programs in NSW, including service provision to chronically homeless people, will be \$188.4 million.
- (2) Support for chronically homeless people is being considered following consultations on the Government's new strategy to prevent and reduce homelessness.

\*4411 FORMER FIRE STATION SITE IN LAMBTON—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Does the Government own the former site of the fire station in De Vitre Street, Lambton?
  - (a) If so, what are the Government's plans for this land?

Answer—

- (1) The site of the former fire station in De Vitre Street, Lambton is Crown land managed by Fire & Rescue NSW.
  - (a) There are no plans for the land at this time.

\*4412 PAY EQUITY FOR PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

What is the Government doing to promote and protect pay equity between male and female professional athletes and sportspeople in New South Wales?

Answer—

This is a matter for the relevant sports controlling body, players and players association. However, I will always advocate that women are treated equally across all sports

\*4413 HUNTER TAFE EMPLOYEES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Are Hunter TAFE employees barred from contacting Members of Parliament during work hours?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Are Hunter TAFE employees barred from commenting negatively about the Government on private social media channels?
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) TAFE NSW employees must adhere to the TAFE NSW Code of Conduct and Ethical

Practices Policy.

\*4414 TICKET MACHINE AT LINDFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why was there no warning that the ticket machine at Lindfield Railway Station was to have limited payment options on 15 October 2016?
- (2) Was there a fault with the machine on the day?
  - (a) If so, has the machine been fixed?

Answer—

Transport for NSW records show no fault with the Opal top-up machine at Lindfield Railway Station on 15 October 2016.

\*4415 GAYBY BABY TOOLKIT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What advice has the Department issued to schools regarding the use of the Gayby Baby Toolkit (not the documentary film Gayby Baby)?
- (2) Are teachers still able to utilise the Gayby Baby Toolkit as an educational resource in classrooms?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education has not issued advice to schools regarding the use of the Gayby Baby Toolkit.

\*4416 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL HEARING VENUE AT GOSFORD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Why is the designated NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) hearing venue at the Gateway centre at Gosford being closed?
- (2) What public consultation occurred in relation to the closure in (1) above?
- (3) What steps will be taken to ensure that parties to proceedings will be able to attend hearings in Newcastle?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) currently occupies part of premises that are being leased by NSW Fair Trading. Fair Trading have notified NCAT that they are not renewing the lease at the current property.
- (2) Stakeholders have been advised of the new arrangements and NCA T's website also provides information about the new arrangements.
- (3) Information about NCAT hearings can be found at : [www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/cc/ccd\\_hearing\\_lists/gosford\\_hearings.aspx](http://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/Pages/cc/ccd_hearing_lists/gosford_hearings.aspx).

\*4417 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT SCHEME FOR COWRA—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What has been the result of your discussions about a Justice Reinvestment Scheme for Cowra?
- (2) Will you and the Government fund a Justice Reinvestment Scheme in Cowra?

Answer—

The Department of Justice is reviewing the proposed Justice Reinvestment Scheme.

\*4418 SERVICE DELIVERY TO ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Discussion Paper on service delivery to Aboriginal communities involved in the Far West Initiative that was due to be released prior to 30/6/16 actually been released?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?
  - (c) If so, where may it be inspected?

Answer—

The Far West Initiative Consultation Paper and accompanying Background Paper were publicly released on 29 August 2016.

The Papers can be found at [www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au/far-west-initiative](http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au/far-west-initiative).

\*4419 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

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- (1) In the last round of funding how much money from the Department of Sport and Recreation Local Sport Grant Program was allocated to the:
- Sydney Electorate;
  - Parramatta Electorate;
  - Blacktown Electorate;
  - Newcastle Electorate;
  - Wallsend Electorate?

Answer—

For the Local Sport Grant Program \$50,000 is allocated for eligible projects within each NSW electorate, successful projects are available at <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport/recipients>.

Funding requested and approved for the 2015/16 Local Sport Grant Program:

Electorate	Funding requested by electorate (total)	Approved
Sydney	\$12,238	\$12,238
Parramatta	\$45,906	\$45,906
Blacktown	\$15,350	\$15,350
Newcastle	\$156,888	\$49,956
Wallsend	\$87,671	\$50,000

- \*4420 LAKE MACQUARIE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

Does the Government consider the completion of stages 1 and 2 of the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange at Glendale an infrastructure priority for the Hunter?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

- \*4421 LIBERTY HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- Why did police from Bankstown LAC attend upon the Liberty Hill Christian Church premises in Chullora on 10/10/16?
- Who asked the police to attend the premises referred to in (1) above?
- Did police demand certain church members leave those premises at Chullora on 10/10/16 even though no previous advice or warning had been conveyed to those members?
  - If so, why?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the attendance referred to occurred on 13 October 2016. Police were contacted by the two church members who had reportedly been issued with banning notices by the church pastor. Police attended the premises and sighted a banning notice which was addressed to the solicitor of the two church members. After some discussion the two members complied with the request to leave the premises.

- \*4422 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE LIBERTY HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- What steps has your Department taken in relation to complaints made about the Liberty Hill Christian Church?
- In what ways, if any, has Liberty Hill Christian Church failed to adhere to relevant financial standards or regulations?

Answer—

(1) and (2) A review of the register of Incorporated Associations did not locate an Incorporated Association with the name 'Liberty Hill Christian Church', however Liberty Hill Christian Centre Incorporated was found.

I am informed that a complaint was received by NSW Fair Trading about the Liberty Hill Christian Centre Inc in September 2016. This complaint was determined to be an internal matter and did not fall under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

\*4423 NEW STREET SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What additional New Street services have been established since 1.1.15?
- (2) Where have those new services, if any, been established?

Answer—

I am advised:

An additional service has been funded in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. Premises for the service have been established in the Nowra and Wollongong Community Health Centres, and clinical staff will commence providing a service to children and families in February 2017.

\*4424 OPERATION PROTEA RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) In light of the recommendations of the Police Integrity Commission in the Report on Operation Protea, will you conduct a review of s316 of the Crimes Act?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission) is currently considering section 316 of the Crimes Act 1900 and the issue of blind reporting.

\*4425 REVIEW OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM NSW HEALTH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the recommendation of NSW Health that a combined interagency review consider whether a model similar to the Victorian scheme introduced in 2007 to identify and divert into treatment young people found to be engaging in sexually abusive behaviour been adopted?
  - (a) If so, has the review been concluded?
  - (b) If so, what was the result of the review?

Answer—

NSW Health provides evidence-based therapeutic interventions (New Street Services) for children and young people aged 10-17 years who have sexually harmed others.

NSW Health initiated an interagency discussion to establish whether a model similar to the Victorian scheme should be introduced in NSW. In August 2014, a forum of senior officers of government partners met to consider the issue. Following discussion, the interagency review was not progressed as the Children's Court has existing authority already to make therapeutic treatment orders to ensure access to or attendance at a treatment service.

\*4426 SERVICE NSW (ONE STOP ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES) ACT 2013—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In relation to the Service NSW (One Stop Access to Government Services) Act 2013,

- (1) What customer service functions have been delegated to Service NSW under an Act of the Commonwealth or another State or Territory or under an instrument made under any such Act?
- (2) What, if any, agreements have been entered into by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with an approved person for the person to act as an agent for the CEO in providing customer service functions on behalf of the CEO?
- (3) How many cases of liability have attached to the Crown since the commencement of the Act for matters or things done or omitted by the CEO or member of staff of Service NSW?
- (4) Will the structure of Service NSW be considered in the statutory review of the Act?

Answer—

- (1) None
- (2) Service NSW has entered into agreements with 26 NSW local councils to act as agents for Service NSW to deliver a range of one-stop shop transactions.
- (3) None.

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(4) The statutory review of the Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services) Act 2013 (the Act) will determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.

\*4427 WITHDRAWN CHARGES AGAINST WAYNE EDWARD JONES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Why were charges against Wayne Edward Jones arising from his arrest in April 2011 withdrawn later that year?
- (2) What inquiries have been conducted into the police decision to prosecute the officer who arrested Wayne Edward Jones, Glen Roberts?
  - (a) If inquiries have been conducted, what was the result?
  - (b) If inquiries have not been conducted, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me there was no alternative but to withdraw the charges. The NSWPF will not be conducting any further inquiries into the decision.

\*4428 MEDICAL CARE AND INJURY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What percentage of the Compulsory Third Party insurance for motor vehicles is currently being charged for the Medical Care and Injury Services Levy?
- (2) Will the Government implement a rebate for pensioners?

Answer—

The Medical Care and Injury Services (MCIS) levy funds the Lifetime Care and Support scheme, which meets the lifetime treatment, rehabilitation and care needs of people who have been severely injured in motor vehicle accidents in New South Wales, regardless of fault. The levy also covers the cost of hospital and ambulance services for all people injured in motor vehicle accidents in New South Wales and the administration costs of the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) scheme.

The MCIS levy, which is GST-free, is calculated as a percentage of the insurer premium component of a Green Slip. The percentage of the levy differs between vehicle classes and geographic zones, based on accident and injury rates for the selected vehicle type and zone. The MCIS levy rates for private use motor vehicles, as a percentage of the insurer premium in each of the five CTP geographic zones, effective from 1 October 2016, are set out below.

MCIS Levy Rates for Private Use Motor Vehicles – 1 October 2016

GEOGRAPHIC ZONE	MCIS LEVY RATE
Metropolitan	25.52 per cent
Outer Metropolitan	29.09 per cent
Newcastle/Central Coast	30.91 per cent
Wollongong	28.59 per cent
Country	31.62 per cent

(2) CTP insurance rebates are currently prohibited under the Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999. A Green Slip covers the policy holder or the driver of a registered vehicle against claims from a range of other road users injured in an accident involving the motor vehicle. There is no Government subsidy to the scheme, therefore all compensation payments made under the CTP scheme must be fully funded by the Green Slip premiums collected from vehicle owners. A rebate on the payment of CTP insurance for particular motorist groups may undermine the legal requirement that the CTP scheme be fully funded.

However, while there are no rebates available from the payment of CTP insurance for particular motorist groups, a CTP insurer may apply a variety of risk-rating factors, such as the age of the driver, the age of the vehicle, where the vehicle is garaged, driver safety record or claims history, to offer a discount on Green slip premiums to drivers considered to have a low risk profile. Discounts for each vehicle class may be within a range of 15 per cent below an insurer's base rate premium. There is also an extended discount of up to 25 per cent available for drivers aged over 55.

As CTP insurers apply the various risk-rating factors differently, Green Slip premiums do vary between the insurers. There is no obligation for a motorist to renew their CTP insurance with their current insurer. The best premiums on offer may be obtained by telephoning the Green Slip Helpline on 1300 137 600 or visiting the Green Slip price calculator at [www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au](http://www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au).

\*4429 RENTAL ARREARS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many Housing NSW tenants in the Granville electorate are currently in rental arrears?
  - (a) What is the total cost of these arrears?
- (2) What assistance is provided by Housing NSW to assist tenants pay their rental arrears?

Answer—

Rental arrears across the public housing portfolio are less than one per cent of the total amount of rent that is payable.

Statistical data on average rent arrears along with the Department of Family and Community Services' policy to assist tenants in rent arrears, including financial support services, is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*4430 BRISBANE WATER DREDGING—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Is there currently a plan of management for dredging in Brisbane Water on the Central Coast?

Answer—

Responsibility for the planning and delivery of dredging in Brisbane Water rests with the Central Coast Council.

\*4431 VEHICLE REGISTRATION LABELS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) In the 12 months after the introduction of no label registration of vehicles, how many people were fined for driving an unregistered vehicle in New South Wales?
- (2) In the 12 months prior to the introduction of no label registration of vehicles, how many people were fined for driving an unregistered vehicle in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) 63,247
- (2) 52,250

\*4432 NIGHT-WORKS FOR THE WESTCONNEX M4 EAST PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What advice has Roads and Maritime Services received from the Department of Planning regarding coordinating night-works by utility companies associated with the Westconnex M4 East project in Haberfield and Ashfield?
- (2) What action has been taken by Roads and Maritime Services to coordinate night-works by utility companies associated with the M4 East project in Haberfield and Ashfield?
  - (a) If none, why not?
- (3) How many complaints about night-works has Roads and Maritime Services received since planning approval was granted?
- (4) How many complaints about night-works has Sydney Motorway Corporation received since planning approval was granted?
- (5) How many complaints about night-works has your office received since planning approval was granted?

Answer—

Work on the M4 East is being carried out in accordance with the Conditions of Approval and the Environment Protection License. All complaints received are responded to in accordance with the M4 East Conditions of Approval, where contact details are provided.

The M4 East contactor, CSJ, coordinates and notifies residents of scheduled work to identify and relocate utilities in the Haberfield and Ashfield area. CSJ also enacts complaints procedures where appropriate to deal with community concerns.

Utility providers such as Jemena, Optus and Telstra also carry out their own work in the area. Some of this work is coordinated independently of the project and is carried out in accordance with the relevant Act.

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\*4433 SOCIAL HOUSING PLACEMENT IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applications for new social housing placement in the Granville electorate were outstanding as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2012?
  - (b) 1 July 2013?
  - (c) 1 July 2014?
  - (d) 1 July 2015?
  - (e) 1 July 2016?
- (2) How many people were housed in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

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

\*4434 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What re-assessment has the Government made of New South Wales prisons in light of the Maranguka Justice Reinvestment project?
- (2) What similar programs does the Government support?
- (3) What evaluation has been carried out of social, crime and financial impacts of this approach?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to expand this program or provide similar programs that prevent imprisonment and divert young people from prison?
- (5) What promotion or other marketing support does the Government provide for justice reinvestment programs?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to use justice reinvestment approaches?

Answer—

The approach taken by Justice Reinvestment is a community led initiative.

The community members are working with the NSW Government to establish data to justify an evidence based approach.

The initiative is Bourke specific. It may or may not have outcomes which inform the Department of future government policy

\*4435 NATIONAL CANNABIS PREVENTION AND INFORMATION CENTRE—Ms Jo Haylen 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 funding has the Government provided to the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre since its inception in 2007?
- (2) How does the Government respond to reports that the Centre will close as a result of funding being ended by the Commonwealth Government?
- (3) What is the Minister's response to news of the closure?
- (4) How has the Government incorporated research and information from the Centre as it developed its policy to trial medical marijuana?
- (5) How will the Government act to replace the services, research and information the Centre provided?

Answer—

The Australian Government funds the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC).

The NSW Ministry of Health does not have a direct funding relationship with the NCPIC.

The work of the NCPIC does not relate to the Government's medicinal cannabis research activities.

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\*4436 UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Of the three Unsolicited Proposals received in 2015-16 which are identified on the <https://>

[/www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/unsolicited-proposals/case-studies](http://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/unsolicited-proposals/case-studies) website as being current:

- (1) Which portfolios does each proposal relate to?
- (2) What category of proposal does each proposal relate to?
- (3) Why has the assessment not yet been completed for each proposal?
- (4) Which of the proposals proceeded to stage 2 (Detailed Proposal)?
- (5) Which of the proposals proceeded to stage 3 (Negotiation of Final Binding Offer)?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Premier.

\*4437 OPAL CARD USAGE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the average weekly spend on Opal cards:
  - (a) On 1 January 2013;
  - (b) On 1 January 2014;
  - (c) On 1 January 2015;
  - (d) On 1 January 2016;
  - (e) On 8 November 2016?
- (2) What was the average weekly spend on Gold Opal cards:
  - (a) On 1 January 2013;
  - (b) On 1 January 2014;
  - (c) On 1 January 2015;
  - (d) On 1 January 2016;
  - (e) On 8 November 2016?

Answer—

(1) and (2) It is not clear from the question what timeframe was being requested for the average spend.

\*4438 SNOWY HYDRO CORPORATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

Does the Minister support the recommendations of the Commonwealth Government's National Commission of Audit and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to privatise Snowy Hydro Corporation?

Answer—

Privatisation of Snowy Hydro Ltd is not current Government policy.

\*4439 TOUKLEY TOWN CENTRE—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Has Roads and Maritime Services reviewed the design and placement of speed humps through the Toukley Town Centre on Main Road?

Answer—

Speed cushions were installed on the Main Road, Toukley in 2015 to reduce crash risk and improve road safety. Following the findings of a Roads and Maritime Services' review of the design and placement of the speed cushions, they have been relocated from outside the chemist on Main Road, to further west on Main Road. An additional speed cushion was also installed to ensure motorists slow down.

\*4440 LEPPINGTON RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) For each month from January 2015 to July 2016, how many commuters 'tap on' and 'tap off' at Leppington Railway Station?
- (2) What plans are in place to increase carparking at Leppington Railway Station?

Answer—

- (1) Patronage information using Opal data will be available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website by the end of the year.
- (2) Funding under the Transport Access Program is prioritised according to current and future patronage, needs and demographics of customers who use the location, and the level of accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities. Leppington Railway Station will be considered under this program.

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\*4441 MAINTENANCE OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Regarding the \$2.6 million maintenance backlog for Hurlstone Agricultural High School in 2015-2016:

- (1) Why did the Government not fund maintenance of Hurlstone Agricultural High School between 2015 and 2016?
- (2) What was the primary purpose of this?
- (3) Where did Hurlstone Agricultural High School rank among Sydney's least maintained schools for the 2015-2016 period?
- (4) Will the maintenance backlog at Hurlstone Agricultural High School enhance the perception of the new school once it opens in the Hawkesbury?

Answer—

The Department of Education spent approximately \$485,000 on planned, essential and urgent repairs (EUR), preventive and other maintenance works at Hurlstone Agricultural High School in 2015-16.

The existing high school at Glenfield and three schools for specific purposes will receive upgrades as part of a new Glenfield education precinct, into which the Government will invest more than \$30 million.

\*4442 INGLEBURN RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What hours is Ingleburn Railway Station meant to be staffed on Sundays?
- (2) Was Ingleburn Railway Station unattended at any time during the hours indicated in the answer to (1) on 30 October 2016?
  - (a) If so, what times was it unattended?
  - (b) If so, why was it unattended?
- (3) How many times since 1 January 2016 has Ingleburn Railway Station been unattended?

Answer—

Station hours of operation are available on the Sydney Trains website.

Ingleburn Station is attended by a Customer Service Attendant every day during its hours of operation.

A sign is displayed, providing customers with an assistance contact number if the Customer Service Attendant is not available.

\*4443 REHABILITATION COSTS OF MINES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Are the security deposits currently held by the Government sufficient to cover actual rehabilitation costs of mines in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the Government doing to improve regulation of these security deposits and make sure taxpayers are not left with the burden of covering such costs?

Answer—

(1) Yes. The rehabilitation security deposit is required to cover the full cost of all rehabilitation and mine closure activities that may be required to be undertaken by the Government should a former leaseholder default on their rehabilitation obligations. As at November 2016, the Government holds approximately \$2.4 billion in security deposits for mining operations across the state.

The rehabilitation security deposit is required to be in place prior to the commencement of a mining operation and is continually adjusted to reflect the actual rehabilitation liability throughout the life of a mining operation.

(2) The Department of Industry's Resources and Energy Division (DRE) continues to review the security deposits process. This includes a regular review of the security calculation tool, including updates to the rates and scope of rehabilitation activities that may be required for a specific mine sites.

In addition to the security deposit process, under the Mining Act 1992, ORE regulates rehabilitation conditions of mining and mining-related activities. As a condition of title, a titleholder is required to submit and comply with a Mining Operations Plan (MOP). A MOP outlines the rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria of the proposed post-mining land use(s). A MOP also describes how rehabilitation activities will be implemented to ensure these outcomes are achieved.

DRE regulates rehabilitation throughout the entire life of a project by assessing whether a title holder is meeting the commitments in the MOP, and whether rehabilitation is on course to meet final land use

criteria (post-mining). As part of this process, title holders are required to undertake progressive rehabilitation once project stages are complete. Progressive rehabilitation is supported by the partial release of the security deposit if successful rehabilitation is demonstrated. If the rehabilitation obligations have not been met to the satisfaction of the Minister, then part or all of the security deposit will be retained until obligations are met.

Rehabilitation obligations, including the security debt, transfer to the new owner in the event a mine is sold or ownership transferred.

To address potential issues of poor rehabilitation performance and or non-compliances, DRE has a range of enforcement powers to enforce regulatory actions (where required) on mining companies.

\*4444 ACCESS TO COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

What is the Government doing to increase access to community transport for disadvantaged community members including ageing people?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Hon Andrew Constance MP.

\*4445 ACCESS TO HOLISTIC CARE SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health—

What is the Department of Health doing to increase access to holistic care services such as physiotherapy, speech pathology, dietary advice and occupational therapy for older persons?

Answer—

- Under the National Health Reform Agreement, the Commonwealth has full funding, policy, management and delivery responsibility for a consistent and unified aged care system covering basic home care through to residential care.

NSW Health is one provider of aged care services in NSW, funded by the Commonwealth Government in 2014-2015 to provide approximately \$51 million in nursing services and \$13 million in allied health services to older people through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (formerly HACC services for people 65 years and over).

- Each local health district/specialty health network is responsible for clinical service and workforce provision and planning including provision of holistic allied health care from physiotherapy, speech pathology, nutrition and dietetics and occupational therapy.
- The NSW Health Guide to Role Delineation of Clinical Services provides a framework that describes the minimum support services, workforce and other requirements for clinical services to be delivered safely. It delineates the level of clinical services, or health facilities as a whole. As such it prescribes the level and nature of clinical services provided for patients, including geriatric services for older persons at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/services/Publications/role-delineation-of-clinical-services.PDF](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/services/Publications/role-delineation-of-clinical-services.PDF)
- NSW HETI has undertaken training and education projects that aim to develop the allied health workforce across all clinical areas. Whilst not specific to aged care, it is anticipated to assist clinicians who work in clinical specialty areas such as aged care. The training includes the Guardianship Education Program.
- NSW ACI has partnered with Alzheimer's Australia to develop two guides which highlight the many ways in which allied health professionals can contribute to the everyday lives of people living with dementia, their carers and families: <https://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/networks/aged-health>

\*4446 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering community transport (particularly for ageing people in isolated areas) in the Hunter is minimal, what is Transport for NSW doing to increase access for these disadvantaged community members?

Answer—

Since 2011, the Government has invested significantly in community transport to increase access for disadvantaged community members.

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The Government made an initial \$12 million funding commitment over 4 years for the Community Transport Program. This represents a 100 per cent funding increase over the period and was the first boost to the program since 1998.

In March 2015, the Government committed to an additional \$12 million over a further 4 year period for the Community Transport Program, commencing in 2015-16.

Further, funding for the Government's Community Transport Program in the Hunter has increased from approximately \$700,000 in 2010-11 to \$2 million in 2016-17. This represents an increase of around 185 per cent.

This ensures the eleven community transport service providers in the Hunter Region are funded to deliver services to transport disadvantaged people, including older people.

\*4447 AGED CARE SECTOR GROWTH—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

What is the Government doing to support the community by sourcing staff for aged care facilities with the right skills to manage growing resident populations?

Answer—

Primary responsibility for aged care service delivery rests with the Commonwealth Government.

I am advised by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Skills:

The NSW Government provides subsidised aged care training under Smart and Skilled. Subsidised training is delivered by TAFE NSW and private providers and community colleges contracted to deliver Smart and Skilled. Training can be undertaken as a traineeship. There are currently 32 qualifications relevant to aged care on the 2016 and 2017 NSW Skills List. Qualifications range from Certificate II to Advanced Diploma level.

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\*4448 HOUSING NSW TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

When a mental health patient in a wheelchair has been transported to a motel/hotel by Housing NSW for temporary accommodation:

- (1) Who has responsibility for the person if the patient is unable to care for himself or herself?
- (2) Does Housing NSW have suitable temporary accommodation available for a person who presents with a mental illness?

Answer—

- (1) FACS works collaboratively with relevant support services and government agencies to facilitate appropriate housing options for clients.
- (2) Where FACS is aware of the presence of a mental illness, clients are priority referred into temporary accommodation options, including supported temporary accommodation that will not place the client at increased risk.

\*4449 RESPONSE TO A CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

When an ambulance is called by Housing NSW staff requesting a mental health patient temporarily accommodated in a motel/hotel to be transferred to a health facility:

- (1) Can the ambulance officers refuse such a request if the patient does not wish to be voluntarily transported?
- (2) Who has responsibility for transporting the patient to a health facility in circumstances where it is evident that the patient is unable to care for himself or herself, but is unwilling to voluntarily go to a health facility?

Answer—

Decisions about the treatment and transport of mental health patients are made by NSW Ambulance

paramedics following an assessment of the patient in accordance with NSW Ambulance protocols.

\*4450 SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRES SERVICE PROVIDERS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

Are there any future plans to lease the Myuna Bay and Lake Keepit sport and recreation centres, which provide services to schools in the Mount DrUITT electorate, to private operators?

Answer—

At the conclusion of an extensive market testing process the NSW Government has decided to retain, modernise and optimise the states 11 Sport and Recreation centres. Centres will continue to be operated by Office of Sport.

After investigations were carried out into options to improve services delivered, the NSW Government has decided modernising centres and services would increase usage and provide the best community outcome.

The NSW Government is dedicated to increasing usage and access to each of the eleven Sport and Recreation facilities across NSW.

The market testing process has highlighted many ways services across the centres can be improved for school, sporting and community groups.

Further investigations in to capital improvements will also be undertaken to ensure the centres continue to perform and provide the best service for the community.

\*4451 MRI MACHINE AT MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Will the MRI Machine that is being installed at the Mount DrUITT Hospital be made available for use for non-hospital patients?

Answer—

The clinical demand for the MRI is currently being reviewed, with the provision of inpatient diagnostics the priority.

\*4452 SECURITY AT HUNTER HOSPITALS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many positions are there for security personnel at Maitland Hospital, John Hunter Hospital and Morisset Hospital?
- (2) How many security incidents per month during the 12 months to October 2016 has there been at each of the above locations?
- (3) How many security incidents per month during the 12 months to October 2016 has there been at each of the above locations where security personnel have been injured during an incident whilst on duty?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operations needs at any point in time.

Security staff are called to assist with security related incidents for a variety of reasons, including: responding to Code Black calls, assisting clinical staff with patients, responding to motor vehicle and parking matters on site, responding to thefts, responding to fire and safety alarms, assisting with locating absconded patients and intervening with aggressive visitors.

\*4453 ULTRASOUNDS AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are ultrasounds performed at Maitland Hospital outside of standard business hours?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so:
    - (i) How often?
    - (ii) How many?
    - (iii) At what cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

The radiology department at Maitland Hospital performs ultrasounds outside of standard business hours.

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There are no out of pocket costs to patients who access this service.

\*4454 SOCIAL HOUSING IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many dwellings were added to the social housing stocks in Maitland in each year from 2011 to 2016 (as at 8 November 2016)?
- (2) What is the Government's projection for the increase of social housing stock over the next 12 months in Maitland (from 8 November 2016)?

Answer—

- (1) Information regarding public housing dwellings is available in the relevant Annual Reports from 2011 onwards.
- (2) Information on Future Directions, the Government's ten year strategy to deliver more social and affordable housing and the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*4455 ROADS PROJECTS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17 (as at 8 November 2016)?
- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17 (as at 8 November 2016)?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

\*4456 UPGRADE OF INTERSECTION—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 Minister provide funding to upgrade the intersection of Raymond Terrace Road and Government Road, Thornton?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

A future upgrade to the intersection of Government Road and Raymond Terrace Road to traffic lights is part of the Maitland City Council's Section 94 Plan. This upgrade is dependent on the progress of development in the Thornton area and is a matter for Maitland City Council.

\*4457 LAND ACQUISITION REFORM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With respect to the 2012 review of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act:

- (1) How many properties did the Government compulsorily acquire since 2012 in the inner city for infrastructure projects?
  - (a) How many are in Surry Hills?
  - (b) How many are in the CBD/Sydney city area?
- (2) How many of these property owners may be eligible for increased compensation for solatium?
- (3) How many of these property owners may be eligible for reimbursement of rent payments the Government required for three months after acquisition?
- (4) How will the Government ensure that all these property owners are informed about these changes?
- (5) Will the Government contact each of these property owners directly to inform them about their rights?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to further improve the compulsory acquisitions process?

Answer—

(1) and (2) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

(3) Retrospective payments are being made in respect of solatium compensation only (renamed

disadvantage resulting from relocation under the legislative reforms).

(4) and (5) The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) advertised in a range of media to inform former property owners of their potential eligibility for reimbursement. The Office of State Revenue, which is administering the retrospective payments, has contacted eligible former property owners and established a contact line and online application system. The contact details are 1300 303 581 or [solatium@osr.nsw.gov.au](mailto:solatium@osr.nsw.gov.au).

(6) DFSI and Transport for NSW are implementing a range of legislative and administrative reforms, based on the recommendations of Mr David Russell SC and the Customer Service Commissioner. The reforms will be closely monitored to ensure continuous improvement and a fairer, more transparent land acquisition process focused on the needs of the resident or business owner.

\*4458 AUSGRID SALE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What requirements does the Government have for the buyer of poles and wires operator Ausgrid for:
  - (a) Providing access to local electricity generators such as tri-generation projects;
  - (b) Fair prices for photovoltaic power generators including homeowners;
  - (c) Undergrounding electricity cables;
  - (d) Pruning street trees according to the Australian Standard for the Pruning of Amenity Trees?
- (2) What contract provisions apply for these conditions?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to ensure these occur?

Answer—

The transaction does not diminish Ausgrid's regulatory framework. As part of the process, the NSW Government retains its regulatory role through the Department of Industry, Energy and Resources. In addition, IPART continues to monitor the NSW electricity networks' compliance with the operator licence conditions and other legislative obligations following the transaction.

\*4459 MAINTENANCE WORK FOR THE 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) Considering the Minister said that maintenance work to the Bogey Hole will be completed 'towards the end of this year', has any physical work commenced on the site?
  - (a) If not, when will works begin?
  - (b) If not, when will works on the Bogey Hole be completed?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) N/A
  - (b) N/A

\*4460 SOCCEROOS' WORLD CUP QUALIFIER MATCH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

Will Newcastle be scheduled to host the Socceroos' World Cup qualifier match against Thailand in September 2017?

Answer—

Destination NSW is working closely with the Football Federation Australia, and all options are being considered for the locations of future World Cup qualifying fixtures to be held in NSW.

\*4461 CHANGES TO CROWN LAND LEGISLATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Considering the recent changes to Crown Land legislation, does the Minister or his Department have any plans to sell or transfer the ownership of the following sites:
  - (a) The Newcastle Bogey Hole;
  - (b) Nobbys Lighthouse;
  - (c) King Edward Park Headland Reserve;
  - (d) The Stockton Service Station site;
  - (e) Any other sites in Newcastle?

Answer—

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The NSW Government does not have any plans to sell any of the above sites. Any discussions of transfer of ownership to Council will require Council's consent. Please note, Nobbys Lighthouse is not situated on Crown Land.

\*4462 DARLING HARBOUR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What pedestrian access routes link Pyrmont and Ultimo with Darling Harbour and the CBD?
- (2) What is the distance between each access route?
- (3) Which of these are accessible?
- (4) What concerns have been raised about:
  - (a) Safety getting to access routes through car parks;
  - (b) The need to use stairs and lifts;
  - (c) Security of lifts at night;
  - (d) Security of narrow walkways with corners, limited sightlines and no passive surveillance?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to improve pedestrian access between Pyrmont/Ultimo and Darling Harbour over the past five years (to 9 November 2016)?
- (6) What work has the Government done to coordinate pedestrian access plans with Infrastructure NSW, the Darling Harbour Live consortium or its partners, Transport for NSW or Transdev, Property NSW or the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, the Department of Planning and Environment, the City of Sydney, Roads and Maritime Services, and private property owners to improve access between these densely populated areas and Darling Harbour?
- (7) What proposals have been made to improve access and what assessment has been made of them?
- (8) What consultation has the Government carried out with Pyrmont/Ultimo residents and businesses about pedestrian access?
- (9) Will the Government carry out a coordinated review of pedestrian access between Pyrmont/Ultimo and Darling Harbour and the CBD?
- (10) What further action will the Government take to improve pedestrian access?

Answer—

As this matter primarily relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, I have referred the question to the Hon Andrew Constance MP.

\*4463 POLICE TRANSIT OFFICERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many Police Transit Officers are located in Newcastle?
- (2) How many of these officers are full-time permanent employees?
- (3) How many of these officers are casual?
- (4) Will they have an office at the new Wickham Interchange?
  - (a) If so, how many officers will be located there?

Answer—

The authorised strength of the PTC was 610 as at July 2016, meeting a commitment to staffing levels made when the Command commenced operations in 2012. The allocation of resources is a matter for the Commissioner.

\*4464 389 DISABILITY ACCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What proportion of 389 bus services are wheelchair accessible:
  - (a) On weekdays?
  - (b) On weekends?
- (2) Have wheelchair accessible services been reduced for Pyrmont bus users since the former 443 service was replaced with the 389?
- (3) What action will the Government take to improve accessibility of the 389 service in response to concerns raised by the Pyrmont community that a 70 year old woman had to carry her 33 year old son on a bus service after waiting 40 minutes and no accessible services arriving?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Accessible buses are scheduled to operate on route 389, 70 per cent on weekdays and 100 per cent on weekends. Additionally, State Transit's bus fleet is 88 per cent accessible. As older buses continue to be replaced with new, fully accessible vehicles, this figure will continue to increase.

- (2) No. The number of advertised wheelchair accessible services has increased by 231 services for Pymont bus users since the former route 443 service was replaced with the new route 389 service.
- (3) Customers can identify accessible services by using the trip planner on the Transport Info website or by calling 131 500. If a replacement bus is required due to an operational issue, State Transit will always try to provide an accessible bus.

\*4465 EDUCATION STANDARD AUTHORITY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ROLE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) To what extent will the new Education Standards Authority investigate complaints about discrimination against students on the grounds of:
  - (a) Sex;
  - (b) Transgender, marital or domestic status;
  - (c) Disability and homosexuality?
- (2) What action can the new authority take against private schools that discriminate against students on these grounds?
- (3) What commitment has the new authority taken to ensure that all schools provide a safe and inclusive learning environment free of discrimination for all students?

Answer—

- (1) The new NSW Education Standards Authority ('the Authority') will retain the functions of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards ('BOSTES') to regulate the compliance of schools with the requirements for registration under the Education Act 1990 ('the Act'). These requirements include that schools provide a safe and supportive environment for their students and have appropriate complaint handling processes in place. The Authority will, as did the BOSTES, investigate any complaints of bullying or other behavior that suggests a school may not be complying with these requirements.
- (2) Any systemic non-compliance by a non-government school with the requirements for registration may result in the school's registration being cancelled if unresponsive to the need to take remedial action or, if the school is responsive to the need to take remedial action, the school's period of registration may be reduced to ensure any remedial action is completed in a timely manner.
- (3) The new Authority will have greater powers to ensure compliance with the requirements for registration. These include the capacity to inspect schools without notice and to attach conditions to a school's registration, including the requirement that schools inform their school community of any such conditions.

\*4466 VICTORIA STREET RAILWAY STATION EAST MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

I refer to LA Q2773 and LA Q3980 concerning the upgrade to Victoria Street Railway Station East Maitland:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how long the detail design for the upgrade of Victoria Street Railway Station will take?
- (2) Has the Review of Environmental Factors been completed and if so, when will it be put on display for community members to provide feedback?
  - (a) If not completed, when will the Review of Environmental Factors be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Design development for the upgrade of Victoria Street Railway Station is underway and is expected to be completed early 2017. The community will be invited to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors in the first half of 2017.

Detailed design is expected to be completed mid-2017, following consideration of the Review of Environmental Factors submissions.

\*4467 ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will the new Lower Hunter Hospital for Maitland include an accident and emergency department?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What other public health services will be available from the new Lower Hunter Hospital?

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Answer—

The New Maitland Hospital will include a new Emergency Department to meet the growing needs of the hospital catchment. The New Maitland Hospital will also benefit from increased capacity and an extended range of health services.

\*4468 PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO THE COMMERCIAL FISHING BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Will the Government be conducting a parliamentary inquiry into the Commercial Fishing Business Adjustment Program?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

A self-referred General Purpose Standing Committee Inquiry was announced on Thursday 17 November 2016.

\*4469 BACKLOG OF MAINTENANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

Can the Minister advise what action is being taken to address the backlog of maintenance in public schools in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

In the 2016/17 State Budget, an additional \$330 million was allocated over the next two years to allow for planned and priority maintenance works to be undertaken in schools across the State.

\*4470 LABELLING LOGIC REVIEW: RECOMMENDATION 12—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How will the Government vote on recommendation 12 within the Labelling Logic Review on 25 November, which would enable consumers to easily determine if products contain palm oil?
- (2) To what extent does the Government support consumers' right to know if consumer products contain palm oil, which is linked to deforestation and the decline of species such as orang-utans?
- (3) What other action will the Government take to ensure consumers can make informed decisions about products and palm oil?

Answer—

(1) The evaluation of the labelling logic review was considered at the 25 November 2016 meeting of the Australia New Zealand Ministerial Forum for Food Regulation (the Forum). It identified that the labelling of sugars, fats and vegetable oils is complex and that a number of developments in food labelling and dietary advice have occurred since Labelling Logic made recommendation 12 in 2011.

It was agreed that the Food Regulation Standing Committee (FRSC) will undertake work to clarify the health and safety issues in relation to labelling of these ingredients. FRSC will present options for consideration at the next Forum meeting.

(2) The Government notes that industry developed third party certification schemes to identify sustainably sourced palm oil. Further information is available at [www.sustainablepalmoil.org](http://www.sustainablepalmoil.org).

(3) NSW considers food labelling matters consistent with the agreed food labelling hierarchy published in the Forum's response to Labelling Logic.

\*4471 POST PRISON RELEASE PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What programs does the Government provide to ensure prisoners are re-integrated into the community after release?
- (2) What funding does the Government provide to non-government organisations for these programs?
- (3) How does this funding compare with previous years?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to expand these programs and funding?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that people leaving prison have:
  - (a) Short term accommodation and a pathway into long term housing?
  - (b) Plans for managing health problems and disabilities after release?
  - (c) A pathway into training and employment?

(6) What plans does the Government have to expand or improve these programs?

Answer—

(1) The Corrective Services Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI) provides funding to not for profit, non-government organisations to deliver a range of services across NSW. There are three service streams:

- transitional support services
- offenders' children and family
- victim support

The transitional support services stream targets higher risk offenders post release and focuses on the factors that contribute to re-offending. On TRACC - Transitional Reintegration and Community Connection program is Australia's first social impact investment scheme to reduce parolee reoffending and re-incarceration. On TRAAC provides parolees with intensive individual support to assist their reintegration into the community, particularly in the first 16 weeks post release.

(2) The annual funding for transitional support services is \$3.3million.

(3) Prior to the commencement of the FPI in 2014, funding for transitional support services under the previous funding model was \$1.7 million per annum.

(4) Funding under the FPI has also been used for a volunteer mentoring service and access to two additional transitional supported accommodation locations will commence early in 2017. The mentoring service will help inmates prepare to make the transition back to the community. In addition, \$1.5 million will be available for post release support services to reduce adult re-offending.

(5) The Nexus program provides information and resources to prepare offenders for re-entry to the community within six months prior to release. Participants are provided guidance on how to get identification cards, finding a job and advice in regard to accommodation.

(a) Transitional support services can provide up to 12 weeks support for higher risk offenders under the supervision of Community Corrections. Support services may include assisting offenders with accommodation needs. Community Corrections staff also work in partnership with Family and Community Services to provide crisis accommodation for parolees exiting custody.

(b) An Extended Reintegration Service provides services to higher risk parolees with significant issues which include mental health, cognitive impairment and drug and alcohol issues. The Co-Existing Disorders Project was established in 2005 as an initiative of the NSW Drug Summit. The project targets supervised offenders on community based orders who have been identified as having a drug or alcohol problem, as well as a mental illness or intellectual disability.

(c) CSNSW provides inmates with work, education and vocational training opportunities to support their pathway to employment and further education in the community. While in custody, some inmates work for Corrective Services Industries' commercial business units and service industries. Under the FPI, support services provided can include access to educational programs and activities to assist in acquiring skills for obtaining employment.

(6) See response to (4). In addition, under the inmate education and vocational training reforms to be introduced in 2017, there will be increased opportunities for inmates to improve their literacy and numeracy skills and develop employment skills.

\*4472 PRIVATE RENTAL ENERGY SAVINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With reference to the low rates of private rental housing that have had energy saving measures installed or retrofitted:

(1) What assessment has the Government made of energy saving measures in New South Wales rental properties?

(2) What provisions in tenancy law support measures such as insulation, energy efficient appliances and solar water heating?

(3) What barriers has the Government identified in tenancy legislation?

(4) What consultation has the Government carried out with rental property owners and tenant representatives about changes, including the requirement for tenants to return properties to the same condition as when they rented the property?

(5) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth about changes to tax legislation that would support energy saving measures in private rental housing?

(6) What programs does the Government use to promote energy saving in private rental properties?

(7) What financial support does the Government provide to support energy saving in private rental properties?

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(8) What further action will the Government take to support energy savings in private rental properties?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be directed to the Hon Mark Speakman MP, Minister for the Environment, who has carriage of these policies.
- (2) The Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010 allows social housing providers to reclaim all or part of any renewable energy rebate that the tenant receives. The provision relates only to solar water heating installed by the social housing provider and requires written agreement between the provider and tenant.
- (3) The key barrier that needs to be overcome in achieving energy savings in private residential rental properties is referred to as 'split incentives'. This problem arises when landlords have little incentive to invest in making rental properties energy efficient, as it is primarily tenants who reap the benefits through lower energy bills. By the same token, tenants may be reluctant to invest in improving the energy efficiency of their rented home, as they are often uncertain whether their tenure will be long enough to reap net benefits from their initial outlay.
- (4) NSW Fair Trading conducted a statutory review of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) from October 2015 to April 2016. As part of this review, Fair Trading released a discussion paper in October 2015 canvassing a number of issues including "split incentives", and separately, alterations to rental properties by tenants. Over 200 public submissions were received, some of which addressed these issues. These issues were also discussed during targeted stakeholder consultation meetings. The report on the review, tabled in Parliament in June 2016, did not make any specific recommendations about alterations to private rental premises in the context of energy savings.

5 - 8. These questions should be directed to the Hon Mark Speakman MP, Minister for the Environment, who has carriage of these policies.

\*4473 NEWCASTLE EAST END BUILDING HEIGHTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

Considering the Director Regions Hunter and Central Coast has informed the Newcastle Inner City Residents Association that a "conditional gateway determination" on the proposed Local Environmental Plan (LEP) changes will be made soon and that the next step involves an exhibition period of the draft LEP changes, when will the determination be made?

Answer—

The Gateway determination was made on 14 September 2016.

\*4474 HUNTER WATER LAND IN STOCKTON—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What is Hunter Water's plan for the old water treatment plant directly south of Fort Wallace at Stockton which has been derelict for some time now?

Answer—

The Lower Hunter Water Plan identified that temporary desalination infrastructure may be appropriate as a low risk water supply option for rapid implementation should the Lower Hunter be impacted in the future by a prolonged period of severe drought.

The former Stockton Wastewater Treatment Works site has being identified as a possible location should this infrastructure be required. Planning work is presently been undertaken to identify and address constraints at this location.

\*4475 CONTAINER MOVEMENTS AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the reason for the Government charging a fee for container movements at the Port of Newcastle?
- (2) What is the reason for the Government paying compensation to NSW Ports for container movements at the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government does not charge a fee for container movements at the Port of Newcastle and no

compensation payments have been paid.

\*4476 DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION SERVICES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Considering the \$4 million available for non-government organisations to enhance drug and alcohol rehabilitation services in rural and regional communities, which non-government organisations have received moneys from this funding pool?
- (2) How much has each organisation received?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Assistant Minister for Health.

\*4477 CANLEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What maintenance works are presently outstanding at Canley Vale High School?
  - (a) What is the projected cost to complete these works?
  - (b) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4478 KING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What maintenance works are presently outstanding at King Park Public School?
  - (a) What is the projected cost to complete these works?
  - (b) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4479 VILLAWOOD NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What maintenance works are presently outstanding at Villawood North Public School?
  - (a) What is the projected cost to complete these works?
  - (b) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4480 CARRAMAR PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What maintenance works are presently outstanding at Carramar Public School?
  - (a) What is the projected cost to complete these works?
  - (b) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4481 TOLL REFUND SCHEME—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—

Will the Government initiate a refund scheme for toll payees who experience traffic congestion?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has no current plans to refund tolls for customers who experience traffic congestion.

\*4482 WILLIAM DEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the William Dean Public School will now have security fencing installed?
  - (a) If so, can the Minister provide a date for the commencement of these works?

Answer—

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A project to upgrade the front boundary fence of William Dean Public School has been nominated for inclusion in a future capital works program. This will continue to be assessed for funding against competing projects in schools across the State.

- \*4483 FUNDING FOR CYCLING EVENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

How much funding has the Government provided to Destination NSW in the past 12 months to host a major cycling event at the Olympic standard Dunc Gray Velodrome in Bass Hill?

Answer—

Destination NSW is responsible for securing events that will best achieve the NSW Government's goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

Destination NSW has not received an event investment proposal for a major cycling event at the Dunc Gray Velodrome in Bass Hill.

To be considered for support, an event proponent needs to make a formal submission to Destination NSW, which details the economic, strategic, marketing and community impacts of their proposed event.

Further information can be found on the Destination NSW website at: <http://www.destinationnsw.com.au/events/support-for-events>

- \*4484 FUTURE USE OF LAND AT BERESFORD AVENUE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

Has NSW Health identified the parcel of land owned by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) on Beresford Avenue across from Bankstown North Public School for possible future use?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The parcel of land at Beresford Avenue, Bankstown, is not flagged for future use by NSW Health.

- \*4485 RESOURCES TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What extra resources will the Government provide to the Murumbidgee, Mid-North Coast and Western NSW Family and Community Services Districts to ensure that they meet the accreditation requirements set by the Office of the Children's Guardian before the expiry of their interim accreditation by 1 December 2016?

Answer—

As at 1 December 2016, all fifteen FACS districts are now accredited designated agencies.

- \*4486 AUTHORITY TO ANNOUNCE PUBLIC HEALTH ALERTS—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Who has the authority to make a public health alert in the event of a drinking water incident?

Answer—

Utilities can make a determination to issue a boil water alert when it has been confirmed to be necessary, and this is carried out in consultation of with NSW Health.

- \*4487 UNPLANNED SEWAGE RELEASES—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

How many unplanned sewage releases (by-passes) involving untreated sewage were released between 2011 and 2016 (as at 25 October 2016)?

Answer—

This information is publicly available on the NSW Environment Protection Authority website and in the NSW Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Monitoring report, published by DPI Water.

- \*4488 SYDNEY WATER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) What was Sydney Water's annual budget for capital expenditure for each financial year between

2011-12 and 2016-17?

- (2) What was Sydney Water's annual actual capital expenditure for each financial year between 2011-12 and 2016-17?
- (3) What is Sydney Water's annual forecast capital expenditure for each financial year between 2016-17 and 2017-18?

Answer—

1. This information is published annually in the State Budget papers.
2. This information is published annually in the Sydney Water annual report.
3. This information is published annually in the State Budget papers.

\*4489 WATER SCIENCE RESEARCH DIVISION—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many employees are (were) there in the Water science research division of Water NSW (or the Sydney Catchment Authority) with specific responsibility for testing Sydney's drinking water in each year from 2011 to 2015?
- (2) What is the number of employees by each division in Water NSW?

Answer—

(1) WaterNSW and previously, the Sydney Catchment Authority did not employ staff with the specific responsibility to test Sydney's drinking water. This function has always been outsourced. The number of scientists directly in the field of water quality from 2011 - 2015 are: 2011 (21 .5); 2012 (21 . 7); 2013 (21.4); 2014 (22.2); 2015 (21 .8).

(2) The number of employees by each division in Water NSW

Asset Solutions & Delivery (103)

CEO & Executive Team (11)

Corporate Systems & Regulatory Strategy (15.58)

Customer & Community (130)

Finance & Commercial Services (29.5)

Information & Communications Technology (47.5)

Legal Services (3)

People, Capability & Transformation (30)

System Operation & Asset Maintenance (187)

Water & Catchment Protection (169)

Water Intergration (3).

\*4490 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAR PARKING FEES—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Health—

Noting that the maximum free parking at the John Hunter Hospital is capped at 20 minutes, can the Minister advise:

- (1) How many users of the car park leave the John Hunter Hospital within 20 minutes?
- (2) How many car park users are also concession holders?
- (3) How many car park users stayed between one and three hours?
- (4) What advertising has the Hunter New England Health District undertaken to notify patients and family members experiencing hardship about car parking vouchers?
- (5) How many hardship vouchers were distributed in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

The parking fees at John Hunter Hospital are based on local market rates and are time-based to discourage long term parking and encourage turnover to increase parking capacity. The time-based fees provide for concessional rates.

Full parking fees and conditions are displayed at the entrance to each visitor car park at John Hunter Hospital, and the parking fee rates are available on the HNE LHD website. For patients experiencing hardship, free car parking vouchers are available, although the availability of these are not publicly

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advertised. Staff at John Hunter Hospital are aware of the availability of the vouchers and where appropriate, refer patients and visitors to a John Hunter Hospital social worker who can assist with obtaining car parking vouchers in hardship cases. The vouchers are also provided to patients who are required to attend the hospital for regular treatment over a period of time (for example, dialysis patients).

\*4491 POINT WOLSTONCROFT SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Are there any plans to enter into a public private partnership to operate Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre?
  - (a) If so, are there any planned job losses as a part of this arrangement?
- (2) Are there any plans to privatise or lease Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre?
  - (a) If so, are there any planned job losses as a part of this arrangement?
- (3) Are there any plans to sell off all, or part, of the land that houses Point Wolstoncroft?

Answer—

At the conclusion of an extensive market testing process the NSW Government has decided to retain, modernise and optimise the states 11 Sport and Recreation centres. Centres will continue to be operated by Office of Sport.

After investigations were carried out into options to improve services delivered, the NSW Government has decided modernising centres and services would increase usage and provide the best community outcome.

The NSW Government is dedicated to increasing usage and access to each of the eleven Sport and Recreation facilities across NSW.

The market testing process has highlighted many ways services across the centres can be improved for school, sporting and community groups.

Further investigations in to capital improvements will also be undertaken to ensure the centres continue to perform and provide the best service for the community.

\*4492 HOLISTIC CARE SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

What is the Government doing to increase access to holistic care services such as physiotherapy, speech pathology, dietary advice and occupational therapy for older persons?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Health.

\*4493 SCOPING STUDY FOR THE SALE OF LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Which firm/company produced the scoping study for the sale of Land and Property Information?
- (2) Was there a tender process for the scoping study?
  - (a) When did the tender process occur?
  - (b) How many firms/companies submitted tenders?
- (3) What was the cost of the scoping study?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.

\*4494 OUTSOURCED WORK PROVIDED TO LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Have any of the contracts for outsourced work been awarded to businesses or organisations that are participating in the Concession Bid for Titling and Registry Services?
- (2) Have any of the contracts for outsourced work been awarded for work that directly impacted on the Central Register of Restrictions?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.

\*4495 F6 CORRIDOR LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION ERROR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering the Land and Property Information error that led to a failure of the Central Register of Restrictions for property owners, buyer and sellers along the F6 corridor, that you acknowledged during the weekend of 28-30 October 2016, and beyond, how many property enquiries were affected?
- (2) How many actual property transactions were affected?
- (3) How many affected property owners had been contacted as at 4 November 2016 ?
- (4) How many affected property owners will be contacted by 11 November 2016?
- (5) Two weeks after the event, why had some affected owners still not been contacted?
- (6) What instruction or direction was given to each affected property owner contacted after the acknowledgement of error on 28 October 2016?
- (7) What offer of Concession and compensation was offered to each affected property owner?
- (8) Were any of the affected property owners asked to sign a confidentiality clause that would prevent them from publicly discussing aspect of the error that directly affected them?

Answer—

(1) 309

(2) As at 21 November 2016 there were 163 transactions registered with LPI.

(3) to (5) All solicitors and conveyancers representing affected property owners have been contacted. Our doorknocking teams have made every effort to personally visit the families who received incorrect information and purchased a property. This has not been possible for all affected residents, but letters have been personally written to the affected residents. We will continue to contact any further affected property owners directly as and when they register a transaction at LPI.

(6) An apology was provided to property owners for the error and it was suggested they speak to their solicitor or conveyancer to receive the correct information.

(7) Compensation has not been offered at this stage.

(8) No.

\*4496 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General—

With regard to the NSW Trustee and Guardian:

- (1) How many clients is the Public Trustee currently executor for?
- (2) How many clients have made wills since 1 July 2013?
- (3) When was the last fee increase for services?
  - (a) Were any fees increased by more than 20 per cent?
  - (b) What were these fees for?
- (4) Is privatisation of this service being considered?
- (5) Are all fees fixed or are they negotiable?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about the estates administered by NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) as well as the number of wills made is available in NSWTG's annual reports published at <http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/annual-report.html>.
- (2) See answer 1.
- (3) NSWTG fees are regulated by the NSW Trustee and Guardian Regulation 2008. Information about NSWTG fees can be found at <http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/our-fees.html>.
- (4) There are currently no plans to privatise NSW Trustee and Guardian.
- (5) See answer 3. Where payment would cause undue hardship NSWTG may waive or reduce fees.

\*4497 BARANGAROO SKATE FACILITIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With reference to LA Q4421, what proposals have been considered for a skate facility at Barangaroo?
- (2) What assessment has been made of skaters' requests for facilities in this area?
- (3) What areas of Barangaroo could be used for a skate park that is safe for skaters and does not impact

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on adjacent residents?

- (4) When will the Government consult with skaters and the wider community about these proposals?  
(5) What further action will the Government take to provide skating facilities in the Barangaroo development?

Answer—

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority has advised that the marked cycle paths in the reserve are areas designated for cycling and skating.

Central Barangaroo's public waterfront domain and associated facilities will be delivered through the development of Central Barangaroo, which is currently the subject of a live tender process.

\*4498 NEWCASTLE OFFICE OF THE NSW TRUSTEE & GUARDIAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Will the Newcastle Office of the NSW Trustee & Guardian be closed as part of the Government's 2017 and Beyond Review?  
(2) If not, will the new operating model for the Newcastle Office of the NSW Trustee & Guardian result in a reduction in staff at this office?  
(a) If so, how many positions will be lost?

Answer—

I am advised that the Newcastle office of NSW Trustee & Guardian will not close and there will be an increase in staff.

\*4499 GRASSED AREA AT THE NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) The only open grass area at Newcastle East Public School has been closed indefinitely. Are there any plans to cover the grassed area in the playground with synthetic grass?  
(a) If so, is there any funding available for this project?

Answer—

The grassed area at Newcastle East Public School is not closed. The school has indicated they are in discussions with the P & C and School Council regarding options for the area including re-turfing or installing synthetic turf.

\*4500 FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What maintenance works are presently outstanding at Fairfield Public School?  
(a) What is the projected cost to complete these works?  
(b) When will these works be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4501 STAFF AT SYDNEY WATER—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What number of staff were employed (in each department) in Sydney Water as at 30 June in each year from 2011 to 2016?

Answer—

30/06/2011 :

- Asset Management: 321
- Asset Solutions Division: 165
- Corporate Services: 313
- Customer and Community Relations: 370
- Finance and Regulatory: 55
- Maintenance: 912
- Office of the Managing Director: 16
- Operations: 699
- Human Resources: 112
- Sustainability Division: 101
- Managing Director: 1

- Total: 3065.

## 30062012:

- Asset Management: 194
- Asset Solutions Division: 166
- Business Strategy and Resilience: 1
- Corporate Services: 292
- Customer and Community Relations: 348
- Finance and Regulatory: 56
- Maintenance: 866
- Office of the Managing Director: 21
- Operations: 704
- People Leadership and Culture: 175
- Sustainability Division: 74
- Managing Director: 1
  - Total: 2898

## 30062013:

- Business Strategy and Resilience: 133
- Customer Services: 307
- Finance and Corporate Services: 181
- Information and Technology: 157
- Infrastructure Delivery : 139
- Liveable City Solutions: 180
- Office of the Managing Director: 3
- People Leadership and Culture: 178
- Service Delivery: 1489
- Managing Director: 1
  - Total: 2768

## 30062014:

- Business Strategy and Resilience: 136
- Customer Services: 308
- Finance and Corporate Services: 179
- Information and Technology: 157
- Liveable City Solutions: 320
- Office of the Managing Director: 2
- People Leadership and Culture: 121
- Service Delivery: 1336
- Managing Director: 1
- Transformation: 8
  - Total: 2568

## 30062015:

- Business Strategy and Resilience: 132
- Customer Services: 315
- Finance and Corporate Services: 178
- Information and Technology: 155
- Liveable City Solutions: 315
- Office of the Managing Director: 2
- People Leadership and Culture: 125
- Service Delivery: 1349
- Managing Director: 1
- Transformation: 13
  - Total: 2585

## 30062016

- Business Strategy and Resilience: 146
- Customer Services: 320
- Finance and Corporate Services: 171

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- Information and Technology: 153
- Liveable City Solutions: 316
- Office of the Managing Director: 3
- People Leadership and Culture: 139
- Service Delivery: 1349
- Managing Director: 1
- Transformation: 13
  - Total: 2611

\*4502 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many maintenance works have been outstanding at Canley Vale High School, King Park Public School, Villawood North Public School, Fairfield Public School and Carramar Public School for more than 12 months?
- (a) What is the projected cost for these works?
  - (b) When are these works projected to be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4503 ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much money was allocated and spent on maintenance works for the following public schools in the Fairfield electorate for each financial year since 2011-12?
- (a) Canley Vale High School;
  - (b) King Park Public School;
  - (c) Carramar Public School;
  - (d) Villawood North Public School;
  - (e) Fairfield Public School;
  - (f) Westfields Sports High School;
  - (g) Guildford West Public School;
  - (h) Fairfield High School;
  - (i) Fairfield West Public School;
  - (j) Fairvale High School;
  - (k) Yennora Public School;
  - (l) Fairfield Heights Public School;
  - (m) Canley Vale Public School;
  - (n) Canley Heights Public School;
  - (o) Fairvale Public School;
  - (p) Old Guildford Public School;
  - (q) Verona School?

Answer—

Fin maintenance expenditure for each school is available at the end of each financial year and published on the Department of Education's website.

\*4504 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current value of outstanding maintenance works for the following public schools in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) Canley Vale High School;
  - (b) King Park Public School;
  - (c) Carramar Public School;
  - (d) Villawood North Public School;
  - (e) Fairfield Public School;
  - (f) Westfields Sports High School;
  - (g) Guildford West Public School;
  - (h) Fairfield High School;
  - (i) Fairfield West Public School;
  - (j) Fairvale High School;
  - (k) Yennora Public School;

- (l) Fairfield Heights Public School;
- (m) Canley Vale Public School;
- (n) Canley Heights Public School;
- (o) Fairvale Public School;
- (p) Old Guildford Public School;
- (q) Verona School?

Answer—

The Department of Education has released individual school maintenance data for every school in NSW.

\*4505 MINISTERIAL MEETINGS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Does the Minister make himself available to Members of Parliament and their constituents for meetings involving his portfolio responsibilities?
- (2) Does the Minister usually respond to requests from members of the public to discuss the effect of agencies within his portfolio on their lives?
- (3) How many private individuals have requested a ministerial meeting in the last twelve months (to 10 November 2016) and how many private individuals have had a ministerial meeting with the Minister in the last twelve months (to 10 November 2016)?
- (4) How many private individuals have requested a ministerial meeting concerning WestConnex in the last twelve months (to 10 November 2016) and how many private individuals have had a ministerial meeting with the Minister concerning WestConnex in the last twelve months (to 10 November 2016)?
- (5) How many requests for meetings with the Minister by Members of Parliament or private individuals have not been accepted over the last twelve months (to 10 November 2016)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details of Ministerial meetings can be found at: [http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/ministers\\_diary\\_disclosures](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/ministers_diary_disclosures)

\*4506 MEETING WITH CENTRAL NSW COUNCILS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What was discussed at your meeting on 19 April 2016 with Central NSW Councils (Centroc) in relation to Bells Line of Road?
  - (a) Were any commitments given in relation to future works?

Answer—

- (1) There was a general high level discussion regarding some of the Government's investment and upgrades to Bells Line of Road.

\*4507 MEETING WITH DOWNER EDI LIMITED—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What was discussed at your meeting on 5 April 2016 with Downer EDI Limited concerning the water sector?

Answer—

I can advise the details of ministerial meetings are disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

\*4508 CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY ATTENDING PRESCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Is a preschool permitted to provide a disabled child with less attendance days per week than a child with no disability based solely on whether the child is disabled or not?
- (2) Is the same amount of Government funding provided to a preschool for each child who attends regardless of the child being classified as able-bodied or disabled?
- (3) What avenues are available for a parent/carer of a disabled child to appeal should they feel their child is being discriminated against because of their disability?

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Answer—

- (1) Preschools determine their own enrolment and placement policies. The NSW Government does not have a role in this process.
- (2) Every community based preschool receives a Universal Disability Loading (UDL) to support the educational inclusion of children with a disability. The Preschool Disability Support Program (PDSP) provides additional funding for children with higher level needs through a structured application process administered by Northcott.
- (3) Parents/carers can refer disability discrimination matters to the Australian Human Rights Commission.

\*4509 SALE OF LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will New South Wales receive a share of the revenue and profit generated by the successful bidder for the sale of Land and Property Information?
- (2) What is the estimated additional cost to the state's economy after the sale?
- (3) What will be the impact on the economy of the monopoly created by the sale as there will be no competition?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.

\*4510 LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION CONCESSION CONSULTATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Which firms or companies does the Government have contracts with for the Land and Property Information Concession consultation?
- (2) Has the Government paid firm JP Morgan \$4.5 million?
  - (a) If yes, over what period was the sale adviser fees paid?
  - (b) If yes, what are the ongoing payments to the firm?
  - (c) If not, how much was paid to the firm?
- (3) Have consultancy firms or companies been paid?
  - (a) How much and over what period?
- (4) How many reports/studies have been commissioned?
  - (a) How many have been received?
  - (b) How many are yet to be received?
- (5) Will the reports/studies be made available or will they be deemed 'Commercial in Confidence'?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the NSW Treasurer.

\*4511 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE EXPANSION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) When was the initial excavation and building work for the Cessnock Correctional Centre expansion scheduled to commence?
- (2) When did the initial excavation and building work commence?
- (3) When were tenders for the excavation and building work called for?
- (4) When was the successful tender accepted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) September 2016.
- (2) Initial excavation commenced in October 2016. Building work has not commenced.
- (3) 20 June 2016.
- (4) 21 July 2016.

\*4512 PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Are there private organisations providing a service to the Land and Property Information titles office?
  - (a) If yes, are the private organisations also bidding for the Concessions?

- (b) If yes, are the private organisations involved in the delays in placing registered transactions on the title?
  - (i) If no, what is the cause of the delays?
- (c) If yes, are the private organisations involved in the delays in scanning of documents which have already fallen behind normal practice?
- (2) Will the Hub system be considered for reintroduction since the Central Register of Restrictions has failed to perform?
  - (a) Will staff resources be reinstated to ensure that either the Hub system or the Central Register of Restrictions functions efficiently and effectively?
  - (b) Will staff be experienced to ensure efficiency and effectiveness and promote trust between agencies which rely on LPI for error free information?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, there are some ICT and business support services contractors providing a service to Land and Property Information (LPI).
  - (a) The concession process is being managed by NSW Treasury.
  - (b) No.
    - (i) I'm advised that there are no delays.
  - (c) Private organisations are not involved in the scanning of documents.
- (2) An independent investigation of the CRR incident will make recommendations regarding process improvements and controls to ensure the CRR system functions efficiently and effectively.

\*4513 OFFSITE PARKING LOCATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to LA Q4001, which specific offsite parking locations are being investigated by the South Western Sydney Local Health District to address car parking limitations around the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The availability of car parking spaces for patients, visitors and staff at the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is a priority for the South Western Sydney Local Health District.

\*4514 SYDNEY WATER SITE IN YAGOONA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) With reference to LA Q3773, does the Government intend to retain the Sydney Water site earmarked for divestment on Bruncker Road, Yagoona, for an alternate public use?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No.
  - (a) The site is still required for operational purposes and there are no current plans to sell the site.

\*4515 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES HELPLINE STAFF—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Are the 17 additional caseworkers starting at the Child Protection Helpline new or existing Family and Community Services (FACS) staff?
- (2) If they are existing staff, which FACS District has each caseworker been transferred from?
  - (a) When will the transferred position at each FACS District be filled?

Answer—

15 new caseworkers commenced at the Child Protection Helpline on 7 November 2016.

13 of these 15 caseworkers were new employees and two were existing FACS employees who did not work in District roles.

17 caseworkers were originally scheduled to start at the Helpline on 7 November 2016. The two applicants who did not commence on that date have since accepted provisional offers, commencing February 2017.

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\*4516 CHILD SEX ABUSE REDRESS SCHEME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Will the Government commit to the Child Sex Abuse Redress scheme being implemented by the Commonwealth Government in response to recommendations made in the Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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

\*4517 CLEANING STAFF AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to LA Q3998, how many cleaning staff were employed at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital on 8 November 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operations needs at any point in time.

\*4518 LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BANKSTOWN AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health—

With reference to LA Q3989, when does the lease back arrangement for the site of the Bankstown Ambulance Station on Meredith Street, Bankstown, expire?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance sold Bankstown Ambulance Station in 2002 with a lease back arrangement for an initial period of 10 years, with two additional five year option periods.

\*4519 NURSES IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Health—

(1) Will you release the full final report of the steering committee which allowed stakeholders to provide recommendations to your office about s104 of the NSW Public Health Act 2010?

(2) In response to the Legislative Council inquiry into Registered Nurses in New South Wales Nursing Homes, you indicated that you would refer the issue to a meeting of Health Minister's at COAG. What position will you adopt at that meeting and will you recommend rostering of registered nurses in residential aged care facilities 24/7?

Answer—

The final report of the NSW Health Aged Care Steering formed part of the Government deliberations on the response to the Legislative Council Report. The NSW Government position on the issue is clearly set out in the Response to the Parliamentary Committee Report. I raised this issue as an agenda item at the COAG Meeting on 7 October 2016. It was agreed that the issue would be referred to Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council.

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\*4520 EDUCATION CENTRE AGAINST VIOLENCE FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

(1) What additional funding has been provided to the NSW Health Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) to support an extension of training programs targeting child sexual abuse in the period 1 January 2015 to date (as at 15 November 2016)?

(2) What additional programs, if any, are to be delivered as a result of that extra funding?

Answer—

The NSW Health Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV), has been established for 30 years, as a state-wide unit responsible for workforce development in the specialist areas of prevention and response to family violence, sexual abuse and neglect, including specific focus on Aboriginal and Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD). ECAV provides state-wide training, consultancy, clinical supervision and resource development for NSW Health and other government and non-government organisations.

In the period from 1 January 2015 to 15 November 2016, the NSW Health Education Centre Against Violence received \$379,000 in additional funding to support an extension of training programs targeting child sexual abuse.

Additional training planned as a result of this funding includes programs such as; Advanced Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioural training workshops, Aboriginal Community Engagement workshops and two Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) Health Professional Development Forums and Adult Survivor of Child Sexual Abuse Group work training.

\*4521 ABORIGINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELLORS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many Aboriginal sexual assault counsellors are employed across New South Wales?
- (2) Has the number increased in the period 1 January 2015 to date (as at 15 November 2016)?
  - (a) If so, by how many?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

There are nine Aboriginal counsellors employed in NSW Health Sexual Assault Services. Recruitment efforts continue.

NSW Health Sexual Assault Services have developed strategies such as supporting Aboriginal staff to access Aboriginal pathways courses through the NSW Health Education Centre Against Violence, developing culturally safe work places and providing cultural supervision for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff to address this issue.

\*4522 MEETINGS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many meetings have you had with the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption since 1 January 2016?

Answer—

The Hon Megan Latham wrote to the Premier on 3 November 2016 requesting a meeting to discuss the Parliamentary Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption's report entitled Review of the Independent Commission Against Corruption: Consideration of the Inspector's Reports.

The meeting was held on 9 November 2016.

\*4523 PASSMORE DUFF PTY LTD CONTRACTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many current contracts are there between Passmore Duff Pty Ltd and:
  - (a) Transport for NSW;
  - (b) Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation;
  - (c) NSW Department of Transport;
  - (d) Railcorp;
  - (e) Sydney Trains;
  - (f) NSW Trainlink?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (d) 0

(1) (e) 2

(1) (f) 0

\*4524 SOLUTION FOR DATA COLLECTION OS SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Did NSW Health develop a data collection solution for Sexual Assault Services?

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- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If so, in which Local Health Districts was it implemented?

Answer—

NSW Health has developed a data collection solution for Sexual Assault Services. It was piloted in the Central Coast, Northern Sydney, Southern NSW and Western Sydney Local Health Districts, and the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network from June to July 2016.

\*4525 ADVICE TO THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Did your Department provide advice to the Ombudsman in accordance with recommendation no 6 of the report entitled *Fostering Economic Development for Aboriginal People in New South Wales* dated May 2016?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, when?
  - (c) If so, where may that response be inspected?

Answer—

This question should be referred to my colleague, the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Assistant Minister for Education.

\*4526 RESPONSE TO PUBLICATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is your response to the formal publication by the Council of Australasian Tribunals entitled *Tribunal Independence in Appointments: A Best Practice Guide*?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the appointment process for judicial officers and tribunal members in New South Wales is available at [www.justice.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careerinternships-volunteering/Judicialcareers-statutorvappointments](http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careerinternships-volunteering/Judicialcareers-statutorvappointments).

\*4527 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is there currently a Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If not, for how long?

Answer—

The Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 makes provision for the appointment of Assistant Commissioners.

\*4528 FRONTLINE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Does the number of frontline Family and Community Services staff allocated to Joint Investigation Response Teams (JIRT) equal the NSW Police allocation to the Child Abuse Squad?
  - (a) If so, how many does this constitute?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The FACS Caseworker Dashboard is available to the public.

FACS JIRT Caseworkers complete the initial investigation and assessment of safety and risk to children. Any ongoing assessment and casework is referred to local FACS Community Services Centres.

\*4529 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Where are the speed cameras currently located in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

This information is available on the Centre for Road Safety Website.

\*4530 WOMEN'S CRISIS ACCOMMODATION CENTRES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What are the current turn-away rates of women's crisis accommodation centres in the Wallsend, Shortland, and Newcastle areas?

Answer—

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reports on the clients of specialist homelessness services. AIHW does not report data at the geographic level requested.

\*4531 HIGH RATE OF INDIGENOUS INCARCERATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the Government doing to address the persistent concerns about the high incarceration rates for indigenous Australians, a contributing factor to the higher suicide rate amongst indigenous communities?

Answer—

The Government recognises that Aboriginal offenders continue to be over-represented in custody. Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) has developed a strategic plan to support Aboriginal offenders to desist from re-offending and to reduce their rate of incarceration. This involves focusing on education and vocational training, and employment.

- CSNSW has several programs which are specifically intended for Aboriginal offenders. They include the Balund-a Program; the Gundi Program; the Yetta Dhinnakkal Program; the Girrawaa Program and the Nura Warra Umer Program. Details regarding these programs are available on the internet.
- Funding has recently been received as part of the Reducing Re-offending Strategy to establish 10 high intensity units that will deliver rehabilitation programs to inmates serving short sentences. Aboriginal offenders will be prioritised to these units which will be spread across a number of correctional centres.
- The CSNSW Aboriginal Advisory Council provides a forum for CSNSW to engage with Aboriginal people of significant standing in the community, and with professionals with expertise related to social justice, as well as the legal and health care systems.
- CSNSW also collaborates with a number of other agencies in its efforts to reduce the rate at which Aboriginal people are incarcerated. These include
  - the Eden Local Aboriginal Lands Council which manages the Bundian Way Project
  - Redfern Local Area Police Command and the Redfern Community regarding the Never Going Back Program for Aboriginal male inmates
  - the Aboriginal Housing Office
  - a number of Aboriginal organisations in the community which run post-release support programs such as Tribal Dreaming (New Horizons) and the Muru Program.

Juvenile Justice also has a number of programs and initiatives to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in custody.

- The Youth on Track early intervention scheme provides family-based intervention and support to young people who are at risk of long-term involvement in the criminal justice system.
- Other initiatives include the provision of therapeutic interventions to address offending behaviour; Dthina Yuwali, a drug and alcohol program; the My Journey, My Life program which aims to reduce the incidence of inter-generational violence; access to educational programs, and opportunities for young offenders to participate in driver safety education programs and to obtain their driver licence.
- To maintain connections with family and country, young offenders are held in custody close to their home, where possible. They also have access to local elders and community members who visit centres to run cultural programs and provide mentoring to young offenders. All Juvenile Justice centres have an Aboriginal Consultative Committee which includes local community groups and elders who visit centres regularly to engage with young offenders and provide them and staff with cultural guidance.
- Juvenile Justice recognises that by recruiting and retaining Aboriginal staff, it will develop a better capacity to work with Aboriginal young people. Approximately 12.6 per cent of the total Juvenile Justice workforce identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

\*4532 SUICIDE RATES IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is the Government doing to reduce suicides in indigenous communities?

Answer—

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The NSW Government has committed \$8 million for a Suicide Prevention Fund to provide opportunities for non-government organisations and community based services to deliver local suicide prevention services and activities to priority populations, including Aboriginal people.

NSW Health addresses Aboriginal mental health disadvantage through all its services, including by expanding the capacity of a specialised Aboriginal mental health workforce, and through mental health projects in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

Additionally, NSW Health provides professional development of Aboriginal mental health and social and emotional wellbeing workers. It also encourages a comprehensive identification of Aboriginal users of mental health services, and uses that data to inform service access and quality discussion. All NSW Health staff are required to undertake Aboriginal cultural training, and suicide prevention has been identified as a high priority for action in the revised NSW Aboriginal Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy framework.

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\*4533 **ILLEGAL CLEARING AND DUMPING**—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) With reference to allegations of illegal dumping and clearing at 20A Caswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay during the construction of an unapproved sea wall, how many mangrove trees (if any) does the Department estimate have been removed from the property during construction of the sea wall?
- (2) What is the maximum possible fine for illegal clearing of mangroves?
- (3) What efforts are being made by the Government to ensure that mangroves in Tanilba Bay are preserved and reasonably accessible to the public?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any potential threats from proposed nearby residential development/s that may adversely impact on the wellbeing of mangrove trees in Tanilba Bay?

Answer—

While mangroves are protected on public water land under the Fisheries Management Act 1994, they are not protected or monitored on freehold land.

\*4534 **WHITE BAY – GLEBE ISLAND SHIP POLLUTION**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What noise controls apply to cruise ships at the White Bay terminal at Glebe Island, including how many days ships can keep engines running?
- (2) What controls apply to light spill?
- (3) When were these noise, light spill and air pollution controls last reviewed and what plans does the Government have to review them given the increasing number of ships using this facility?

Answer—

- (1) Condition of Approval D1 of Major Project 10\_0069 includes operational noise limits for cruise ship days.
- (2) Condition of Approval B16 of Major Project 10\_0069 requires that lighting be in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard.
- (3) The Port Authority of NSW operates the Terminal and reviews activities at the site in light of the development consent controls. Questions regarding reviews undertaken by the Port Authority of NSW should be referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*4535 **WHITE BAY – GLEBE ISLAND SHIP POLLUTION**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) With reference to cruise ships at the White Bay terminal at Glebe Island, what ongoing assessment does the Government carry out of noise, light spill and air pollution impacts on adjacent residential communities?
- (2) What measurements are taken of noise, light spill and air pollution impacts inside apartments at Pyrmont?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to prevent impacts on residential communities adjacent

to these facilities?

Answer—

(1) The White Bay Cruise Terminal (WBCT) is located at White Bay, cruise ships do not berth at Glebe Island.

An air monitoring station is located at White Bay to monitor air quality at WBCT. The Environment Protection Authority also conducts its own noise monitoring in relation to cruise ships at White Bay.

(2) None. There is no record of any complaints from Pymont residences regarding light spill or air pollution from cruise ships.

(3) A Noise Mitigation Strategy has been developed by the Port Authority that includes initiatives designed to minimise the impact of cruise ships on the local community. The Port Authority will engage with the community on the strategy which includes real-time logging to monitor and manage noise levels at WBCT.

\*4536 PAYOUTS TO PARAMEDICS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

How much revenue does the Government hope to raise by reducing the payout for severely injured paramedics from \$253,515-\$685,642 to \$123,487 in the Paramedic Death and Disability Scheme?

Answer—

Nil, the NSW Government is not raising any revenue via the Paramedic Death and Disability Scheme.

The current Death and Income Protection Scheme for Paramedics is contained in a new interim Award made by the Industrial Relations Commission that commenced in August 2016. A working group comprising experts across Government, including paramedics was established to develop an alternate scheme to commence in 2017.

NSW Ambulance's existing health, wellbeing and support initiatives are also being reviewed to examine the additional ways in which the NSW Government can support paramedics to return to work following an injury, and to build on current initiatives to avoid injuries or illnesses happening in the first place.

\*4537 STAGE 5 OF THE NEWCASTLE INNER-CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery 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 current estimated release date for the Government's final plan for the Newcastle Inner-City Bypass Stage 5 to be finished and put out on public exhibition?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment displayed the Environmental Impact Statement and Concept Design for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, Rankin Park to Jesmond from 16 November 2016 to 16 December 2016.

Submissions have been received by the Department of Planning and Environment and will be reviewed in due course.

\*4538 HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN 2036—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

Does Action 23.2 of the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 or any other actions in Direction 23 include the establishment of a Hunter Transport Authority?

Answer—

The Hunter Regional Plan 2036 does not include a commitment to establish a Hunter Transport Authority.

\*4539 CROWN LAND SOLD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What is the total value of Crown Land sold by this Government in the last financial year (2015-16)?

Answer—

For information on sale and leasing of Crown Land, please see the transcripts and final report of General Purpose Standing Committee 6's Inquiry into Crown land.

\*4540 BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- (1) Considering on Monday, 7 November 2016, the Beresfield Police Station was closed, with no warning to local residents:
- What hours each week will the Beresfield station be open in 2017?
  - What precautions are being taken to ensure a closure such as this does not happen again?

Answer—

As previously advised, Beresfield police station is manned subject to operational considerations.

- \*4541 MULTICULTURALISM IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

What initiatives are you pursuing in the Hunter region to promote harmony between members of different religions and cultural backgrounds and to celebrate diversity?

Answer—

My remit as Minister for Multiculturalism is to build and maintain a cohesive and harmonious society that enriches the lives of all the people of New South Wales.

The NSW Government, through Multicultural NSW, delivers this through its Harmony in Action Strategic Plan 2014 – 17, the objectives and functions articulated in the Multicultural NSW Act 2000, and the various programs and services the agency delivers.

The overall theme is the need to work collaboratively across all tiers of government and with non-government agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for community cohesion and harmony.

Further, through the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Advisory Council (RAC), the NSW Government is promoting harmony between diverse religious and cultural communities in the Hunter region. For more information on the RAC please see [http://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/communities/regional\\_advisory\\_councils/](http://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/communities/regional_advisory_councils/).

- \*4542 CBD TRANSPORT PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- What strategies does the Government intend to use in planning for CBD and inner city public transport services after the CBD and South East Light Rail service is operating?
  - Will this planning include destination studies?
  - Will this planning include review of Opal travel data?
- How will the Government assess public transport need that is not currently provided?
- How will the Government assess future transport needs linked to inner city redevelopment projects?
- Will the Government link all CBD bus services with the light rail service?
- Will this include additional interchanges or adjacent stops?
  - What other methods will be used?
- How does the Government plan to involve the community in planning for these changes?
  - When will this planning begin?

Answer—

The Environmental Impact Statement for the CBD and South East Light Rail outlined an indicative integrated transport network following the introduction of light rail. Transport for NSW follows urban development trends and develops opportunities to improve access for customers. Transport for NSW will review the CBD and South East Light Rail network closer to the opening of the project, taking into account the most recent bus performance information.

The community will be informed of changes to the bus network closer to the time of implementation. Methods of communicating changes to the public will include websites, apps and printed material. Targeted information covering route information, network maps and timetables in electronic and printed form will also be provided in the lead up to the commencement of the new network

- \*4543 SOCIAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How will the Government stop for profit organisations from tendering to manage public housing tenancy if public housing tenancy management is outsourced to the community sector?

Answer—

Procurement will be open to community housing providers registered under the National Regulatory

System for Community Housing and new entrants that demonstrate the capacity to register.

\*4544 GLENDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) Was the Glendale Transport Interchange one of Regional Development Hunter's key infrastructure goals?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Regional Development Australia committees, including RDA - Hunter, were established in 2009 as part of a cooperative arrangement between the Commonwealth and State Governments to progress the development of Australia's regions.

I am advised that the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange at Glendale is one of the projects identified in RDA-Hunter's Economic Development Strategy for 2016-2019.

\*4545 POVERTY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting the Australian Council of Social Service's 'Poverty in Australia' 2016 report showing that rates of poverty have increased, particularly amongst children and sole parent families:

(1) What data does the Government have about rates of poverty in New South Wales and inner Sydney?

(2) What action has the Government taken to address increasing poverty amongst children?

(3) What action has the Government taken to address increasing poverty amongst sole parent families?

(4) What programs and activities does the Government fund or provide to reduce poverty in the inner Sydney area?

(5) What action has the Government taken in response to the increasing rates of poverty for people living in areas of high housing unaffordability such as inner Sydney?

(6) What measures are the Government taking to provide better health outcomes for those living in poverty?

(7) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government about income support strategies to prevent and reduce poverty?

(8) What further action will the Government take to address increasing rates of poverty and inequality?

Answer—

While several of these queries primarily relate to responsibilities which fall under the Commonwealth Government, I have referred the question to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing.

\*4546 STAMP DUTY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) What options for stamp duty tax reform were considered by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments as referred in LA Q 1046?

(2) What is the average cost of stamp duty for home buyers in:

(a) Greater Sydney?

(b) The City of Sydney?

(c) Woollahra Council?

(d) The CBD and inner city of Sydney?

(3) What assessment has the Government made of the impact of stamp duty on housing mobility and the supply of rental housing?

(4) What consideration has the Government given to replacing stamp duty tax with a land tax?

(5) What consideration has the Government given to a low-rate broad based property levy as proposed by the Grattan Institute?

(6) What plans does the Government have to reform property taxes in order to increase housing mobility, affordability and rental housing supply?

Answer—

(1) Discussions on options for tax reform are part of the ongoing dialogue between Australian governments, with decisions announced as appropriate.

(2) This information is publically available on the Office of State Revenue (OSR) website.

The average amount of duty assessed in relation to documents lodged with OSR between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 for the transfer of NSW residential property was \$31,181.

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(3) to (6) The Government reviews all major taxes as part of the annual Budget process and announces any changes at an appropriate time.

In the 2016-17 Budget, the NSW Government announced that foreign investors will now pay stamp duty and land tax surcharges on NSW residential properties. Additionally, foreign investors will no longer be able to defer stamp duty payments for off-the-plan purchases of residential property.

Since being in government, we have achieved unprecedented levels of housing approvals in NSW. There have been around 75,000 residential building approvals in the last 12 months - more than double the annual average rate under the previous government. We are seeing the results of these approvals - more than 1,000 homes are being finished every week in NSW- an all-time record for the State. This increase in the supply of housing will put downward pressure on prices.

\*4547 FUTURE NEEDS OF SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Future Needs of Sport Infrastructure Study identified in LA Q 3276:

- (1) What stages of this project have been completed?
- (2) What assessment has the Government carried out of sport and recreation needs since this study began in June 2014?
- (3) What consultation has occurred with sporting organisations?
- (4) What consultation has occurred with the wider community?
- (5) What strategies have been used to ensure the study includes less well developed sports or less well supported sports, including women's sport and inclusive sports programs?
- (6) What reports have been provided to the community about current facilities and needs?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to provide additional regional sports facilities or upgrade these facilities in the inner city?
- (8) What funds does the Government provide to enable community provision of sports infrastructure?
- (9) What funds does the Government provide to enable local government provision of sports infrastructure?
- (10) What funds have been made available to the City of Sydney and Woollahra Municipal Council for this purpose?
- (11) What further stages of this study are planned and what outcomes does the Government expect?

Answer—

As this matter primarily relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Sport, I have referred the question to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP.

\*4548 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What measures is the Government taking to counteract the 62 per cent drop in enrolments at Hunter TAFE between 2012 and 2016?
- (2) Does the Minister believe this drop in enrolments is attributable to changes to VET sector policy in the last two years (to 15 November 2016) in the form of the Government's 'Smart and Skilled' changes?

Answer—

(1) Enrolment data from 2012 is not comparable to 2016 as TAFE NSW moved to reporting data externally using the National Centre for Vocational Education Research counting rules in mid-2015. As at October 2016, Hunter Institute had seen a 35 per cent increase in year-to-date enrolments.

(2) 2015 was a disappointing year for all vocational education enrolments across both public and private providers. TAFE NSW student enrolments decreased between 2014 and 2015 by 19.6 per cent for all students.

Changes in the higher education sector such as the uncapping university enrolments increased the number of students commencing university studies, a drop in the unemployment rate from 5.9 to 5.1 per cent, and TAFE NSW facing significant challenges with the introduction of new IT systems all impacted enrolments.

However, a number of NSW Government policy changes throughout 2015 have led to strong growth in enrolments in 2016. As at 9 October, TAFE NSW had over 500,000 enrolments since January 2016. This is an increase of 122,000 enrolments when compared with the same time last year and an excellent result for TAFE NSW.

\*4549 BUS POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How does the Government monitor air and noise pollution from public transport buses?
- (2) When were these standards last updated?
- (3) What does the current evidence show about comparative emissions from diesel, gas and electric vehicles?
- (4) What new buses are currently being bought and how do these vehicles improve on current bus emissions?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made about the need to refine emission standards and what changes are planned?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to reduce air and noise pollution from buses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) and (5) This is a matter for the Minister for Environment.
- (4) and (6) The Transport for NSW bus specification requires buses to meet the relevant emission regulations.

\*4550 ENERGY CONSUMER PROTECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What information does the Government provide to energy consumers to be able to make informed decisions about energy providers including price, renewable sources and consumer responsiveness?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that deregulated and privatised energy providers are required to provide the same service as government-owned agencies?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that energy provider contractors and sub-contractors comply with the same service standards and complaints management systems?
- (4) What requirements apply to access to energy meters and consumer meter readings?
- (5) How does the Government monitor energy consumer complaints and impacts?
- (6) What are the trends in complaints since energy deregulation and privatisation programs?
- (7) What changes to consumer protections have been made in this time?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to protect energy consumers in a deregulated and privatised energy market?

Answer—

(1) Under the National Energy Retail Law, retailers must comply with the Retail Pricing Information Guidelines which are made and amended by the Australian Energy Regulator. These Guidelines specify the manner and form in which retailers must present information for customers and they aim to assist customers more easily compare standing offer prices and market offer prices offered by retailers.

The NSW Department of Industry's Division of Resources and Energy provide website tools and advice to assist customers with their research and decisions, including links to the Commonwealth's 'energy made easy' website.

(2) There are no government-owned energy retailers in New South Wales.

All energy retailers must comply with the National Energy Retail Law, the National Electricity Law and the National Gas Law.

(3) Service standards are set through various mechanisms, for example distributor licence conditions, the National Electricity Rules, metrology processes and National Energy Retail Law.

The National Electricity Retail Law provides for the Ombudsman's office as the independent arbitrator for industry complaints and disputes.

(4) The NSW Service and Installation rules determine meter positions and access. The arrival of smart meters will see a migration to remote read meters, making the location and access of meters less critical than what was required for manual reading.

Access to meter readings is covered extensively in clause 7.7 of the National Electricity Rules

(5) The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) monitor customer complaints and regularly advise the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy of emerging trends and issues.

(6) EWON's annual reports highlight key complaints issues that have emerged over the year and can be found at <http://www.ewon.com.au/page/publications-and-submissions/annual-reports>.

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(7) The role of the ombudsman's office has been such that no changes to the National Energy Retail Law or the Ombudsman's scheme has been necessary.

(8) IPART's draft Retail Electricity Market Monitoring Report 2016 found that competition for residential and small business customers in the NSW retail electricity market is delivering customers greater choice, service innovations and prices consistent with a competitive market. As part of their market monitor review, IPART can report on whether there is a need for a detailed review of retail prices and profit margins in the market or any other matters the Market Monitor thinks appropriate. In their draft report for 2016 IPART notes that a detailed review of retail prices and profit margins is not necessary.

In addition, the Government supports the use of the independent review role of the Ombudsman's office.

\*4551 SHARED HOME OWNERSHIP—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to LA Q 2198 and strategies identified in 'Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW':

- (1) What does the evidence show about the success of shared equity schemes that aim to help low or moderate income households own a home?
- (2) What other jurisdictions offer this option?
- (3) What does the evidence show about the value of government agencies, community housing providers or other bodies sharing equity with home buyers unable to afford a home themselves?
- (4) What changes has the Government considered to First Home Owner's Grant scheme to provide grants to homebuyers who have shared home ownership with organisations like community housing providers?
- (5) What consideration has the Government given to the Shared Equity Homeownership Working Group's proposals?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support shared equity home ownership?

Answer—

As this matter primarily relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing, I have referred the question to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

\*4552 GREEN BONDS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Victorian Government's Green Bonds, through which investors fund projects with climate change and environmental benefits?
- (2) What bonds or similar investment programs does the Government provide to fund projects like LCD traffic lights or renewable energy power stations?
- (3) What components of the NSW Waratah Bonds fund projects with climate change and environmental benefits?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to offer similar investment vehicles in New South Wales that focus on environmental benefits?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The NSW Government continues to examine innovative financing approaches that deliver the cheapest source of funds for the Government's activities.

Waratah bonds are not specifically earmarked for any particular projects - but are in turn combined with recycling proceeds and windfall tax revenues to fund, through Restart NSW, public infrastructure including projects with strong environmental and social benefits, such as public transport and water sustainability projects.

Questions regarding specific environmental programs are best directed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

\*4553 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES PROPERTY ON WILLIAM STREET WOOLLOOMOOLOO—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With respect to the Roads and Maritime Services property at 110-130 William Street, Woolloomooloo:

- (1) What assessment has been made of the use of this site since construction of the Cross City Tunnel?
- (2) What work has been done for the stratum survey listed in LA Q 1245 (session 55-1)?
- (3) What community consultation about appropriate uses is planned?
- (4) What plans does the Government have for longer term use of this site?

- (a) If long term use has not been fixed, what plans does the Government have to improve visual amenity and provide public access for the short term?
- (5) How does the Government ensure the property is kept clean and tidy?
- (6) When will the Government make a decision on the future of this site?

Answer—

(1) The property at 114-124 William St and 126-132 William St (the former Carrolls building) is part of ongoing due diligence investigations. Roads and Maritime Services has obtained preliminary reports to inform the future use (including re-use) options for the site. Draft reports, including environmental, engineering, legal, planning, heritage, and structural loading I geo-tech assessments, have been or are being obtained. Currently Roads and Maritime is undertaking a movement survey of the building in order to determine its structural integrity following the construction of the Cross City Tunnel and Eastern Distributor.

(2) Roads and Maritime registered two stratum survey plans with Land and Property Information (LPI) in 2013. The final stratum survey plan for the Cross City Tunnel's entrance is being reviewed for lodgment with Land and Property Information by 1 March 2017. Following the final determination of the stratum height levels, Roads and Maritime will be in a position to conclude due diligence and identify preferred future use options for the site.

(3), (4) and (6) Roads and Maritime is considering of a number of options for the site and expects to provide preferred options for community and key stakeholder consultation over the next year, after which a high level scope and cost estimate will be prepared.

(5) Roads and Maritime maintain and service the site as required. The site was last inspected on 30 November 2016 and the removal of rubbish and graffiti was scheduled to occur in December 2016.

\*4554 PROPOSED COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Local Government—

Considering the court decision regarding the proposed amalgamation of Burwood, Canada Bay and Strathfield Councils, will the Minister commit to a new inquiry with a new independent delegate?

Answer—

The proposal to merge Burwood, City of Canada Bay, and Strathfield Municipal councils remains pending the outcome of legal proceedings. It is inappropriate for the NSW Government to comment on this issue before legal proceedings are finalised.

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\*4555 NATIONAL PARK RANGERS—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the current total number of full-time employed National Park rangers?
- (2) What was the total number of full-time employed National Park rangers in each of the years 2011 to 2015?
- (3) How many Voluntary Redundancies have been offered to staff within National Parks in the past three years (to 17 November 2016)?
- (a) How many of these offers have been accepted?
- (b) Please list the position descriptions affected by these voluntary redundancies?

Answer—

(1) As at November 2016, there are 187 full-time and 45 part-time rangers. This gives a full-time equivalent figure of 217.

There are also 652 full-time and 43 part-time field officers, giving a full-time equivalent figure of 672.2.

(2) The following table provides the number of full-time equivalent rangers and field officers from 2011-15:

Year	Rangers	Field Officers
2011	266	685
2012	262	750

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2013	261	716
2014	241	728
2015	233	727

(3) A total all 138 voluntary redundancies have been offered to National Parks and Wildlife Service staff in the past three years.

(3) (a) 114 were accepted.

The voluntary redundancies were applied across a range of positions including administrative, operational and manager positions.

\*4556 CHAIR OF THE ROCK FISHING WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Who is the Chair of the Rock Fishing Working Group committee?

Answer—

Mr Feargus O'Connor, Executive Director, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Justice.

\*4557 HIGH-RISK ROCK FISHING LOCATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What areas have the Rock Fishing Working Group identified as possible high-risk rock fishing locations?

Answer—

Randwick Local Government Area was identified as the area in New South Wales with the most rock fishing related fatalities and near drownings.

The Rock Fishing Working Group will continue to monitor data during the 12 month Randwick trial and produce a list of other high risk locations to which the lifejacket requirements might (depending on the outcomes of the trial) be expanded.

\*4558 ROCK FISHING WORKING GROUP FINDINGS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Will a report of the findings and recommendations made by the Rock Fishing Working Group be made publicly available?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If no, why not?

Answer—

The Rock Fishing Working Group's findings are Cabinet in Confidence and will not be made publicly available.

\*4559 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ROCK FISHING WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What recommendations have been provided by the Rock Fishing Working Group committee?

Answer—

The Rock Fishing Working Group did not make any recommendations.

\*4560 CONSULTATION FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Has your office or the Rock Fishing Working Group consulted with any other states or jurisdictions to assist with policy development for rock fishing personal floatation devices?

Answer—

The membership of the Rock Fishing Working Group includes water safety experts from NSW and Victoria. Consultation has also taken place with the Bureau of Meteorology.

My office has also received advice from the Chair of the Australian Standards Technical Committee CS-060 and representative on the International Standards Organisation Technical Committee 188- DC1 which write and maintain the Australian and international standards for lifejackets.

\*4561 FOR-PROFIT RESIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many residential care providers in New South Wales are for-profit entities?
  - (a) Please name each provider.

Answer—

There are currently three residential care providers in New South Wales that are identified as for-profit entities. These providers are:

- Impact Youth Services Pty Ltd
- Premier Youthworks Pty Ltd
- Wundarra Services Pty Ltd.

\*4562 EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many emergency services personnel from Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Ambulance, NSW Police Force, NSW State Emergency Service and the NSW Rural Fire Service have retired as hurt on duty with mental illnesses within each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) and the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) have advised me as follows:

- FRNSW: 95.
- NSW RFS: Four.
- NSW SES: Five.

It should be noted that these figures refer to paid staff.

Questions in relation to the NSW Police Force and the Ambulance Service of NSW should be referred to the Minister for Justice and Police and the Minister for Health respectively.

\*4563 OFFICIAL VISITS TO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES—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) How many official visits to mental health facilities were initiated by a voluntarily admitted child patient in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?
- (2) How many official visits to mental health facilities were initiated by the parent or guardian of a voluntarily admitted child patient in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) The total number of official visits to mental health facilities initiated by a voluntarily admitted child patient for the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is one.
- (2) The total number of official visits to mental health facilities initiated by the parent or guardian of a voluntarily admitted child patient for the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is two.

\*4564 NOTIFICATION OF A CHILD AT RISK OF HARM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Did Family and Community Services notify Life Without Barriers that a girl known as 'Jessica' was being placed into a situation where she was at risk of harm?
  - (a) If yes, what were the number of notifications?
  - (b) If yes, what was the date of each of the notifications?
  - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

For reasons of privacy and confidentiality, FACS is unable to provide information about individual matters. FACS is committed to protecting vulnerable children and young people and works closely with service providers to ensure that children and young people are safe.

\*4565 PROFIT MADE BY FOR-PROFIT RESIDENTIAL HOME CARE SERVICES PROVIDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Has the Government been made aware of how much profit each for-profit provider of residential

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home care services in New South Wales has made in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2015-16 ?

- (a) If not, why not  
(b) If yes, please provide the figure for each for-profit provider.

Answer—

No. The Department of Family and Community Services' Funding Deed defines the level of financial statements to be submitted to the Department by service providers, including requirements for certification that funds were spent according to the relevant Program Level Agreement. This information is commercial in confidence.

\*4566 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PUBLIC SECTOR POSITIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What was the total number of full-time equivalent public sector positions based in the Bankstown electorate in each years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 16 November 2016)?  
(2) What was the total number of full-time equivalent public sector positions based in the East Hills electorate in each years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 16 November 2016)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) We do not hold data on all public sector positions in these electorates.

\*4567 TENDER COMPLETION DATE OF A SECTION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the estimated completion date of the Teven to Tintenbar section of the Pacific Highway at the time the tender was let?

Answer—

Costs and other information about the Teven to Tintenbar section of the Pacific Highway (known as the Ballina bypass), can be found in the 'Pacific Highway upgrade- Six month report card January- June 2012', which is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*4568 COMPLETION DATE OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY SECTION—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the actual completion date of the Teven to Tintenbar section of the Pacific Highway?

Answer—

I refer you to my response LA 4567.

\*4569 OPENING DATE OF THE TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE SECTION UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the estimated road opening date of the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale section of the Pacific Highway when the tenders were let?

Answer—

Costs and other information about the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale .Upgrade of the Pacific Highway can be found in the 'Pacific Highway upgrade- Six month report card January - June 2016', which is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*4570 TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the estimated cost of the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale section of the Pacific Highway at the time the tender was let?

Answer—

I refer you to my response LA 4569.

\*4571 INGLEBURN MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Why has the Ingleburn Motor Registry been closed for over a year when the one located at Manly is still open?

Answer—

Service NSW offers greater convenience by allowing customers to complete a wider range of NSW Government transactions under one roof. Ingleburn motor registry services are now available at the Liverpool Service Centre where customers can complete more than 970 transactions including Roads and Maritime Services; NSW Fair Trading; Births, Deaths and Marriages; Family and Community Service and many others.

Service NSW has been working closely with Property NSW to locate an additional site in the Northern Beaches area. Services at Manly and Frenchs Forest motor registries are scheduled to relocate to the new Brookvale Service Centre early in 2017.

\*4572 ASSISTANCE TO MOUNT DRUITT LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

It has been reported that when residents of Mount Druitt have telephoned the direct number for the Mount Druitt Local Area Command they are being directed to telephone the 000 Emergency Line.

(1) Are members of the public able to telephone a Local Area Command on their direct line for assistance?

Answer—

Yes.

\*4573 WATER PRESSURE IN MINCHINBURY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Why is the Minchinbury area receiving low water pressure to residential properties?

Answer—

The drinking water system that supplies the Minchinbury area provides customers with water pressure that meets Sydney Water's Operating Licence standard.

\*4574 PACIFIC HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Are all new sections of the Pacific Highway being built in such a way as to allow the same corridor to be used in future for rail, telecoms, electricity and water infrastructure?

Answer—

The rationale for the upgrade is to achieve demonstrated and substantial improvements in road safety and freight efficiency, and improved accessibility for regional and local centres.

\*4575 COMPLETION OF THE TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Considering the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale section of the Pacific Highway was opened to traffic on 18 December 2015, what date is the project, including landscaping, considered finished?

Answer—

It is anticipated that the project, including landscaping works will be completed by the end of 2016, weather permitting.

\*4576 COSTS AT TENDER FOR THE TEVEN TO TINTENBAR SECTION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the estimated cost of the Teven to Tintenbar section of the Pacific Highway at the time the tender was let?

Answer—

I refer you to my response LA 4567.

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\*4577 COST OF THE TEVEN TO TINTENBAR SECTION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the actual cost of the Teven to Tintenbar section of the Pacific Highway?

Answer—

I refer you to my response LA 4567.

\*4578 PERSONS ON REMAND—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How many people are held in New South Wales prisons or correctional facilities on remand each year?

(a) Of these people held on remand, how many require drug and alcohol rehabilitation or treatment?

(2) What measures are in place to assist those held on remand requiring drug or alcohol services in New South Wales considering that these services are not extended to those on remand?

Answer—

(1) The average daily number of people held on remand in Corrective Services NSW custody for the period January to December 2016 was 4181.

(1) (a) The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network which provides medical services to inmates has reported that in 2015/16 two thirds of adult custodial patients reported a daily or almost daily substance abuse problem.

(2) On reception into custody all inmates are comprehensively screened by the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network to identify their physical and mental health needs and any necessary treatments.

Corrective Services NSW Remand Addiction program has been running for remandees for over 12 months. This program is based on EQUIPS Addiction and addresses substance misuse and addictive behaviours. The Remand Domestic Violence intervention program commenced in November 2016 at four correctional centres and is aimed at remandees with a domestic violence charge, who may also have substance misuse issues.

\*4579 NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAM OUTLETS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many needle and syringe program outlets are located in:

- (a) Ashbury;
- (b) Ashfield;
- (c) Dulwich Hill;
- (d) Haberfield;
- (e) Lewisham;
- (f) Marrickville;
- (g) Summer Hill;
- (h) Petersham?

(2) How many additional new Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) outlets are planned for each of the suburbs above?

Answer—

Provision of sterile injecting equipment has formed part of Australia's National Drug Strategy since 1985.

The Return on Investment 2 published by the Australian Government in 2009 documented that the Needle Syringe Program in NSW has averted an estimated 23,324 cases of HIV and 31,953 cases of hepatitis C among people who inject drugs between 2000 and 2009.

Dr Teresa Anderson, Chief Executive, Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) has advised; There are two Needle and Syringe Program outlets in these locations, both of which operate in Marrickville, NSW.

The Marrickville Health Centre is operated by the Sydney Local Health District and consists of a fixed primary Needle and Syringe Program, and automatic needle vending machines. The second outlet is operated by Barnardos Marrickville and is overseen by the Sydney Local Health District.

There are no current plans for additional Needle and Syringe Program outlets planned for the nominated suburbs.

\*4580 RAIL OPERATIONS CENTRE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What provisions have been made regarding staff parking at the new Rail Operations Centre?
- (2) How many parking spots will be made available?
- (3) What is the anticipated number of staff at the site of the Centre once it is operational?
- (4) How will staff travel be managed during the operation of the Rail Operation Centre?

Answer—

(1) to (2) This information is contained within the Review of Environmental Factors which is available on the TfNSW website.

(3) The Rail Operations Centre will accommodate around 200 people at any one time.

(4) The means of travel to and from work is a matter for individual staff. However, the Rail Operations Centre is located close to Green Square Station and other public transport links.

\*4581 OUT-OF-AREA ENROLMENTS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many public schools within the Auburn electorate no longer accept out-of-area enrolments?
- (2) How many public schools in New South Wales no longer accept out-of-area enrolments?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not keep a centralised record of the decisions of schools regarding the acceptance of non-local enrolments.

\*4582 ROAD PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for road projects and initiatives in the Auburn electorate in each of the financial years from 2014-15 to 2016-17 (as at 8 November 2016)?
- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for road projects and initiatives in the Auburn electorate in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17 (as at 8 November 2016)?

Answer—

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

\*4583 DESIGNATED PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many public housing properties in the Auburn electorate are designated for Over 55's?
- (2) How many tenants in the properties designated for Over 55's are under the age of 55 years?
- (3) Are existing tenants consulted or advised if the 'Designated for Over 55's' criteria is amended to allow younger tenants to reside in these properties?

Answer—

Properties that are subject to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for seniors or people living with a disability) 2004 are for:

- Clients over 55 years of age;
- Clients who receive a disability support pension (regardless of age);
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients who are 45 years of age or over;
- A client whose partner (married or de facto) is aged over 55 years or receives a disability support pension.

FACS builds and refurbishes homes so tenants with a disability or older people are able to live safely and comfortably. Social housing applicants are matched to accommodation suitable to their needs.

\*4584 ULTRASOUNDS PERFORMED OUTSIDE OF STANDARD BUSINESS HOURS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Are ultrasounds performed at Auburn Hospital outside of standard business hours?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so:
    - (i) How often?
    - (ii) How many?
    - (iii) At what cost?

Answer—

Bedside ultrasounds may be performed outside of business hours.

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Data on the frequency and number of bedside ultrasounds performed is not available.

\*4585 SOCIAL HOUSING PLACEMENT IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applications for new social housing placements in the Auburn electorate were outstanding as at:
  - (a) 1 July 2012?
  - (b) 1 July 2013?
  - (c) 1 July 2014?
  - (d) 1 July 2015?
  - (e) 1 July 2016?
- (2) How many people were housed in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 in the Auburn electorate?

Answer—

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

\*4586 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many dwellings were added to the social housing stocks in the Auburn electorate on each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 8 November 2016)?
- (2) What is the Government's projection for the increase of social housing stock over the next 12 months in the Auburn electorate (from 8 November 2016)?

Answer—

Information regarding public housing dwellings is available in the relevant Annual Reports from 2011 onwards.

Information on Future Directions, the Government's ten year strategy to deliver more social and affordable housing and the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*4587 SPECIALIST TRAUMA SERVICES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley 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 specialist trauma counselling services are available in the Auburn electorate to women who have experienced domestic violence?
  - (a) What is the waiting time for access to these services?
- (2) What specialist trauma services exist for children and young people in the Electorate of Auburn?
  - (a) What is the waiting time for access to these services?

Answer—

Trauma counselling and related services to women and children who have experienced domestic violence are provided through the Western Sydney Local Health District (which covers the Auburn electorate), Cumberland Women's Health Centre, Barnados, which manages Family Referral Services, Domestic Violence Routine Screening program and Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia.

Trauma counselling services are available to children and young people in the Auburn electorate through the Western Sydney Local Health District including Child Protection Counselling Services in Blacktown which also looks after children in Auburn, Sexual Assault Services and Counselling Services at Westmead Hospital. Catholic Care Sydney - Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Program and The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network also provides services.

\*4588 LEVEL OF CRIME IN THE AUBURN AREA—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Has the level of crime in the Auburn area increased since 2014?
  - (a) If so, what action is the Government taking to address this issue?
  - (b) If so, is the Government providing more resources to Lidcombe Local Area Command to undertake increased policing of the area?
  - (c) If so, what offences have increased?
    - (i) How much have the specific offences increased?

Answer—

Information about crime rates is publicly available from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) at [www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au).

\*4589 SECURITY PERSONNEL AT AUBURN HOSPITAL—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many positions are there for security personnel at Auburn Hospital?
- (2) How many security incidents per month during the 12 months to October 2016 have occurred at Auburn Hospital?
- (3) How many security incidents per month during the 12 months to October 2016 have there been at Auburn Hospital where security personnel have been injured during an incident whilst on duty?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operations needs at any point in time.

Security staff are called to assist with security related incidents for a variety of reasons, including: responding to Code Black calls, assisting clinical staff with patients, responding to motor vehicle and parking matters on site, responding to thefts, responding to fire and safety alarms, assisting with locating absconded patients and intervening with aggressive visitors.

Security incidents in the 12 months to October 2016 at Auburn Hospital

Aggressive Patients	46
Offensive Behaviour	50
Robbery	4
Assault	18
	118

\*4590 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND SEATBELTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Government commit to establishing a new school bus route from the Dungog/Stroud region to Medowie for school students who attend Medowie Christian School?
  - (a) If so, when will it be available for families to use?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that a new school bus fitted with seatbelts will be provided for the Tea Gardens to Medowie school bus route?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Has it been ordered?
    - (ii) When will it be put into service?
- (3) When will Transport for NSW ensure all school buses in Port Stephens are fitted with seatbelts?

Answer—

Transport for NSW will tender for an operator to provide a new service from Stroud to Medowie Christian School, to determine the potential of providing a viable, cost-effective service. If Transport for NSW awards a contract, it is expected services will begin in time for school Term 2, 2017.

Busways North Coast Pty Ltd, the operator of the Tea Gardens to Medowie Christian School service, has been given approval by Transport for NSW to order a new bus fitted with seatbelts. It is expected the bus will be in service by mid 2017.

\*4591 HUNTER COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) In relation to the delegates report into the proposed forced amalgamations of Dungog Council with Port Stephens Council, has the Minister received the report?
  - (a) If yes, when will the Minister make it available to the public?
- (2) When will the Minister inform the public of his decision about which Councils, if any, are to be forcibly amalgamated in the Hunter?

Answer—

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In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Delegate is required to submit a final report to the NSW Local Government Boundaries Commission for comment to the Minister. The Minister will carefully consider the findings and recommendations of the Delegate and comments by the Boundaries Commission before releasing the report and making a decision regarding the proposal submitted by Port Stephens Council to merge with Dungog Shire Council, as well as other proposals involving councils in the Hunter.

\*4592 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL SITE BILL 2016—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Did you vote against the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Site Bill 2016?  
(a) If so, why?

Answer—

I refer the member to the NSW Parliament Hansard record.

\*4593 WESTCONNEX PROJECT ON GARDENERS ROAD—Mr Ron Hoenig asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Can the Minister advise of what noise mitigation works will be conducted on properties affected by the WestConnex project on Gardeners Road?  
(a) What will be considered acceptable levels of internal noise in dwellings arising from construction works, and ordinary use of the road, subsequent to the noise mitigation works being completed?  
(b) What guidelines does the Department rely upon to identify acceptable levels of internal noise?  
(2) Will the mitigation works commence before the construction of the St Peter's interchange, or before commencement of work to widen Gardeners Road?

Answer—

- (1) All major project consents are available on: <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/>.

Construction noise mitigation measures are set out in the approved Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan. The Plan is consistent with the Environment Protection Authority's Interim Construction Noise Guideline and include site designs that increase the distance of work from homes, use of noise shields, equipment enclosures and noise barriers, less noisy plant and respite periods during necessary high noise activities.

Operational measures will be detailed in the Operational Noise Management Plan, which is required to be approved by the Department. These measures must include the provision of feasible and reasonable at-property architectural treatment to all affected sensitive receivers in multi-level dwellings where project noise criteria are exceeded, unless otherwise agreed to by the owner of the noise-affected residence. Noise criteria are based on the NSW Road Noise Policy and the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

- (2) Mitigation measures will be installed before commencement of work, though in some cases prior work will be required to allow safe installation to take place.

Condition D19 also requires, where feasible and reasonable, operational noise mitigation measures to be installed before the commencement of the relevant construction works. In other cases, the Proponent must submit a report for approval providing justification of this along with details of the temporary measures that would be implemented to reduce construction noise impacts until such time that the operational noise mitigation measures are implemented.

\*4594 PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES FOR MEDICAL RESEACH—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How much Government funding and/or grants to programs and facilities for Medical Research has been provided in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?  
(a) What programs were being researched?  
(2) Have any programs had their funding cancelled in this period?  
(a) If so, what programs were they?

Answer—

Information regarding Government funding is contained in the budget papers which are available at: [http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Publications\\_Page/Budget\\_Papers](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Publications_Page/Budget_Papers).

\*4595 EXPANSION OF CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Considering the expansion of Cessnock Correctional Centre and the possible change to the gaol entrance, when were traffic counts requested for Wine Country Drive in the Kerlew Street vicinity?
  - (a) When will these results be available?
- (2) When were traffic counts requested for Mount View Road?
  - (a) When will these results be available?
- (3) When were traffic counts requested for Lindsay Street?
  - (a) When will these results be available?

Answer—

The traffic impacts of the increased facilities at Cessnock Correctional Centre should be considered in the development approvals by the relevant planning authority.

\*4596 MAYOR OF PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Do you intend to take action to remove the Mayor of Port Stephens Council, Councillor Bruce MacKenzie, from office, under section 440B of the Local Government Act given recent public revelations that he:
  - (a) Pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting his de facto partner in 1997?
  - (b) Was fined after pleading guilty to negligent driving for reversing and hitting a 12 year old girl with his car and failing to stop at the scene in 1997?
  - (c) Moved a successful motion in Council to have a domestic violence service named after himself?

Answer—

Section 440B of the Local Government Act 1993 specifically relates to the dismissal and disqualification of a person from civic office following a recommendation from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). I have not received a report from the ICAC in relation to Councillor MacKenzie.

\*4597 FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many firefighters are employed at each fire station in the Maitland electorate?
- (2) How does this staffing number compare with city stations such as The Rocks Fire Station?
- (3) What is the formula for staff numbers in fire stations and does this formula differ in regional areas from that used in metropolitan areas?

Answer—

- (1) Rutherford Fire Station is a permanent and retained (on-call) fire station staffed by one Station Officer and four permanent firefighters Monday to Thursday from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and Friday from 0800 hrs to 1530 hrs. After hours and weekends, Rutherford is staffed by one Captain and 20 retained firefighters. Maitland Fire Station is a retained fire station staffed by one Captain and 16 retained firefighters. East Maitland Fire Station is a permanent fire station staffed around the clock by five Station Officers and 20 permanent firefighters. Morpeth Fire Station is a retained fire station staffed by one Captain and 13 retained firefighters.
- (2) The Rocks Fire Station is a permanent fire station staffed, around the clock, by four Station Officers and 12 permanent firefighters.
- (3) Staff numbers at fire stations generally relate to the number and type of trucks and equipment based at those stations. This does not differ between regional and metropolitan areas. Fire stations staffed by permanent firefighters will have one Station Officer and three firefighters per platoon on each standard fire truck. Staff numbers at retained fire stations are also generally related to the number and type of trucks, as well as the workload of that station and the availability of the staff to attend call outs.

\*4598 ACCESSIBILITY OF TRAIN STATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many train stations in New South Wales are classified as 'easily accessible'?
  - (a) How many of these are on the Hunter line?
- (2) How many train stations in New South Wales are classified as 'not easily accessible'?
  - (a) How many of these are on the Hunter line?

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Answer—

This information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*4599 MAINTENANCE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the value of outstanding maintenance works for social housing in the Maitland electorate?
- (2) What is the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 on maintenance works for social housing in the Maitland electorate?
- (3) What was the expenditure in 2015-2016 on maintenance works for social housing in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

The number of properties undergoing maintenance in any location varies. FACS responds to maintenance requests, and also has planned maintenance programs to keep its properties in good condition and ensure consistent maintenance standards across New South Wales.

\*4600 OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many penalty notices were issued in the 12 months to October 31 2016 and for the previous 12 months for dangerous motorcycle riding?
  - (a) How many of these were issued to people living in the Maitland electorate?
- (2) How many motorcycle related fatalities have occurred in the 12 months to October 31 2016 and for the previous 12 months?
  - (a) How many of these accidents happened in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that official figures relating to the number of penalty notices issued should be sourced from the Office of State Revenue.
- (2) This question should be addressed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*4601 WESTCONNEX TRAFFIC AND AIR QUALITY MODELLING AND BUSINESS CASE—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) Will the Minister seek revised traffic modelling for both the M4 East and New M5 given the changes to the plan for the M4-M5 tunnel as the removal of exit and entry portals will increase the traffic at the Ashfield portal and the Rozelle and St. Peters Interchanges?
  - (a) a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister seek revised air quality modelling for both the M4 East and New M5 given the changes to the plan for the M4-M5 tunnel as the removal of exit and entry portals will increase the traffic at the Ashfield portal and the Rozelle and St. Peters Interchanges?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister ask for an updated Business Case to account for the changes to both the M4 East design and the M4-M5 designs?
  - (a) If not why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The Environmental Impact Statements for the M4 East and the New M5 have been completed.

An early design for the M4-M5 Link was used for the assessments in each Environmental Impact Statement to ensure all the benefits and potential cumulative impacts of the full WestConnex program of work were considered.

Any new or changed traffic conditions or air quality outcomes resulting from the changes in the M4-M5 Link design will be fully assessed and considered in the M4-M5 Link Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement will provide for management and mitigation of any additional impacts resulting from the design changes, and will be released for community consultation in mid-2017.

\*4602 WESTCONNEX PLANNING—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What action has the Minister taken now that WestConnex plans which have been approved have been significantly altered in relation to the M4 East?

- (2) What action has the Minister taken now that the recently announced changes to the M4-M5 plan will significantly alter the New M5 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?
- (3) Considering the WestConnex M4-M5 mid-point portals planned for Camperdown and Forest Lodge have been removed from the M4-M5 plan and that the M4 East tunnel has been extended by one kilometre to the Iron Cove Bridge, will the Minister:
  - (a) Require new traffic modelling EIS reports for both the M4 East and the New M5, given the changed volumes of traffic that both will now experience?
  - (b) Require new air quality EIS reports in relation to the M4 East and New M5, given the increased volumes of traffic which will exit the Ashfield, Rozelle and St. Peters Interchanges?
  - (c) Require revised cumulative impacts reports on both the M4 East and New M5 EIS?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) modified the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the M4-M5 Link on 9 November 2016 to reflect the inclusion of the Iron Cove Link. The modified SEARs require the Proponent to undertake a cumulative assessment of the traffic and in-tunnel, local and regional air quality impacts associated with other stages of WestConnex. The Department will review the SEARs when an amended project application is received for the deletion of the Camperdown ramps.

The SEARs for the M4 East and New M5 projects are available on the Major Projects website at [www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au). As noted in the reports, the impacts and benefits of these projects were in part considered independently of future stages of WestConnex.

\*4603 STATUTORY INTEREST ACCOUNT—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What is the amount of money in the Statutory Interest Account, as at the end of each of the financial years between 2011-12 and 2015-16?
- (2) What is the amount of money transferred out of the Statutory Interest Account since 1 July 2011?
- (3) Did the Minister approve each transfer of money from the Statutory Interest Account and what is the corresponding purpose of each transfer since 1 July 2011?
- (4) The purpose given for each respective transfer of monies from the Statutory Interest Account and whether the ultimate use of the money was approved by the Minister?
- (5) Have any internal departmental audits have been conducted with respect to the Property Services Compensation Fund and/or the Statutory Interest Account since 1 July 2011 and, if so, whether any recommendations have been fully implemented?
- (6) What plans and processes are currently in place to ensure that monies paid out from the Property Services Compensation Fund will be recovered under the subrogation or enforcement provisions of the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 and who is responsible for recovering such monies over the next 18 months?

Answer—

- (1) Statutory Interest Account balances as at 30 June for the respective years are as under:

Financial Year	Bank Balance (\$'millions)
2011-12	121.1
2012-13	129.5
2013-14	146.3
2014-15	186.7
2015-16	213.5

- (2) Below are the amounts transferred out of Statutory Interest Account:

Financial Year	Bank Balance (\$'millions)
2011-12	33.5
2012-13	35.8
2013-14	30.7
2014-15	12.1
2015-16	28.8

- (3) Yes, the Minister approves the annual budget for the entity and any subsequent transfers are automatically approved.
- (4) Ministerial approval is provided through the annual budget process in which the Minister approves for

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the following purposes:

- Funding for various grants and initiatives
- Administrative Fee
- Top up Property Services Compensation Fund, if required

(5) Statutory Interest account and Property Services Compensation Fund, managed by Fair Trading, are subject to annual audit from the Audit Office of NSW. Additionally, the Internal Audit Unit (IAU) of DFSI audited Property Services Compensation Fund in 2014 and 2016. All the recommendations from 2014 were implemented and 2016 recommendations are being implemented currently.

(6) NSW Fair Trading is currently working with the NSW Office of State Revenue to conduct debt recovery on behalf of Fair Trading. This will include debts owed to the Property Compensation Fund, and other forms of debt recovery. A formal arrangement is anticipated.

\*4604 TAX REDUCTION TRUST FUND—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much money has been paid into the Tax Reduction Trust Fund?
- (2) How much money has been paid out of the Tax Reduction Trust Fund?
  - (a) Who was it paid to?
  - (b) On what dates was it paid?
- (3) Have any payments been made from the Tax Reduction Trust Fund to any entity other than Greyhound Racing NSW?
- (4) What is the current balance of the Tax Reduction Trust Fund?
- (5) When will the Tax Reduction Trust Fund be wound up and payments paid directly from TAB Limited to Greyhound Racing NSW, as per the other racing codes?

Answer—

- (1) As at 16 December 2016 the amount paid into the Tax Reduction Trust Fund (TRT Fund) was \$4,419,522.58.
- (2) To date, the total amount paid out of the TRT Fund is \$3,547,332.45.
  - (a) Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW).
  - (b) 1 December 2016.
- (3) No.
- (4) As at 16 December 2016 the amount remaining in the TRT Fund is \$872,190.13.
- (5) Subject to the recommendations of the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel, the Government will bring forward legislation to repeal the Greyhound Racing Prohibition Act 2016. It is anticipated that this legislation could also include amendments to the Totalizator Act 1997 in relation to the TRT Fund.

\*4605 LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Considering the sale/long term lease of Land and Property Information (LPI), what is the estimated final sale price?
- (2) How much has the Government spent on dividing LPI into five units?
- (3) What is the estimated unit price of each individual unit?
  - (a) How were these values calculated?
- (4) Has a public relations firm/company been contracted in regards the sale?
  - (a) Were tenders called for?
  - (b) When were they called?
  - (c) Has a contract been drawn up?
    - (i) Has it been executed?
    - (ii) What will the firm/company be paid?

Answer—

- (1) This information is commercial-in-confidence, as disclosure may negatively affect proceeds received by the State.
- (2) and (3) These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.
- (4) The NSW Government publishes all procurement activities in accordance with the NSW Procurement Policy Framework for NSW Government Agencies.

\*4606 NOTICE OF DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Considering the failure to register the Notice of Disposal of Vehicle when signed by the present owner (seller) and the new owner (buyer), who is responsible for any penalties incurred by the vehicle when the buyer fails to register change of ownership?
- (2) How can the seller confirm the registration has been completed?
- (3) Where can the seller report the failure to register change of ownership?
- (4) Does Service NSW notify Police if notified by the seller?

Answer—

(1) While the road transport law does not place any obligation on a registered operator to complete a Notice of Disposal when disposing of their vehicle, Roads and Maritime Services encourages them to do so.

The road transport law does mandate the acquirer of a vehicle advise Roads and Maritime within 14 days that they have acquired the vehicle and the date of the acquisition. A transfer fee is payable, and the vehicle register is updated to show the details of the new acquirer. A surcharge fee applies for a late transfer.

Roads and Maritime encourages registered operators to provide the details of the acquirer when they dispose of a vehicle. The reason for that is that State Debt Recovery (SDR) will issue a penalty notice to either the registered operator or the outstanding customer, as shown in the vehicle register, when managing parking and camera recorded offences.

If the disposer of a vehicle receives a penalty notice for an offence committed after they disposed of the vehicle, they should complete a statutory declaration advising SDR of the date on which they disposed of the vehicle and that they are not responsible for the offence.

SDR may take into account whether the disposer has completed a Notice of Disposal with Roads and Maritime, but ultimately it is up to SDR to determine if it will discontinue recovery action for a penalty notice.

(2) For privacy reasons, Roads and Maritime cannot disclose to the disposer of the vehicle whether the new owner has completed the transfer. However, the disposer can purchase a certificate that confirms Roads and Maritime's records have been adjusted to show that they are no longer the registered operator.

(3) A person can advise that they have disposed of a vehicle at any time by submitting a Notice of Disposal form either at a Service NSW I Roads and Maritime Services motor registry, service centre or on-line.

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

\*4607 GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND GRANTS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How much Government funding and/or grants to programs and facilities for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault was provided in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Information regarding Government funding is contained in the budget papers which are available at: [http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Publications\\_Page/Budget\\_Papers](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Publications_Page/Budget_Papers).

\*4608 FULL-TIME STAFF PRESENT AT TRAIN AND LIGHT RAIL STATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many full-time staff are present at each of the following train stations during hours of operation:
  - (a) Marrickville;
  - (b) Dulwich Hill;
  - (c) Summer Hill;
  - (d) Lewisham;
  - (e) Ashfield?
- (2) How many full-time staff are present at each of the following light rail stations during hours of operation:

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- (a) Taverner's Hill;
- (b) Lewisham West;
- (c) Waratah Mills;
- (d) Arlington;
- (e) Dulwich Grove;
- (f) Dulwich Hill?

(3) What are the security arrangements at each of the stations listed above?

Answer—

Staffing levels are determined by Sydney Trains and Transport for NSW to meet the needs of our customers. The NSW Police Transport Command, supported by a network of thousands of CCTV cameras, provides safety and security across the transport system. Emergency Help Points are provided at every Sydney Trains and Sydney Light Rail station.

\*4609 STOCKTON BEACH SHELLFISH GATHERING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Why, after 10,000 years of sustainable fishing and shellfish gathering, is it illegal for a Worimi person to gather half a bucket of pipis off Stockton Beach for their own consumption?

Answer—

The NSW Government recognises the cultural importance of fishery resources to Aboriginal people and has been working closely with the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council (AFAC) and engaged with key organisations and the broader community in developing robust cultural fishing arrangements.

The existing rule restricts the non-commercial take of pipis for human consumption. It still allows the take of pipis for bait. This measure is aimed at preventing illness from consumption of contaminated seafood. Pipis may feed on naturally occurring toxic algae and if they are eaten there is a substantial health risk.

Only pipis harvested by licensed commercial fishers working to an endorsed Marine Biotoxin Management Plan may be taken for human consumption. The risk management approach is necessary as testing of both water and flesh samples is the only way to be sufficiently confident that areas and the pipis being harvested are free from toxins at the time of harvest.

\*4610 RULES FOR CATCHING CRABS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why there are different rules for catching crabs in Brisbane Water, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, the Myall Lakes and Wallace Lake?
- (2) Will the Government conduct a review of the different rules across New South Wales applying to catching crabs, with a view to streamlining them?

Answer—

(1) Minimum size limits and possession limits for crabs are consistent throughout NSW, however there is an ongoing need to have gear related fishing rules tailored to suit local waterways. Reasons for this include the need for waterways to be shared with other users while also considering environmental factors. Issues include the need for safe navigation, particularly in high traffic navigation channels, and to provide for other methods of fishing and recreational activities which can be impacted by the placement of crab fishing gear.

(2) This Government is committed to streamlining regulation, but does not support varying local arrangements that continue to operate effectively.

\*4611 INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Considering your media statement on September 27 2016 about there being a massive requirement for infrastructure to support a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle, what infrastructure did the government identify as associated with a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

As this matter primarily relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, I have referred the question to the Hon Duncan Gay MLC.

\*4612 CONTAINERS AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many containers passed through the Port of Newcastle in the 12 months to 30 June 2016?
- (2) In the 12 months to 30 June 2016, what was the maximum number of containers permitted to pass through the Port of Newcastle before compensation became payable to NSW Ports?
- (3) In the 12 months to 30 June 2016, was the maximum number of containers permitted to pass through the Port of Newcastle before compensation became payable to NSW Ports in the amount of \$35,916?
- (4) How does the Government determine the number of containers that pass through the Port of Newcastle annually?
- (5) For purposes of the Government's lease agreement with "Port of Newcastle Investments", does the meaning of container have the same meaning as contained in the "Port Commitment Port Botany and Port Kembla"?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Port of Newcastle is managed by a private port operator.
- (5) The details of container in the Port Commitment Deeds are commercial in confidence.

\*4613 CHARLESTOWN TO WARNERS BAY 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—

In the Hillsborough Road Safety debate on 23 June 2016, the Member for Tamworth said, 'The draft Charlestown to Warners Bay corridor strategy is expected to be displayed for community feedback later this year.' Is the Charlestown to Warners Bay traffic study and community feedback on the study still scheduled to happen this year?

Answer—

The Charlestown to Warners Bay Draft Corridor Strategy is currently being reviewed by the government. It identifies short, medium and long-term road investment priorities to address safety, travel time reliability and incident management challenges on the Charlestown to Warners Bay Road corridor.

It is expected that the draft strategy will be displayed in early 2017 to ensure improvements within the strategy meet customer needs.

\*4614 EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much has been spent on the public consultation process on the:
  - (a) New name for the proposed new selective High School at Glenfield?
  - (b) Upgrade to facilities at Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield?

Answer—

(1) (a) \$29,600 (incl GST).

(1) (b) \$18,920 (incl GST).

\*4615 V8 SUPERCARS IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

Will the Newcastle V8 Supercars race be declared a major event under the Major Events Act 2009?

Answer—

The relevant Government instruments through which the Supercar race and associated works will be delivered will be communicated in due course.

\*4616 NEWCASTLE TRAIN STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

Does the Government have any plans to sell Newcastle Railway Station?

Answer—

Newcastle Station is an important asset to the Newcastle community and our intention is to respect the building's heritage and provide current and future generations with a unique destination. The Revitalising Newcastle team is undertaking community engagement to better understand what uses the community would like to see at the station. This consultation will see a community workshop held in early December

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to ultimately create a short-list of community-endorsed uses for the site. The outcomes of this community-led process will then guide our future direction in establishing Newcastle Station as a centrepiece of a revitalised, lively and active city precinct.

\*4617 INFRASTRUCTURE IDENTIFIED AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What infrastructure did the Government identify as associated with a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

Analysis was carried out as part of the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy. This included examination of capital investment costs required for the port infrastructure and supporting road and rail enhancements, associated with a container terminal at Newcastle.

\*4618 BURWOOD COLLIERY BOWLING CLUB—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How best can the Burwood Commons make sure their expression of interest in taking over the lease of the Burwood Colliery Bowling Club is comprehensively considered?
- (2) What will happen to the Burwood Colliery Bowling Club if the administrators plan to disclaim the lease?

Answer—

- (1) Interested parties are encouraged to submit an 'expression of interest' (EOI) to Worrells Solvency and Forensic Accountants, the appointed Liquidators for the Burwood Bowling Club, before 30 November 2016.
- (2) In the event that the special lease is "disclaimed" or surrendered, the Department of Industry (DoI)-Lands will consider future use options for allocating the land.

\*4619 BURWOOD COLLIERY BOWLING CLUB LAND—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Considering the recent changes to Crown Land legislation, does the Minister or his Department have any plans to sell or transfer the ownership of the Burwood Colliery Bowling Club?

Answer—

No.

\*4620 HOMELESSNESS DUE TO INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What percentage of people presenting as homeless in the Maitland electorate, and in the Hunter as a whole, identify family or domestic violence as a cause of their homelessness?

Answer—

Data on specialist homelessness services clients is published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The AIHW does not report on data by electorate.

\*4621 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Did the Government advise Newcastle Stevedores Consortium that the Government considered itself to be exempt from the Commonwealth Competition and Consumer Act 2010 in respect of the negotiations that occurred between Newcastle Port Corporation and Newcastle Stevedores Consortium pursuant to a tender conducted by Newcastle Port Corporation?
- (2) Did the Government advise the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission that the Government considered itself to be exempt from the Commonwealth Competition and Consumer Act 2010 in respect of the negotiations that occurred between Newcastle Port Corporation and Newcastle Stevedores Consortium pursuant to a tender conducted by Newcastle Port Corporation?
- (3) In answering part (3) of LA Q4008, was the Minister referring to section 51(1) of the Commonwealth Competition and Consumer Act 2010, which provides that conduct that would

normally contravene the law may be permitted if it is specifically authorised under other Australian, state or territory legislation?

- (4) Did the Government establish that changing the Term Sheets with Newcastle Stevedores Consortium by way of requiring payment of a fee for "containers", complied with the Commonwealth Competition and Consumer Act 2010?
- (a) If yes, what advice did the Government obtain?

Answer—

(1) and (4) The Government's transaction team engaged extensively with the ACCC from the early stages of all the port transactions regarding the competition and regulatory framework supporting the transactions.

(2) Please see my answer to question 4271, dated 17 November 2016.

(3) As the response to question 4008 was provided by the Minister, points of clarification should be directed to the Minister.

\*4622 TRAIN LOADS ON THE INNER WEST LINE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What are the most recent figures on train loads on the Inner West Train Line during the :
- (a) AM peak?
- (b) PM peak?
- (2) What are the figures available on train loads on the Inner West Train Line in 2016 (to 17 November 2016) during the:
- (a) AM peak?
- (b) PM peak?
- (3) What are the figures available on train loads on the Inner West Train Line in 2015 during the:
- (a) AM peak?
- (b) PM peak?

Answer—

This information is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

\*4623 WESTCONNEX CONTRACTS—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) Will the future placement or use of public transport in or around the proposed WestConnex tollway incur or result in any penalty or payment being made to any commercial operators by the Government or its entities?
- (a) If yes, what is the projected penalty or payment?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Given that Government agencies must provide information concerning any findings of dishonest, unfair, unconscionable, corrupt or illegal conduct against any tenderer, its directors or management to the NSW Procurement Board:
- (a) Did RMS or SMC report on any such conduct by Leighton Holdings or CIMIC since this reporting was made mandatory from 31 March 2014?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (3) What steps will the Minister take regarding the WestConnex Leighton (CIMIC) contracts if the AFP and/or ASIC find this company guilty of serious breaches of disclosure, bribery and other corrupt or illegal conduct?

Answer—

(1) The State's obligations to the WestConnex project vehicles are set out in the WestConnex Project Deeds.

(2) and (3) There have been no relevant findings against Leighton Holdings or CIMIC.

\*4624 FISHING REFORMS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many licenced commercial fishers reside in the suburbs with the following postcodes:
- (a) 2320;

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- (b) 2321;
  - (c) 2322;
  - (d) 2323;
  - (e) 2324;
  - (f) 2326;
  - (g) 2334?
- (2) What support does the Government plan to provide for small fishing businesses in the Hunter who, under the proposed commercial fishing reforms, are required to purchase additional shares to meet minimum shareholding requirements?
- (3) With the local fishing industry facing ongoing reviews and restructures by the Government, what action is the Government taking to protect the integrity of local fishing co-operatives who will be impacted by these reforms?

Answer—

There are 41 individuals who hold a valid commercial fishing license and who DPI Fisheries have recorded as residing in the location represented by the postcodes 2320; 2321 ; 2322; 2323; 2324; 2326 and 2334.

\*4625 ACCESS TO COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What is the Government doing to increase access to community transport for disadvantaged members of the community in Maitland, particularly those who are aged or living with disabilities?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Hon Andrew Constance MP.

\*4626 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALL OUTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What additional resources are provided to Central Hunter Local Area Command (LAC) to allow specific training of police officers to respond to domestic violence call outs?
- (2) Is Central Hunter LAC given additional staffing budget to allow officers to be relieved from general duties in order to complete specialised training?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How many police officers in the Central Hunter LAC have received specialised training in responding to domestic violence call outs?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force follows a three tiered structure in combating domestic violence, including Domestic Violence High Risk Offenders, Suspect Target Management Plans II and monitoring of compliance and enforcement of Apprehended Domestic Violence Order conditions.

Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs) are specialist police officers trained in the dynamics of domestic and family violence, child protection procedures, victims support and court processes required for the protection of victims and their families as well as assisting with the management and monitoring of medium to high risk offenders.

The NSW Government has allocated \$4.1 million to advance the roll out of an additional 24 DVLOs within the NSW Police Force, including a new position to be allocated to the Central Hunter Local Area Command (LAC).

These specialist officers will increase police capability in responding to domestic violence incidents.

All NSW Police officers receive ongoing training and education in dealing with domestic violence incidents

\*4627 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG OF SCHOOLS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

What action is being taken to address the backlog of maintenance in Public Schools in the Auburn electorate?

Answer—

In the 2016/17 State Budget, an additional \$330 million was allocated over the next two years to allow for

planned and priority maintenance works to be undertaken in schools across the State.

\*4628 ALARM SYSTEMS FITTED TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) With regard to flashing light and/or siren alarm systems fitted to residential properties, which body has jurisdiction to enforce residents turn off alarms when activated?
- (2) What are the penalties for failure to turn off either the siren and/or flashing light in a timely manner?
- (3) Where should neighbours to the offending property report failure to comply?

Answer—

Council compliance officers have authority under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, via warrant, to enter unattended properties and disengage alarm systems.

Penalties for failure to turn off alarms are provided in the Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 and neighbours should report incidents to the relevant local Council.

\*4629 CENTRAL REGISTER OF RESTRICTIONS ISSUES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering the section of Land and Property Information known as the Central Register of Restrictions (CRR), which recently failed to note the Road and Maritime Services interests on a large number of land titles, which external company is conducting the independent investigation into the issuing of incorrect CRR certificates?
- (2) What are the terms of reference for the independent investigation into the issuing of incorrect CRR certificates?
- (3) When will the independent investigation into the issuing of incorrect CRR certificates be finished?
  - (a) When will the findings be released publicly?
- (4) What is the cost of the independent investigation into the issuing of incorrect CRR certificates?

Answer—

- (1) PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- (2) Please refer to the independent report published on 19 December 2016.
- (3) See response to question 2.
- (4) The engagement amount was listed as <\$150k, in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Procurement prequalification scheme: Performance and Management Services.

\*4630 PROPERTY SERVICES COMPENSATION FUND—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many claims were made on the Property Services Compensation Fund in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?
- (2) What was the total amount of money paid out to all persons who have made claims against the Property Services Compensation Fund in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?
- (3) Which account has each claim against the Property Services Compensation Fund been paid from since 1 July 2005 and has this practice changed since 1 July 2011?
- (4) If monies paid to claimants against the fund are not paid directly to each respective claimant from the Property Services Compensation Fund, how are the funds reconciled under the provisions of the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002?
- (5) What action was taken to recover amounts paid out of the Property Services Compensation Fund between 1 July 2011 and 1 July 2016?
- (6) What is the amount of money recovered with respect to monies paid out to claimants against the Fund for each financial year from 2011-12 and 2015-16?
- (7) What is the amount of recoverable debt written off or not recovered under section 177 and 178 of the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16?
- (8) Are external legal experts/firms engaged to commence legal recovery action against agents or directors under the subrogation provisions in the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002?
  - (a) What is the amount of money recovered, with respect to claims against the Fund, in consultation with the external legal experts/firms, for each financial year between 2011-12 and 2015-16?
- (9) What is the amount of money recovered as a result of orders being made as part of the disciplinary process under Part 12 of the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 since 1 July 2013 (to 17 November 2016)?

Answer—

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(1)

Year	Total Claims
2011-12	324
2012-13	298
2013-14	533
2014-15	208
2015-16	255

(2)

Year	Claims Received (\$'millions)
2011-12	\$3.3
2012-13	\$3.9
2013-14	\$4.4
2014-15	\$3.2
2015-16	\$2.4

(3) The claims are paid out of the Property Services Compensation Fund bank account and the practice hasn't changed.

(4) The policy is that all the monies are paid directly to the claimants or third party nominated by the claimant.

(5) The debt recovery function undertakes recovery actions in the following manner:

- Attempt to make contact with the debtor via informal means.
- Prepare and send a Letter of Demand
- Prepare and send a Final Letter of Demand
- Outsource matter to external legal services providers or subsequently handed over to an internal legal area for action.

(6)

Year	Amount Recovered (\$'000)
2011-12	\$100
2012-13	\$965
2013-14	\$327
2014-15	\$133
2015-16	\$6

(7) No recoverable debts have been written-off in relation to the Property Services Compensation Fund.

(8) In line with the business needs, external specialist legal firms were engaged for the debt recovery. Total amount recovered in each financial year have been included in Q6 above.

(9) Records indicate disciplinary action taken under the PSBA Act since 1 July 2013 to date in respect to directions issued to pay the Fund totalled \$518,275 and monetary penalties issued totalling \$18,700

\*4631 NELSON BAY AND THE HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN 2036—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Considering Nelson Bay town centre has been identified as a Strategic Centre in the new Hunter Regional Plan 2036, what constitutes a 'Strategic Centre' for the purposes of the plan?
- (2) What resources are available to the Nelson Bay community to realise the plans to make Nelson Bay a Strategic Centre?
- (3) How will the Government provide support to protect and promote the natural resources of the area?
- (4) What resources will the Government make available to the community to develop tourism, retail and professional services to attract a new generation of service businesses?
- (5) When and how will the Government make resources available to the community?
- (6) Considering that Nelson Bay Now represents a broad range of interests within the Nelson Bay community, will the Government support Nelson Bay Now to achieve the revitalisation of the Nelson Bay town centre?

Answer—

- (1) The Hunter Regional Plan 2036 identifies Strategic Centres as being the largest centres of activity and employment within the region.
- (2) The Plan sets directions on land use planning priorities, and encourages councils to prepare plans for strategic centres so that a holistic approach to issues such as transport, open space, and urban form can be undertaken. Port Stephens Council as the local planning authority for Nelson Bay will be responsible for implementing the Plan.
- (3) The Plan identifies that the natural environment is a key attribute of Nelson Bay that needs to be protected and promoted through the local planning decisions of Port Stephens Council.
- (4) The community should to continue to work with Port Stephens Council on economic development opportunities including promotion of tourism, and encouraging new local businesses to establish in Nelson Bay. The NSW Department of Industry has delivered a range of initiatives which will support businesses in Port Stephens, including:
  - (a) Industry Action Plans including one for the Visitor Economy which aims to help businesses increase overnight visitation expenditure;
  - (b) Small Biz Connect, a subsidised business advisory program, provides access for regional businesses to expert management advice, face-to-face support and gain key business skills; and
  - (c) Supporting more local programs such as the 'Love seafood, love Port Stephens' which took place in August 2016.
- (5) Relevant Government agencies will continue to assist Port Stephens Council to support the development of the Nelson Bay for a broad range of business activity.
- (6) Refer to 5.

\*4632 BOUNDARIES REVIEW FOR PORT STEPHENS-GREAT LAKES MARINE PARK—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Considering it has been eight years since the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park was declared, and at the time, a commitment was made to hold a boundaries review after five years:
  - (a) What has caused the three year delay in conducting the review?
  - (b) When will the Government conduct the review?

Answer—

Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park was declared in December 2005 and its zones and management rules commenced in 2007. Reviewing marine parks initially after five years, and then every 10 years, was a requirement of the former Marine Parks Act 1997.

The Government's response to the marine parks audit included making the Marine Estate Management Act 2014 and repealing the Marine Parks Act 1997.

In line with the Marine Estate Management Act 2014 the Government is piloting the development of new management plans at Solitary Islands and Batemans marine parks. We will then schedule the preparation of new management plans for the other marine parks, including Port Stephens- Great Lakes Marine Park, as was flagged in the marine estate schedule of works released back in 2013.

\*4633 SALT ASH PONY CLUB FINE SURCHARGE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Has the Minister received my letter dated 18 October 2016 regarding a \$45,000 fine imposed by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority on Port Stephens Council for the "unlawful transport of waste and use of land as a waste facility"?
- (2) Has the Minister received advice from the Department regarding surcharging fines and other costs incurred by Port Stephens Council due to the actions of a councillor?
- (3) Has the Minister instructed the Department to surcharge this fine to Councillor Bruce Mackenzie, who has publicly confirmed that contaminated waste soil was delivered to the grounds of the Salt Ash Pony Club?
- (4) When will the Minister and/or the Department make a determination on whether or not to impose the surcharge under Section 435 of the Local Government Act 1993?

Answer—

Under section 435 of the Local Government Act 1993 the power to surcharge a councillor, the General Manager or any other member of staff resides with the Departmental Chief Executive. It would be improper for me to instruct the Chief Executive in the exercise of their administrative powers.

Any decision regarding whether or not to impose a surcharge is a matter for the Chief Executive and

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would be informed by the outcome of independent consideration of the matter.

\*4634 LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering the section of Land and Property Information which is responsible for validating information supplied by Roads and Maritime Services to the Central Register of Restrictions, how many staff were employed as at:
  - (a) 30 June 2013?
  - (b) 30 June 2014?
  - (c) 30 June 2015?
  - (d) 30 June 2016?
- (2) In each of the financial years above, how many of the departing staff:
  - (a) Were made redundant?
  - (b) Transferred to other areas within Land and Property Information?

Answer—

The process of uploading and validating information for the Central Register of Restrictions is performed across multiple sections of LPI.

\*4635 INCREASE IN INCARCERATED PRISONER HOUSING ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering the current need to increase incarcerated prisoner housing across New South Wales, which existing gaols will have construction of new gaol facilities as stand-alone facilities or within the confines of existing Corrective Services complexes?
- (2) Which existing gaols will not be receiving an increase in prisoner intake?
- (3) Which existing gaols were considered but deemed to be unsuitable for expansion?
- (4) Which existing gaols are privatised gaols?
- (5) Which existing gaols will be privatised in the next three years?

Answer—

- (1) In 2017-18 it is proposed expansion will occur at the following correctional centres: Wellington, Cessnock, Bathurst, Mid North Coast, South Coast and Junee.
- (2) All options are being considered to respond to NSW's increasing prisoner population.
- (3) All correctional centres are being considered for expansion to respond to the increasing prisoner population.
- (4) Junee and Parklea Correctional Centres are privately operated.
- (5) Not known.

\*4636 BROADMEADOW LOCOMOTIVE SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken community consultation on its plans for the administration buildings on the Broadmeadow Locomotive Site?
- (2) How much would it cost to renovate the administration buildings on the Broadmeadow Locomotive Site that the Government said it would demolish?

Answer—

The area where the administration buildings are located is required for operational requirements.

\*4637 ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALIST AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL OUTCLINIC—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

From the list of patients waiting to see an orthopedic specialist at Maitland Hospital outpatient clinic, what is the longest time frame a person who is currently on this list has waited?

Answer—

The Hunter New England Local Health District has advised that there is no average time for a non-urgent patient to see a public orthopaedic specialist at Maitland Hospital. All appointments are allocated in order of clinical priority with the most urgent patients seen first.

\*4638 PARKING IN THE NEWCASTLE CBD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

Considering the Newcastle CBD is set to lose approximately 1000 car parking spaces in the next twelve

months, what is the Government's plan to provide parking in the CBD of Newcastle?

Answer—

- The Government is committed to working with Newcastle City Council to deliver better planning outcomes for Newcastle.
- The Government is currently working with Newcastle City Council and other key stakeholders to develop a Parking Strategy. While parking is ultimately a responsibility of local council, the parking strategy will help inform council's approach to managing parking requirements for their growing city.

\*4639 RESOURCES AT REFUGES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

When victims of domestic violence are discharged from Mental Health Units to refuges, what is the Government doing to make sure refuges are equipped with the necessary resources and information about the women to adequately help them?

Answer—

The Ministry of Health's policy, 202016\_056 Transfer of Care from Mental Health Inpatient Services, focuses on the ongoing care needs of all consumers who are returning to the community following an episode of mental health inpatient care. It is a structured, standardised process for ensuring the safe and effective transition of people with a mental illness.

Care planning delivered by mental health services is responsive to consumer needs and includes community follow-up plans that are integrated with other agencies, service providers, carers and the consumer.

\*4640 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) As of 16 November 2016, how much of the \$100 million Illawarra Infrastructure Fund has been spent on all of the successful projects?
- (2) How many of the projects are now fully complete as of 16 November 2016?
- (3) How many jobs did these projects create during construction?
- (4) How many ongoing jobs have these projects created?

Answer—

I refer you to the relevant information on the INSW website.

\*4641 50S LIFEJACKETS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

With regards to the Rock Fishing Working Group:

- (1) What hazards have been identified with the use of a 50S lifejackets as the minimum performance requirement for adults in an ocean environment?
- (2) Have any performance tests been undertaken with 50S lifejackets in an ocean environment?

Answer—

- (1) The Rock Fishing Working Group did not identify any hazards with using the 50S lifejacket as the minimum performance requirement for adults in an ocean environment.
- (2) In assessing the suitability of 50S lifejackets, advice was sought from the Chair of the Australian Standards Technical Committee CS-060 and representative on the International Standards Organisation Technical Committee 1888-DC1, which write and maintain the Australian and International standards for lifejackets.

\*4642 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) With regards to the Government's Transport Access Program, have any works been scheduled to install an easy access lift at any of the following train stations:
  - (a) Canley Vale Train Station;
  - (b) Carramar Train Station;
  - (c) Villawood Train Station;
  - (d) Yennora Train Station?

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Answer—

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. Stations across the network are currently being assessed to see which projects will come next.

Canley Vale, Carramar, Villawood and Yennora stations will be considered as part of this ongoing work.

\*4643 PUBLIC HOUSING FOR OVER 55'S—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many public housing properties in the Fairfield electorate are designated for Over 55's?
- (2) How many tenants in the properties designated for Over 55's are under the age of 55 years?
- (3) How many new public housing properties in the Fairfield electorate are scheduled to be developed over the next 12 months (from 17 November 2016)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) All properties are allocated in line with FACS policy and the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for seniors or people living with a disability) 2004 are for:

- Clients over 55 years of age
- Clients who receive a disability support pension (regardless of age)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients who are 45 years of age or over
- A client whose partner (married or de facto) is aged over 55 years or receives a disability support pension.

FACS builds and refurbishes homes so tenants with a disability or older people are able to live safely and comfortably. Social housing applicants are matched to accommodation suitable to their needs.

(3) Details about the supply of new social housing are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/social-housing/future-directions>.

\*4644 ROCK FISHING WORKING GROUP—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) On what date was the Rock Fishing Working Group established?
- (2) How many times has the Working Group met?

Answer—

(1) The Rock Fishing Working Group was established and first met in February 2016.

(2) The Rock Fishing Working Group has met on 4 occasions.

\*4645 SEATBELTS ON BUSES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) In relation to seatbelts on buses, will all buses operating in the Illawarra have seatbelts fitted to improve safety?
  - (a) If so, how many buses have had seatbelts fitted as at 16 November 2016?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

In July 2013 the Government announced an investment of more than \$200 million to install seatbelts over a 10 year period on around 1,700 dedicated school buses in rural and regional areas.

As at 31 October 2016, 432 rural and regional school buses have been fitted with seatbelts. In the Illawarra six rural and regional school buses, from a total of eight, have been fitted with seatbelts.

\*4646 RESIDENTIAL HOME CARE SYSTEM CONCERNS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Considering concerns raised regarding the residential home care system, will the Government refer this for inquiry to General Purpose Standing Committee No 2?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

It is not necessary.

\*4647 FUNDING FOR PREMIER YOUTHWORKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How much public funding has been provided to Premier Youthworks to provide statutory out-of-home care services in New South Wales?

Answer—

Information about funds granted to non-government organisations, including Premier Youthworks, is available in the Family and Community Services (FACS) Annual Report and/or any additional information is on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*4648 ROADS AND MARITIME WEBSITE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What security measures are in place on the Services NSW website of the Roads and Maritime Services to prevent any person from accessing and making changes to another person's vehicle registration details?

Answer—

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

\*4649 COSTS FOR THE TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE UPGRADE—Ms Tamara Smith asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the cost so far of the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale section of the Pacific Highway (to 17 November 2016)?

Answer—

I refer you to my response LA 4569.

\*4650 CHARGES TO TAXPAYER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Considering that the median rent in Woodrising is \$370 per week, why is the New South Wales taxpayer being charged \$900 per week for a property used by Premier Youthworks?

Answer—

FACS is currently undertaking a detailed audit of Premier Youthworks. FACS is not directly charged for rent by Premier Youthworks, but pays a unit cost rate per bed night for each child or young person in residential care to cover all care needs.

\*4651 CHILDCARE IN PETERSHAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What efforts has the Department of Education made to provide continuity of service for parents that rely on childcare at the Petersham SDN/Open High School site in Petersham?

(2) Will the site be made available for a childcare service?

(a) If not, why not?

(3) Will the service be put to tender?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Education held discussions with SON with the view to enabling a childcare service to continue operations on the former Petersham TAFE West Street site. However, SON has decided it did not wish to seek a new lease.

(2) and (3) There are currently no plans for a childcare service on the site.

\*4652 REVENUE RAISED FROM PARKING FEES AT HOSPITAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health—

(1) What is the total revenue raised from parking fees in each of the past five financial years (as at 17 November 2016) at:

(a) Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?

(b) Canterbury Hospital?

(c) New South Wales public hospitals?

Answer—

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Total revenue raised from parking fees over the past five years to November 2016 is as follows:

Information regarding total car parking revenue for all NSW public hospitals is published in the Annual Report and is available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Pages/default.aspx).

\*4653 HAWTHORNE CANAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) When was the Hawthorne Canal last cleaned?
- (2) How many complaints has the Government and its agencies received about pollution in the Hawthorne Canal?
- (3) Considering that an Environmental Impact Statement is required to clean the Hawthorne Canal, what efforts are being made to progress one to allow the Canal to be cleaned?

Answer—

- (1) As Hawthorne Canal is the responsibility of Sydney Water, this question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Water.
- (2) Between 24 November 2015 and 23 November 2016 the Environment Protection Authority received seven notifications of pollution incidents to Hawthorne Canal.
- (3) This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Water.

\*4654 WESTCONNEX ACTION GROUP—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

On how many occasions in the past two calendar years (to 17 November 2016) has the Minister for Roads met with representatives from the WestConnex Action Group or other community groups opposed to the construction of WestConnex?

Answer—

Refer to the meeting summaries which are published quarterly at [www.dpc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au).

\*4655 PREVENTION OF DRUGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the total amount of funding allocated by NSW Health for preventing:
  - (a) Ice use in New South Wales?
  - (b) MDMA use in New South Wales?
  - (c) Anabolic steroid use in New South Wales?

Answer—

I refer you to The Hon. Pru Goward MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

\*4656 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

In the last round of funding how much money from the Department of Sport and Recreation Local Sport Grant Program was allocated to sporting and community groups in the Auburn electorate?

Answer—

1. The most recent round that was assessed and approved was the 2015/16 Local Sport Grant Program. A total of \$42,427 was requested for a total of seven projects, \$42,427 in funding was approved to the Auburn Electorate.

\*4657 PRINCIPAL OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) On what date was the current Principal of Hurlstone Agricultural High School Glenfield first informed of your decision to:
  - (a) Sell the majority of the school site to developers?
  - (b) Transfer the name Hurlstone to a new school at Richmond?

Answer—

The announcement to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School to Western Sydney University

Hawkesbury campus was made on 18 November 2015.

\*4658 VISITS TO HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

On what dates in 2016 have you visited Hurlstone Agricultural High School Glenfield?

Answer—

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

\*4659 INQUIRY INTO THE SALE OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

What are the reasons for not conducting an inquiry similar to that Chaired by Mal Peters in 2009, into your proposal to sell Hurlstone Agricultural High School Glenfield to developers?

Answer—

The Department of Education is not conducting an inquiry.

Consultation is ongoing.

\*4660 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL FARM—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Considering your support of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Bill 2009, what factors led you to declaring Hurlstone Agricultural High School Farm surplus to current and future educational needs?

(a) At what point between 2009 and 2015 did the Farm become surplus?

(b) What study was undertaken that determined the Farm surplus to current or future needs?

(c) Who was consulted about whether the farm was surplus to current or future needs?

Answer—

The Department of Education regularly buys and sells land.

The sale of some of the land associated with the existing Hurlstone Agricultural High School will allow for: the relocation of the agricultural high school to new facilities in the Hawkesbury; the upgrade and expansion of the existing selective high school on the Glenfield site; the upgrade of three local schools for specific purposes; and the provision of additional classrooms in South Western Sydney creating approximately 5,00 new public school places to support increasing student enrolments.

\*4661 MAMBO WETLAND—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

Given that the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter has described the government's sale of environmentally sensitive land at Salamander Bay, which formed part of the Mambo Wetlands, a "mistake", what steps does the government intend to make to fix its mistake and restore the parcel of land to public ownership?

Answer—

The Department of Education has complied with NSW Government policy and NSW Treasury guidelines in relation to the disposal of surplus educational land at Salamander Bay.

\*4662 COUNCIL ISSUED INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Do councils have the ability and authority to cancel infringement notices issued by Council employed officers after issuance?

(2) Under what circumstances would councils not have the ability and authority to cancel infringement notices?

(3) What level of officer employed by a council has the authority to cancel an infringement notice after issuance?

Answer—

I am advised that the Office of State Revenue processes infringements notices on behalf of Councils, however this does not preclude Councils from making their own determinations on whether to proceed with, or cancel infringement notices.

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\*4663 CROWN LANDS IN THE NEWCASTLE ELECTORATE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Can the Minister provide a list of all Crown Lands in the Newcastle electorate?

Answer—

Verification of whether land is part of the Crown estate can be made on the Certificate of Title of any parcel the land in which the Member may have an interest.

\*4664 RSPCA NSW FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) How much funding did the RSPCA NSW receive from the Government in 2015 and 2016 (to 17 October 2016)?

(a) What are the details of the funding?

Answer—

(1) The RSPCA NSW received \$970,652 in 2015 and \$666,400 to 17 October 2016.

(1) (a) Funding in 2015 comprised \$466,400 to support animal welfare, \$500,000 as the first instalment for the RSPCA NSW Education Centre and miscellaneous amounts totalling \$4,252.

Funding in 2016 comprised \$466,400 to support animal welfare and \$200,000 for a compliance and education campaign.

\*4665 STAFF FROM LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION AND TITLE AND REGISTRY SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Following the proposed transfer of Land and Property Information (LPI) Title and Registry Services (TRS) staff, what will be the full-time equivalent staffing numbers of LPI, still employed as Government sector public servant employees?

Answer—

LPI comprises those staff employed by Titling and Registry Services.